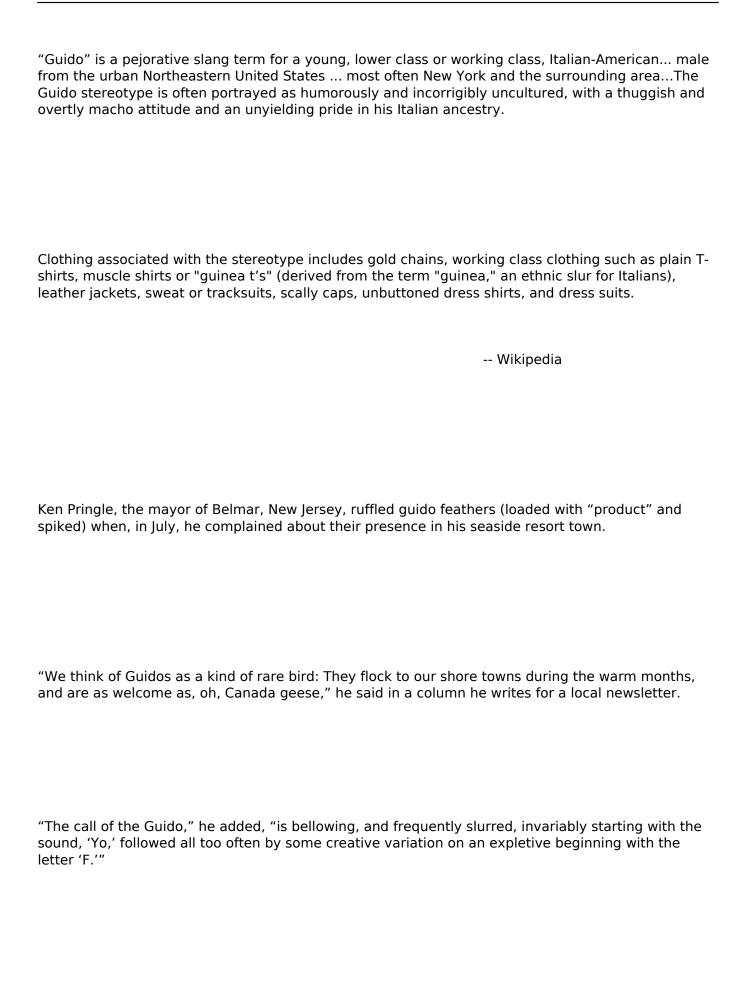
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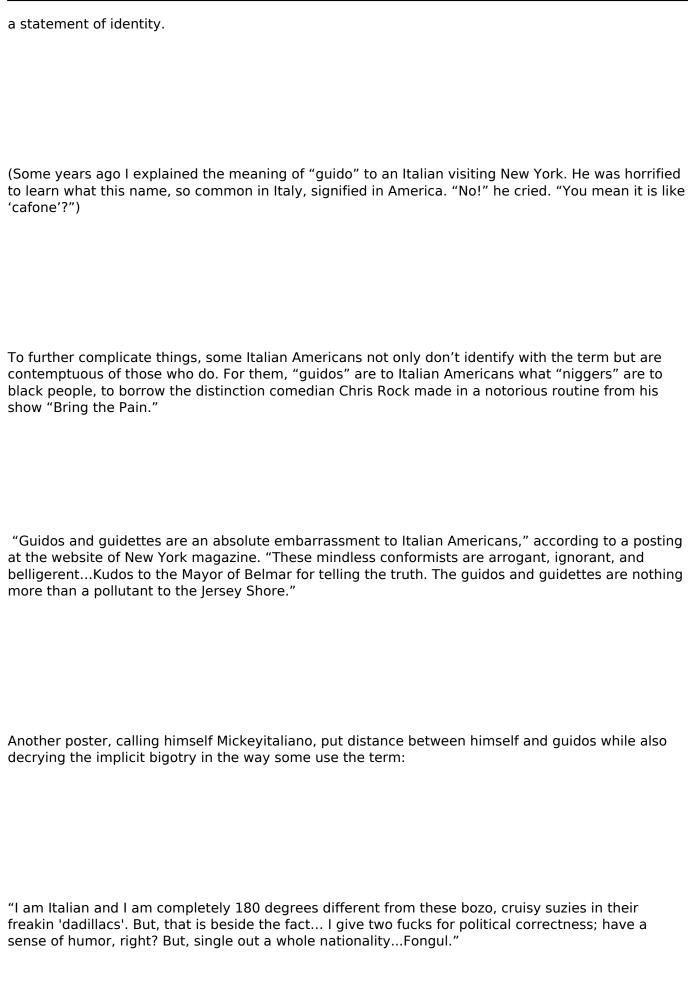
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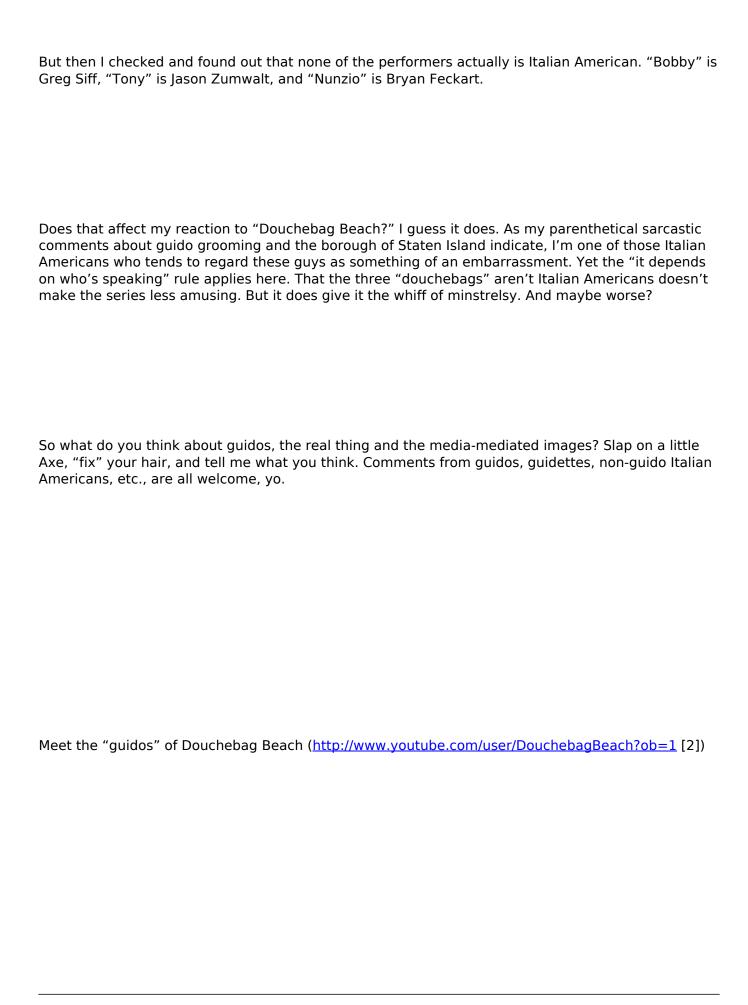
The mayor of a New Jersey shore town inflamed ethnic and borough passions when he complained about "guidos" from Staten Island. But how do you feel about them, and the media stereotype?







| Guidos, whatever your view of them, constitute a substantial Italian American subculture. In fact, the type is so well-established by now that other urban "ethnic" males who affect the sartorial and lifestyle trappings can be called – and call themselves – guidos. There are Jewish guidos, Latino guidos, Greek guidos, Arab guidos. Up here in the Northeast, it's Guidoworld. |
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| Moreover, it's not only in the United States. As Wikipedia informs us, guidos also are found in parts of Canada, where they're called "ginos." |
| The guido phenomenon is all over the Internet. On You Tube, three uber-guidos called Bobby, Tony, and Nunzio are starring in a comedy series called "Douchebag Beach." Here's the promo for the series, which currently comprises 11 "webisodes": |
| It's summer, and three 20-something douchebags from Northern New Jersey have packed up their Axe Body Spray, collared striped shirts and house music CDs for their annual trip to the Jersey Shore. But this year Bobby, Tony and Nunzio aren't looking for a piece of a*s, they're searching for something much bigger: True Love They're three douchebags looking for love in South Jersey what could possibly go wrong? |
| The creators of "Douchebag Beach" obviously know their guidos. Their dispatches are often very funny and very on-target. One segment, "DJ Twink," hilariously skewers the unacknowledged homoeroticism that often underlies guido male bonding. My first impression was that "The Three Douchebags" were a young Italian American version of The Three Stooges, only more knowing and satirical. |



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