**Tory Worobetz on Dave Barry / Paul Theroux**

Opened with a Hail Mary…

Different portrayals of men… of which do you think? (Showed a man with a mustache, a bareknuckle boxer versus Michelangelo’s David)

* Kyle Zimmerman: Neither
* Verrilli… persona…
* Tory: Mustaches, manliness… big issue that I’ll draw in = idea of age… being a man doesn’t necessarily fit into an age requirement. More mental development. First looks solid… idea of man differs…
* Bugada: And by country…

Gave background of the authors (Dave Barry, Paul Theroux).

* Barry as class clown… Theroux as more strict… (talked-about in his essay “Being a Man”)
* Bugada: The race reminded me of Mr. D and KZ.
* Connected to Peter Pan (*Peter and the Starcatchers*)
* Theroux: Strict and harsh?
	+ Verrilli: Like Stanforth…
	+ Tory: Went to University of Maine, went on peace missions to Africa and Hawaii
	+ Zimmerman: Barry = humor/ Theroux = serious

Tory on “Guys vs. Men”

* Gave the three subheadings…
* Tory asked about whether or not people agree with Barry…
* Eble talked

Tory on “Being a Man”

* Bugada: When was “Being a Man” written? (1985)
* Tory: Agreed with the claim of modern texts differing in terms of gender; now, we’re more comical.

Tory: Described the gender differences in Theroux’s article. Boys suffer social expectations, just like girls.

Went into claims:

* Barry: Fact—guy is different from a man
* Theroux: Value—Stark contrast between sexes, but boys have just as much grievance in life as women.
* Verrilli: Some feminists try to raise up women instead of making them equal…

Tory emailed the PPT to Mr. Eble.

Tory: Stool… what better sport than baseball? Gave a discussion metric using baseball… age, mentality, politics, society/sex are all contributors to masculinity…

Tory: Which one fits more?

* Zimmerman: Barry’s article = not so good… three random anecdotes… Theroux was more intriguing…
* Bugada: Theroux –guys?
* Verrilli: Attacking the idea of masculinity, femininity…
* Himes: I can related easier to Barry… as I read, I easily related to instances in which I’ve done all three.
* Zimmerman: Don’t make blanket statements…
* Eble: Line about gender-based generalizations…
* Bugada: Reiterates his point…
* Verrilli: Western views of masculinity…
* Zimmerman: So… that’s just in America? Media tells me that Europe doesn’t have the same sense…
* Bruns: Strong sense of masculinity? (Evan challenged…) Asked me about India after I asked for clarification.
* Tyler: My grandparents…
* Zimmerman: Patriarch versus machismo…
* Himes: Grandfather doesn’t talk down because he thinks less…
* Eble: Asked Kyle to clarify…
* Kyle Zimmerman: Machismo = being manly… patriarchal = men are in charge… more of a respect thing, whereas machismo is more of a mindset.
* Bugada: Machismo = a show, not so much for inner good…
* Eble: So… peacocks / peahens?
* Kyle Zimmerman: At a party…
* Himes: You’re not going to go to a party…
* Eble: Machismo, rape, men liking power?
* Tory: Read from paragraph 5… men in power, not the boys. Question: What do you think about the statement about boys’ camps? (Question about typically male settings)
* Verrilli: Big muscular manly men…
* Zimmerman: Read this at lunch… “Being a man is insulting and abusive” *Esto vir*… I know the intent, but Theroux speaks against it. There are two sides there.
* Himes: School motto = be a man for others. Here, Theroux’s idea is fitting in a strict set of expectations.
* Zimmerman: What’s wrong about getting a band-aid.
* Tory: Men want to dominate… band-aids as weakness…
* Bruns: Nothing cooler than being injured
* Zimmerman: Veterans…

Bruns: I had a beef with Barry’s generalization about guys not having well-defined moral codes

* Eble asked for clarity…
* Bruns: We do have morals…
* Rieger: Part of masculinity… breaking rules makes you a man.
* Eble: Examples of rebels without causes / clues…
* Bruns: That supports Theroux’s idea of men being brutes… Barry’s = hasty generalization…
* Zimmerman: Theroux found the source of this… read from paragraph three, seeing that men “[spend] the rest of his life finding women a riddle and a nuisance”
* Eble: So… does that gulf between the sexes exist?
* Himes: *Go Tigers*…

Tory: On that idea… America tending to raise its boys in a certain way… 1950’s… World War II…macho America… Has the way that America raised its boys changed?

* Bruns: *Call of Duty*…
* Verrilli: Sports… parents were treated in a way … identified parents as late Boomers, tail-end generation X’ers… uncle threw a kid in a canal… cited *Stand by Me*…
* Zimmerman: I picture *Stand by Me* as my dad’s childhood. Now, I see technology as the basis… more opportunities to fit the mold of machismo…
* Eble talked a lot…
* Verrilli: Shared an anecdote… physical punishment worked… computers are “a” problem.
* Tory: America raising its boys = on the individual level… the fact is that children are expected to grow up faster.
* Tyler Himes: Is this *Onion* article real?
* Tory: Age, expectation changes… Barry = guys versus men… Theroux = boys… how would masculinity change if you didn’t age? (Eble clarified the question… if we were stuck somewhere, how would masculinity change? Would you develop a sense of masculinity quickly?)
* Bruns asked for clarity
* Verrilli: Depends on the person… range might be smaller
* Tory: Manliness isn’t based on physical appearance.
* Zimmerman: Asked for clarity…
* Tory: Morality, mental processes, experiences you’ve had… clarified…
* Zimmerman: Physical shouldn’t be taken into account?
* Tory: Men, toughness…
* Zimmerman: Challenged?
* Tory: Still happens…
* Zimmerman: Physical appearance more than ever is taken into account…
* Tory: Physical appearance = not as important as people make it.
* Eble: Where do we see this?
* Himes: Pop culture…
* Tory: Read from Theroux…
* Verrilli: Imagery… very attractive young lady…
* Eble: Asked for clarification… relationships beginning with physicality…
* Verrilli: Sure…
* Zimmerman: Relationships start at physical appearance…
* Verrilli: Shared experience…
* Himes: Bruns…

Eble went nuts…