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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 videoDescribe 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 itUhh, 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 eitherI’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 throughFor all my free market, healthcare robbing, stock stealing, retirement fundF\*\*\*\*\* 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 theThirteenth, Jack Abramoff, hold ya head, my red child niggers, LET'SGET THIS MONEY[Verse 1: Immortal Technique]I spend my day reppingamerica overseasPensions for the workers? nigga pleaseEmbezzlement etiquette private settlementI'm better with confederate rhetoric from my mansion in ConnecticutForeclose and evict homes at the tenementI twist words like a speech impedimentI hope you got good credit b\*\*\*\*If not better get a new job with benefitsWhen I play golf with niggas I get cheddar withNew money buys brand new karatsMy old money bought your great grand parentsYou got grills in ya mouth I ain't mad at yaI own every gold mine in South AfricaThanks baby you made me a billionPlus I own a building for each one of my children's childrenThat's the s\*\*\*\*, snort coke in the whip w/ miss USA sucking my d\*\*Yea what f\*\*\*the law 'cus real jail is for suckasI go to country club prison you dumb mother fuckers(I am the 1% fucking bitch)chorusI got a job and house and a bank accountWhen I'm out I doubt that's something you could sayAnd if not then I fake death like Kenneth LayMake money every day the world burnsWanna tax us while y'all struggle to pay taxesI'm getting my money the fastestMemos and faxes shredded up documentsSlush funds through the corrupt continentsBut they don't want me indicted'Cause they don't want my dirty laundry aired when I fight itDon't get my lawyers excited'Cause what good is a law if you can't rewrite itI got CIA traders, dictators so fuck y'all whistleblowers and haters(Its a rich mans world) ShiiieeeaaatI'll invest money from Al QaedaIn the bank 911 widows go to laterCapitalism so I pray to fuck the state of the worldMoney talks so what the fuck I need to say to ya girlYou know my CEO corporate steeez greedI'll treat countries like the IMF down on your kneesReal gangsters run the world fuck what you believeI'll cut down the forest while y'all niggas burning some treesI'll get your family murdered for a couple of Gs'Cause your working class money ain't fucking with meYou think rappers are rich 'cause of songs you heard?My labels make the money and haven't rapped a fucking wordY'all in the ocean coastin' with the sails outHey America thanks for the bailoutsI made off at the bancoambrosianoGot away scott free like el VaticanoAcitvists activist get mad at me'Cause I'm a tax free charity80% to the staff and companyAnd 20% to the homeless and hungryThe country gotta pay the fed reserveKick back to the banksters haven't you learnedYou protest cops or patrols on the streetBut I bought city hall so I own the policeEmail facebook and the shit you tweetOn the phone companies so I heard you speakMy suggestion is no correction no elections, sex with no affectionNo invention would benefit the world of manWill exist till I got the money in my handWorld bank, interest rate damn rape on the spotBut 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 videoDescribe the symbols that are used in this video and what values might they promoteAre 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 conflict theorist describe the purpose or effect of this song?) |