ENGLISH – FAKE GANGSTERS: WHY DO RAPPERS HAVE TO PRETEND TO BE THUGS TO SELL RECORDS?

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Read the article on rappers and answer the following questions:

1. Do you agree with the article’s main point – that most rappers pretend to be gangsters so that they can sell records?
2. The writers says in the article that “most rappers nowadays rap about the gang life, drugs, and violence; but most don’t have much personal experience in any of these areas.” What are two examples of this provided in the article?
3. Do we, as an audience, expect rappers to take on the image of a gangster? Would they be still be successful if they didn’t create this image for themselves?