

**IDENTITY FORMATION AND EXPRESSION THROUGH BAGGY CLOTHING
IN THE INNER-CITY AFRICAN-AMERICAN ADOLESCENT MALE.**

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Wearing baggy clothing in select urban areas has become a law-breaking endeavor. Many other major cities promise to follow and enact new laws to penalize ordinary citizens for wearing pants that expose their undergarments. But is this the best solution to this problem? Is baggy clothing even a problem to begin with? Or are there greater, more sinister, problems operating beneath the surface?

This study will address these questions and more by examining the history, environment, and external factors that have perhaps led to the wearing of baggy clothing by inner-city adolescent African-American males. At the conclusion, recommendations will be made to remedy the exposed issues. The methodology this study will employ is a meta-analysis of Erikson's Identity Crisis and James E. Marcia's Identity Achievement Theories.