

Video Transcript

Skateboarding, Stigmatization, and the Law- by Shaheed Shaw

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Video	Audio
Footage of Tony Hawk Landing The 900 During His Performance at X Games (99') ¹ [0:00 – 0:16]	N/A
Title Card: Skateboarding: Stigmatization & The Law [0:16 – 0:20]	N/A
Text: Let's Talk About Skateboarding [0:20 – 0:22]	Let's talk about skateboarding.
News Articles About Skateboarding (Rolling Stone ² , The Guardian ³ , New York Times ⁴ , Global News ⁵) [0:22 – 0:25]	It's a sport that seems to be everywhere right now.
Three Video Clips: A Skater Performing Flip Tricks ⁶ , A Skater Performing Ramp Tricks ⁷ , & A Skater Performing Street Tricks ⁸ [0:25 – 0:33]	Like all sports, it can be casual or competitive, used as entertainment for oneself or for others.

¹ ESPN (1999) via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YYTNkAdDD8>

² Rolling Stone (2018) via: <https://www.rollingstone.com/topic/skateboarding>

³ The Guardian (2018) via: <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/skateboarding>

⁴ New York Times (2018) via: <https://www.nytimes.com/topic/subject/skateboarding>

⁵ Global News (2018) via: <https://globalnews.ca/tag/skateboarding/>

⁶ Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3 (2001) via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1YeMXE6Wn4>

⁷ RIDE Channel (2015) via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaf8zHp-iaY>

⁸ Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3 (2001) via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1YeMXE6Wn4>

Two Pictures of Current Skate Fashion ^{9, 10} [0:33 – 0:35]	It's a fashion statement for some, and a way of life for many.
First Person Skateboarding Video ¹¹ [0:35 – 0:41] Clip of Kid Learning a Skateboard Trick ¹² [0:41 – 0:45]	Like most sports, skateboarding has many advantages, especially when it comes to adolescent development.
Clip of Kid Landing a Skateboard Trick ¹³ [0:45 – 0:50] Clip of Tony Hawk Skating with His Daughter ¹⁴ [0:50 – 0:55]	In fact, in a study completed by Bradley, it was found that the unstructured activities that occur when skating provide positive learning opportunities for youth. ¹⁵
Clip of Skate Trick in Which Skater Does a Handstand ¹⁶ [0:55 – 0:57] Clip of Kids Skating Together in a Skatepark ¹⁷ [0:57 – 1:05]	In addition, not only does it improve physical fitness, but also teaches various social and personal skills in the process as well. ¹⁸
Text: Same as Audio [1:05 – 1:09]	While this is the case though, skateboarding is different from most sports in that it is highly stigmatized.

⁹ **The Skateboarder (2017)** via: <https://www.theskateboarder.net/skater-boys/>

¹⁰ **Thrasher (2018)** via: <https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/255438610092297018/>

¹¹ **RIDE Channel (2015)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaf8zHp-iaY>

¹² **Braille Skateboarding (2017)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hgZWrEW8al>

¹³ **Braille Skateboarding (2017)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hgZWrEW8al>

¹⁴ **Tony Hawk (2015)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5parh94IR0>

¹⁵ **Bradley (2010)**

¹⁶ **Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3 (2001)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1YeMXE6Wn4>

¹⁷ **Braille Skateboarding (2017)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hgZWrEW8al>

¹⁸ **Bradley (2010)**

Text: Same as Audio [1:09 – 1:12]	So, what exactly is a stigma?
Picture of Oxford Dictionary ¹⁹ , Followed by the Dictionary Definition Itself [1:12 – 1:22] Text: Same as Audio (Simplified Definition) [1:22 – 1:31]	According to the Oxford Dictionary, it can be defined as “a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person”. ²⁰ In layman’s terms, it’s essentially a strong feeling of disapproval towards something, especially if it’s unfair and discriminatory.
Text: Same as Audio [1:31 – 1:35] Three Pictures, Each Corresponding with a Line: (Skaters as Punks ²¹ , Heavily Tattooed Skater ²² , Skateboards with the Text “Outsider” on Them ²³) [1:35 - 1:42]	Applying this to skaters, in many communities across the US, They are seen as druggies and punks, people who don’t fit in with the rest of society, outsiders.
Two Pictures Depicting Anti- Skateboarding Signs ^{24, 25} [1:42 – 1:50]	Because of this, they tend to be discriminated against within their own neighbourhoods, even when they’ve done nothing to deserve it.
Text: Same as Audio [1:50 – 1:52]	But let’s jump back a bit...
Two Video Clips of Old-School Skaters & Skate Tricks ²⁶ [1:52 – 1:59]	Things weren’t always this way and these issues only started to arise after skating had become an established sub culture.

¹⁹ **Amazon (2018)** via: <https://www.amazon.ca/Oxford-Dictionary-English-Dictionaries/dp/0199571120>

²⁰ **Oxford Dictionary (2018)** via: <https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/stigma>

²¹ **Comedy Central (2017)** via: <http://www.comedycentral.co.uk/nostalgia/articles/13-reasons-why-skater-punk-was-the-ultimate-aesthetic>

²² **Suicide Boys (2018)** via: <https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/42010208994162478/>

²³ **Outsider Skateboards (2016)** via: <http://www.vuskateboardshop.com/vu/?p=1080>

²⁴ **BC Commercial Supplies (2018)** via: <https://www.bcsiteservice.com/product/no-skateboarding-allowed-sign/>

²⁵ **Amazon (2018)** via: <https://www.amazon.com/SmartSign-Aluminum-Skateboarding-Rollerblading-Loitering/dp/B0089OYADM>

²⁶ **YouTube (2012)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ee6S5gySCA>

<p>Compilation of Video Clips Depicting Surfers in California Riding Waves²⁷ [1:59 – 2:19]</p>	<p>Looking at its inception, skateboarding arose from the surf culture present in California during the early 1950's.²⁸</p> <p>It appeared when surfers wanted the thrill of riding while not on the water, which is something that occurred quite often when the waves were flat.²⁹</p>
<p>Two Pictures of Original Skateboard Design^{30, 31} [2:19 – 2:24]</p> <p>Compilation of Old-School Skate Video's³² [2:24 – 2:30]</p> <p>Picture Depicting the Evolution of Skateboard Decks³³ [2:30 – 2:32]</p>	<p>These individuals created the first skateboards, planks of wood with wheels attached to the bottom, and called it sidewalk surfing.³⁴</p> <p>Over the years, more and more people began to flock to this sport until it eventually became its own thing, evolving into what we have today.</p>
<p>Compilation of Old Skateboard Video's, Showing the Difference Between Surfer-Skate Culture³⁵ & Skate Punk Culture³⁶ [2:32 – 2:46]</p>	<p>With it's new-found popularity, skateboarding eventually branched off and formed its own subculture, known by most as skate culture or skate punk.³⁷</p> <p>This was built around a non-conformist attitude, characterized by a rebellious nature and the current punk scene at the time.³⁸</p>

²⁷ **YouTube (2015)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnH4TaLgQgY>

²⁸ **Borden (2001); Weyland (2002); Marcus (2011)**

²⁹ **Borden (2001); Weyland (2002); Marcus (2011)**

³⁰ **Skateboard Magazine (2013)** via: <http://www.skateboardingmagazine.com/the-evolution-of-skateboarding-a-history-from-sidewalk-surfing-to-superstardom/>

³¹ **Pinterest (2018)** via: <https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/205617539208866883/>

³² **YouTube (2012)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ee6S5gySCA>

³³ **Skateboarding Skateboards (2009)** via: <http://www.skateboardingskateboards.com/skateboarding-history/>

³⁴ **Borden (2001); Weyland (2002); Marcus (2011)**

³⁵ **YouTube (2015)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnH4TaLgQgY>

³⁶ **YouTube (2012)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ee6S5gySCA>

³⁷ **Chiu (2009)**

³⁸ **Chiu (2009)**

<p>Text: Same as Audio [2:46 – 2:52]</p>	<p>However, with this move to land, many issues started to arise.</p>
<p>Video Clip of Skateboarder Skating In-between Crowds in Public Spaces³⁹ [2:52 – 3:07]</p> <p>Video of Skaters Skating on Public Property (Rails, Benches, etc.)⁴⁰ [3:07 – 3:21]</p> <p>Video of Skaters Skating on Streets (Roads, In-between Cars, etc.)⁴¹ [3:21 – 3:29]</p>	<p>First off, the main issue many had with skateboarders was that they disrupted city spaces.⁴²</p> <p>Unlike other sports, skateboarding blurs the boundaries within these spaces, breaking social convention in the process.⁴³</p> <p>The problem with this is that, when built, these spaces were designed to serve as areas for consumption by society and, by re-conceptualizing them for themselves, skaters have created disdain towards themselves by both disrupting consumption and distorting the logic of said spaces.⁴⁴</p>
<p>Video of Skater Skateboarding on Wooden Tables & Surrounded by People. Multiple Clips of Him Doing Tricks on Said Table Until a Piece of it Eventually Breaks⁴⁵ [3:29 – 3:46]</p>	<p>In addition, skateboarding is a dangerous sport that can be harmful to both skaters and bystanders.⁴⁶</p> <p>Moreover, a large part of skating is tricks and, by doing these in public spaces, property damage can occur.</p> <p>Overall, this leads to an issue of accountability if something goes wrong.⁴⁷</p>

³⁹ **Braille Skateboarding (2017)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2V88Af9xhbY>

⁴⁰ **Braille Skateboarding (2017)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2V88Af9xhbY>

⁴¹ **RIDE Channel (2012)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXt1FAA5ny0>

⁴² **Irvine and Taysom (1998)**

⁴³ **Irvine and Taysom (1998)**

⁴⁴ **Irvine and Taysom (1998)**

⁴⁵ **Braille Skateboarding (2017)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2V88Af9xhbY>

⁴⁶ **O'Connor (2016)**

⁴⁷ **O'Connor (2016)**

<p>Text: Same as Audio [3:46 – 3:54]</p> <p>Two Pictures of Maps (US Main Cities & US States⁴⁸) [3:54 – 4:02]</p>	<p>When taken together, all of this eventually led to the creation of laws which restrict the actions of skaters.</p> <p>In the US, these laws are normally enacted on the municipal level, with rare instances of skateboarding restrictions being applied statewide.⁴⁹</p>
<p>Text: Same as Audio [4:02 – 4:06]</p>	<p>So Now,</p> <p>Why don't we look at some examples of Anti-Skateboarding Laws</p>
<p>Video of Skater Skateboarding in a Mall & Being Chased by Authorities⁵⁰ [4:06 – 4:23]</p>	<p>In Auburn, Alabama, it's illegal to skateboard in any "commercially-zoned area".⁵¹</p> <p>That is, any place designated for use by business's, such as parking lots or any nearby infrastructure.⁵²</p>
<p>Four Pictures of Skaters Getting Arrested^{53,54,55} [4:23 – 4:38]</p>	<p>In Akron, Ohio, there's a law which prohibits skateboarding after dark.⁵⁶</p> <p>This law states that "no person shall use, operate, or ride a skateboard within the city limits after daylight hours".⁵⁷</p>

⁴⁸ **USA Maps (2018)** via: <http://ontheworldmap.com/usa/>

⁴⁹ **FindALaw.com (2018)**

⁵⁰ **YouTube (2016)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5meto-9flU8>

⁵¹ **Board Blazers (2016)**

⁵² **Board Blazers (2016)**

⁵³ **Rob Meronek (2014)** via: https://theboardr.com/post/Lakeland_Florida_Skateboarding_Friendly_City

⁵⁴ **Adventure Sport Network (2016)** via: <https://www.adventuresportsnetwork.com/random/teen-skateboarder-accuses-tampa-police-of-excessive-force/>

⁵⁵ **YouTube (2012)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdqxGIHxVjs>

⁵⁶ **Board Blazers (2016)**

⁵⁷ **Board Blazers (2016)**

Three Pictures of Skaters Getting Arrested ^{58,59} [4:38 – 4:46]	In Eau Claire, Wisconsin, skateboards cannot be used on city streets or sidewalks in business districts. ⁶⁰
Text: Same as Audio [4:46 – 4:55]	As you can see, in many locations across America skating is restricted to the point where it’s essentially illegal without being banned outright.
Text: Same as Audio [4:55 – 5:00]	If this is the case though, why do skaters continue to skateboard?
Video Clips in Quick Succession, Depicting Skaters Performing Tricks ⁶¹ [5:00 – 5:15]	Well, one of the most important aspects of skating, and the one that drives most skaters, is the intrinsic value that they get out of the act. ⁶² For skaters, skateboarding challenges them in a way that provides satisfaction and pleasure. ⁶³
Video Clips of Skaters Performing Challenging Tricks ⁶⁴ [5:15 – 5:24]	It gives them confidence and control over their own lives, leading to sense of self-efficacy and agency. ⁶⁵
Video Clips of Skaters Performing Tricks (Emphasis on Them Enjoying Themselves) ⁶⁶ [5:24 – 5:40]	Focusing on this aspect of control, according to O’Connor, skateboarders “seek physical control over their boards, bodies, and urban space”, ⁶⁷ while also pursuing some level of creative and commercial success in the skateboarding culture. ⁶⁸

⁵⁸ YouTube (2012) via: <https://www.rt.com/usa/police-wrong-weekley-man-146/>

⁵⁹ Rob Meronek (2014) via: https://theboardr.com/post/Lakeland_Florida_Skateboarding_Friendly_City

⁶⁰ Board Blazers (2016)

⁶¹ YouTube (2014) via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8cTOBNi0N0>

⁶² Seifert & Hedderson (2010)

⁶³ Seifert & Hedderson (2010)

⁶⁴ YouTube (2014) via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8cTOBNi0N0>

⁶⁵ Seifert & Hedderson (2010)

⁶⁶ YouTube (2014) via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8cTOBNi0N0>

⁶⁷ O’Connor (2016)

⁶⁸ O’Connor (2016)

<p>Video Clips of Skaters Doing Tricks (Emphasis on Special / Unique Tricks)⁶⁹ [5:40 – 5:58]</p> <p>Picture of Slogan: Skateboarding is Not a Crime⁷⁰ [5:58 – 6:05]</p>	<p>In the end, skaters have been stigmatized by both society and the law for a very long time.</p> <p>Overall though, while this discrimination certainly does make their sport more difficult to perform, these restrictions only serve to bolster their culture of being outsiders, even if this is done unintentionally,</p> <p>Pushing them to continue skating regardless of the risks.</p>
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*** 4 Background Audio Tracks:

- Sum 41 – In Too Deep (Instrumental Cover)⁷¹
 - [0:15 – 1:05]
- Goldfinger – Superman (Instrumental Cover)⁷²
 - [1:52 – 2:50]
- Blink-182 – Adam’s Song (Instrumental Cover)⁷³
 - [2:55 – 4:56]
- Avril Lavigne – Sk8ter Boi (Instrumental Cover)⁷⁴
 - [5:00 – 6:05]

⁶⁹ **YouTube (2014)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8cTOBNiON0>

⁷⁰ **American Yesteryear Metal Signs (2018)** via: <http://metal-signs.americanyesteryear.com/Skateboarding-Is-Not-A-Crime-Tin-Metal-Sign-P1996201.aspx>

⁷¹ **Sum 41 (2001)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1ThBTgY9Ag>

⁷² **Goldfinger (1997)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEwsdcby1ZY>

⁷³ **Blink-182 (1999)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QswieNG1xuM>

⁷⁴ **Avril Lavigne (2002)** via: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9DgRhxbavk>

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