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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 through | 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?) |