

## The hegemonic masculinity of George W. Bush's leadership and US Invasion ti Iraq

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### Abstrak

George W Bush was he 43rd president of the United States of America,. Under his leadership and decision making, the united states got itself trapped in a winding conflict in the Middle East, and set off the region into a downwards spiral of chaos and instability. many said that his decision and policies were reckless. in fact, on an individual level, these decision were fueled by his need to fullfil his masculine duties in accordance to the masculine gender role, which is to be competitive, agresive and dominant, to name a few. like namy white and privilaged persons in the United states, Bush's background was socially conservative. in a scoially concervative culture, men are expected to behave according to masculine roles, or risk being ridiculed and mocked. yet, as a young man, Bush never did manage to estabilish himself and rise out his father's footsteps. this would have caused a lot of masculine anxiety for Bush. This anxiety would translate itslef into his decision making process when he served as President, where he challenged those who went againts his proceptions of what was right, ofthe with threat declaration and force. He wanted to proof that he was the man and proceeded to base his decisions off how manly it would make him look, even if it meant risking innocent lives.