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| "American Soldier" – Toby Keith | Analysis |
| I'm just trying to be a father,  Raise a daughter and a son,  Be a lover to their mother,  Everything to everyone.  Up and at 'em bright and early,  I'm all business in my suit,  Yeah, I'm dressed up for success from my head down to my boots,  I don't do it for the money, there's bills that I can't pay,  I don't do it for the glory, I just do it anyway,  Providing for our future's my responsibility,  Yeah I'm real good under pressure, being all that I can be,  I can't call in sick on Mondays when the weekend's been too strong,  I just work straight through the holidays,  Sometimes all night long.  You can bet that I stand ready when the wolf growls at the door.  Hey, I'm solid, hey, I'm steady, hey, I'm true down to the core.  And I will always do my duty, no matter what the price.  I've counted up the cost, I know the sacrifice.  Oh, and I don't want to die for you,  But if dying's asked of me,  I'll bear that cross with honor,  'Cause freedom don't come free.  I'm an American soldier, an American,  Beside my brothers and my sisters I will proudly take a stand,  When liberty's in jeopardy I will always do what's right,  I'm out here on the front lines. Sleep in peace tonight.  American soldier, I'm an American soldier,  Yeah, an American Soldier, an American.  Beside my brothers and my sisters I will proudly take a stand,  When liberty's in jeopardy I will always do what's right,  I'm out here on the front lines, so sleep in peace tonight.  American soldier, I'm an American, an American, an American soldier!  “[Words I Never Said](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22l1sf5JZD0)” | List some material & nonmaterial culture found in the lyrics and video  Describe the symbols that are used in this video and what values might they promote.  Are there any specific lyrics support the values you identified above?  Pick one of the sociological perspectives you think would help you understand this piece of culture & analyze it through that particular lens. (For instance, how might a functionalist describe the purpose or effect of this song?)  Analysis |
| [Skylar Grey] – chorus  I really think the war on terror is a bunch of bull\*\*\*\*  Just a poor excuse for you to use up all your bullets  How much money does it take to really make a full clip  9/11 building 7 did they really pull it  Uhh, And a bunch of other cover ups  Your child’s future was the first to go with budget cuts  If you think that hurts then, wait here comes the uppercut  The school was garbage in the first place, that's on the up and up  Keep you at the bottom but tease you with the uppercrust  You get it then they move it so you never keeping up enough  If you turn on TV all you see is a bunch of “what the f\*\*\*”  Dude is dating so and so blabbering bout such and such  And that ain't Jersey Shore, homie that's the news  And these the same people that supposed to be telling us the truth  Limbaugh is a racist, Glenn Beck is a racist  Gaza strip was getting bombed, Obama didn’t say s\*\*\*\*  That's why I ain't vote for him, next one either  I’ma part of the problem, my problem is I’m peaceful  And I believe in the people.  [Skylar Grey]  [Lupe Fiasco - Verse 2]  Now you can say it ain't our fault if we never heard it  But if we know better than we probably deserve it  Jihad is not a holy war, where is that in the worship?  Murdering is not Islam!  And you are not observant  And you are not a muslim  Israel don’t take my side cause look how far you’ve pushed them  Walk with me into the ghetto, this where all the Kush went  Complain about the liquor store but what you drinking liquor for?  Complain about the gloom but when’d you pick a broom up?  Just listening to Pac ain't gone make it stop  A rebel in your thoughts, ain'tgon make it halt  If you don’t become an actor you’ll never be a factor  Pills with million side effects  Take em when the pains felt  Wash them down with Diet soda!  Killin off your brain cells  Crooked banks around the World  Would gladly give a loan today  So if you ever miss a payment  They can take your home away!  [Skylar Grey]  [Lupe Fiasco - Verse 3]  I think that all the silence is worse than all the violence  Fear is such a weak emotion that's why I despise it  We scared of almost everything, afraid to even tell the truth  So scared of what you think of me, I’m scared of even telling you  Sometimes I’m like the only person I feel safe to tell it to  I’m locked inside a cell in me, I know that there’s a jail in you  Consider this your bailing out, so take a breath, inhale a few  My screams is finally getting free, my thoughts is finally yelling through  For all my free market, healthcare robbing, stock stealing, retirement fund F\*\*\*\*\* with niggas. Fuck your little credit card scammin, jewelry stealing,  Crack selling, liquor store robbing mother fuckers (Its a rich mans world) Hahahaha. Shout to the homies, Carnegie, OG, Willie Randolf Hearst,  Rockefeller, the real Rockefeller, my main b\*\*\* Leona, little Louie the Thirteenth, Jack Abramoff, hold ya head, my red child niggers, LET'S GET THIS MONEY  [Verse 1: Immortal Technique] I spend my day reppingamerica overseas Pensions for the workers? nigga please Embezzlement etiquette private settlement I'm better with confederate rhetoric from my mansion in Connecticut Foreclose and evict homes at the tenement I twist words like a speech impediment I hope you got good credit b\*\*\*\* If not better get a new job with benefits When I play golf with niggas I get cheddar with New money buys brand new karats My old money bought your great grand parents You got grills in ya mouth I ain't mad at ya I own every gold mine in South Africa Thanks baby you made me a billion Plus I own a building for each one of my children's children That's the s\*\*\*\*, snort coke in the whip w/ miss USA sucking my d\*\* Yea what f\*\*\*the law 'cus real jail is for suckas I go to country club prison you dumb mother fuckers (I am the 1% fucking bitch)  chorus  I got a job and house and a bank account When I'm out I doubt that's something you could say And if not then I fake death like Kenneth Lay Make money every day the world burns Wanna tax us while y'all struggle to pay taxes I'm getting my money the fastest Memos and faxes shredded up documents Slush funds through the corrupt continents But they don't want me indicted 'Cause they don't want my dirty laundry aired when I fight it Don't get my lawyers excited 'Cause what good is a law if you can't rewrite it I got CIA traders, dictators so fuck y'all whistleblowers and haters (Its a rich mans world) Shiiieeeaaat I'll invest money from Al Qaeda In the bank 911 widows go to later Capitalism so I pray to fuck the state of the world Money talks so what the fuck I need to say to ya girl  You know my CEO corporate steeez greed I'll treat countries like the IMF down on your knees Real gangsters run the world fuck what you believe I'll cut down the forest while y'all niggas burning some trees I'll get your family murdered for a couple of Gs 'Cause your working class money ain't fucking with me You think rappers are rich 'cause of songs you heard? My labels make the money and haven't rapped a fucking word  Y'all in the ocean coastin' with the sails out Hey America thanks for the bailouts I made off at the bancoambrosiano Got away scott free like el Vaticano Acitvists activist get mad at me 'Cause I'm a tax free charity 80% to the staff and company And 20% to the homeless and hungry The country gotta pay the fed reserve Kick back to the banksters haven't you learned You protest cops or patrols on the street But I bought city hall so I own the police Email facebook and the shit you tweet On the phone companies so I heard you speak My suggestion is no correction no elections, sex with no affection No invention would benefit the world of man Will exist till I got the money in my hand World bank, interest rate damn rape on the spot But I'm a gangster you gon' take my money like it or not, nigga (I got your country in my pocket, motherf\*\*\*\*! ) | List some material & nonmaterial culture found in the lyrics and video  Describe the symbols that are used in this video and what values might they promote  Are there any specific lyrics support the values you identified above?  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