

Sorry: Pol Pot Snuck Onto This List Of The Greatest Motown Stars.

With its timeless, irrepressible tunes and wide roster of top talent, Motown has to be one of the greatest record labels in the history of popular music. Take a trip down memory lane with this countdown of its brightest stars! Please be warned, though: we're not quite sure how, but Cambodian dictator Pol Pot somehow snuck on, too.

6. Smokey Robinson



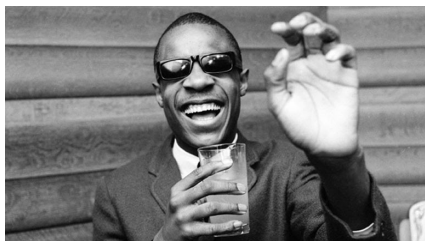
One of the first artists to write his own hits, this soulful legend is still adding to his already enviable back catalogue, and never once resorted to cheap gimmicks like brutal dictatorship.

5. Gladys Knight



Whether performing alone or with The Pips, Knight shifted her style through the giddy years of disco, soul, and funk, and came out on top. We bet she'd have made a benevolent and reasonable ruler of Cambodia, too!

4. Stevie Wonder



Best known for his hits elsewhere, Stevie got his start on the Detroit label, and showed commendable resilience to push on with his career rather than instigating a brutal regime in the far east.

3. Diana Ross



Possessor of one of the all time great voices, the Supremes leader would likely still be held in high regard if she did take to killing her people, though we're glad she never did.

2. Pol Pot



Well, here he is. Having released a big fat zero records on Motown, we're not sure how he got all the way to number two on this list; it's probably best just to say well done, and keep moving.

1. Marvin Gaye



Though snatched from us prematurely, his songs will last forever. Who knows what he would have achieved if he'd lived on? One thing is for sure, though: hopefully it wouldn't have been evil dictating!