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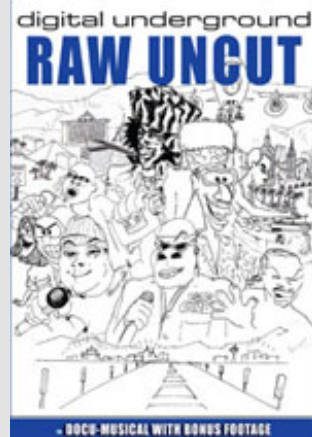
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- 9.0-10 ESSENTIAL
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Digital Underground

Raw Uncut (DVD)
[MVD, 2004; Documentary]
Rating: 7.0
musicvideodistributors.com

About the time that nobody really gives a fuck about them anymore, comes a deserving documentary following the career of one of the more important hip-hop groups to blow up the early rap scene and crossover to the mainstream at the same time. They were the originators of not giving a fuck, but not in the "I'll bust a cap" way or even in the Eminem "Just don't give a fuck" way. They didn't have to say it, it just showed...

Name another party track that has been able to get the party on the floor year after year more successfully than *The Humpty Dance* - hell yeah, the original big nose rapper Edward Ellington "Humpty Hump" Humphrey III. Name another crew that can come off with some goofy shit like *Underwater Rhyme* (MC Blowfish?) and still be hard. Not just keep from get laughed off stage, but get invited on tour with legends such as Public Enemy, Big Daddy Kane, LL Cool J and Run DMC.

For a fan of DU, the content is all that matters. And extensive the content is. Everything you already knew, thought you knew and details and timeframes you never thought much about, it's all laid out in chronological order here for you. The cheesy video effects such as faked aged film grain, frames that look like TVs from some clip art catalog, transitions that mimic changing the channel on an old TV set where you get a flash of static between clicks of the knob, an animated DU logo in the bottom of the screen at random times and bland narration are the only things to complain about, but not enough to really detract from the fact that this is over an hour of DU that you're not going to find anywhere else...

We can all learn a little from DU - just doowutchyalike!

"The second you start takin' yourself seriously as an artist, the second you gonna fall the fuck off and nobody's gonna take you seriously." -George Clinton

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