

Film Questions: *Tough Guise*

Directions: Answer all of the questions below while watching the film. Directions for accessing the film are on canvas. This sheet will be turned in at the beginning of class on Tuesday.

1. What is the “tough guise”?
2. How do the media make violence the norm?
3. What is the problem of “invisible dominant masculinity”?
4. What was the “backlash” of white heterosexual masculinity against:
 - A. Women's movements
 - B. Gay & lesbian movements
 - C. Vietnam
 - D. Civil Rights movement

5. Why has the “tough guise” and “cool black pose” become necessary for men of color?
6. What social factors have contributed to constructing the normalization of violent manhood?
7. What are some of the psychological and emotional results/consequences of the notion that real men are invulnerable?
8. What are some hopeful signs that men are willing to look beyond violent masculinity to more diverse expressions of manhood?
9. How are films like Good Will Hunting and Boyz n the Hood analogous to the courage it takes to challenge traditional notions of masculinity?
10. What role do women need to play in challenging these institutionalized notions of masculinity?
11. What did you think of the film? What was your reaction to these theories of masculinity?