

# The Achy Breaky - Big Mistakey

*The mullet hair "do" and it's rebellious stand in society*

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Trailer trash, the 80's, *Joe Dirt*, and masculine women is what comes to mind when most people think of the mullet and the people who usually sport em', and that's just the typical stereotyping of the hair "do." The truth of the matter is that mullets have always been worn by a more diverse group of folks, including Canadian hockey players, African - Americans, straight women, little kiddies, pedophiles, Hispanics, famous stars, strange people, and several others. Most famously, the auto shop teacher, Sergio Marquez. Marquez had one back in his day, a curly mullatino if one has to get in depth. "My wife liked it, that's why I had it, she made me," said Marquez.

Surprisingly, most people don't know what a mullet is. Aside from being a saltwater fish found inshore, a mullet is hairstyle which is also known as business up front party out back, the neck warmer, (short&long), the achy breaky - big mistakey, yep -nope, or the Tennessee top hat.

The mullet was a big sensation that spread across the country like butter on a warm biscuit, from the early 70's to the early 90's among ladies and fellers of all ages. The mullet most

definitely bombed the 80's and is as American as homemade apple pie and baseball, it's history....literally! As of right now, the mullet is unfortunately a dying breed. Seen on rare occasions, and worn by very few, the mullet "do" has been slowly disappearing like a child's balloon in the sky throughout these years.

The mullet has different types, countless names, ridiculously funny terms, and is worn by all walks of life. It takes balls to sport a mullet nowadays because of all the criticism, laughs, and stares with which they receive. How often is it that one witnesses a mullet though? It's like a needle in a hay stack. The mullet stands out like a sore thumb. On campus, there were and are just a few.

The mullet still remains popular in some European countries though, mainly Germany. Junior foreign exchange student, Philip Fusy had a mullet of his own when he first walked on campus, fresh off the plane from Germany where the mullet happens to be a big hit. Unfortunately, when he went to the barber they, "accidentally" cut his mullet. When asked how he felt about losing the "do," Fusy responded, "I was all sad but I'm growing it back." Fusy also said, "The mullet is strange here but in Europe everyone has one, it's the style in Europe, soccer - style."

## Definition of the "Mullet"

1. A hairstyle which is popularly described as the hair cut short on the sides and in the front, but long and flowing down the back neck
2. "Short on top, long in the back."
3. Also a type of fish

For all you uneducated on the mullet, here's some history for you all. It is said that the origin of the hairstyle term, "mullet" traces itself back to the 1967 prison film, *Cool Hand Luke*, starring the very sultry Paul Newman and George Kennedy. In which Kennedy's character refers to southern men with long hair as, "mullet heads."

People react to the mullet in different ways. You either love it or hate it. The hair "do" brings about very strong opinions. It's very rare for someone to view the mullet as a cool hairstyle. The neck warmer is very controversial because society has often held the opinion that long hair on men was anarchic. "The mullet is very sexy, it just turns me on!" junior Leah Faro said.

Back in the day, the mullet was the haircut for people in the showbiz and America, from football players to musicians, from Rednecks to African-Americans, and all the in between.

Ice Cube, Michael Jackson, David Bowie, Lionel Richie, Travis Tritt, Michael Bolton, Barry White, Pat Benetar, and the, "*Bah bah bah bad to the Bone*," George Thorogood are just a few of the musicians who have sported the mullet. Here are some random former mullet heads, Hulk Hogan, Ron Jeremy, Benjamin Franklin, Steven Segal, Chuck Norris, Sylvester Stalone, David Hasselhoff, Jean Claude Van Damme, Dog the Bounty Hunter, and Patrick Swayze. Also countless others, in and out of showbiz, many washed - up, "Has been" stars, and the very few shining stars struttin' their mullet with pride.

The mullet was also very popular among sport stars, such as former baseball player for the Dodgers Mike Piazza, pitcher for the Seattle Mariners Randy Johnson, NASCAR driver Kyle Petty, and the most famous sports mullet of them all, the "Boz." The 1980's football icon, Brian Bosworth a.k.a "the Boz," was and is known for his mullet. Bosworth former American football player was the linebacker for the Oklahoma Sooners, and the most recent Seattle Seahawks (87-89.) Brian Bosworth is also the influence for Junior, D.J. Reynolds growth of a mullet. When asked why he grew a mullet D.J.... said, "The Boz and because they look cool." Reynolds also said, "I don't get sunburns on my neck." And that's just one of the advantages of having a mudflap.

Last but not least, of course, the king of the mullets, the most famous of them all. The infamous, unforgettable, smokin' hot heart throb, Billy Ray Cyrus. "*Don't tell my heart, my achy breaky heart, I just don't think he'd understand and if you tell my heart, my achy breaky heart, he might blow up and kill this man, wooooooh wooh.*" Some of you condors might know that tune, but most of you probably don't, that's ok because you might know that sexy man from the *Disney* hit series, *Hannah Montana*, in which his role is the father both on and off the show of the tween diva, Miley Cyrus. Billy Ray, the country singer of the unforgettable catchy line dancin' tune, "*Achy Breaky Heart*," made the mullet his signature trademark. His mullet received much attention, imitation, and ridicule. All that didn't stop him, Billy Ray wore his mullet with pride for nearly a decade. He wants the legendary "do" back though, as he sings in one of his albums, "*I want my mullet back.*"

If any of you condors are thinking of growing a mullet here's some standards and requirements for you to go by, so you know you got it right and that it ain't mullsh\*. Don't be a chicken you have to go all the way, the legal mullet standard is that the back must be at least three times longer than any other part of the rest of the head.

"So to all you fellers out there who ain't gettin' no smoochin' 'n' a lovin', grow a mullet and the ladies will shore be a comin'."

## TYPES

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Midget Skullet     | 11. Jheri Curl Mullet |
| 2. Termullnator       | 12. The "Boz" Mullet  |
| 3. Mullatino          | 13. Mullchanic        |
| 4. Camaro Mullet      | 14. Permullet         |
| 5. Mini - Frollet     | 15. Animull           |
| 6. Mullddle East      | 16. Curlllet          |
| 7. Native Mullhawk    | 17. Skullet           |
| 8. Muscle Car Mullet  | 18. Crimullet         |
| 9. The Classic Mullet | 19. Euromullet        |
| 10. Crystal Methullet | 20. & many more!      |

## Mullet Terms

**Mullsh\*t:** when its clearly not a mullet

**Mullderline:** the in between stage in the development of a mullet

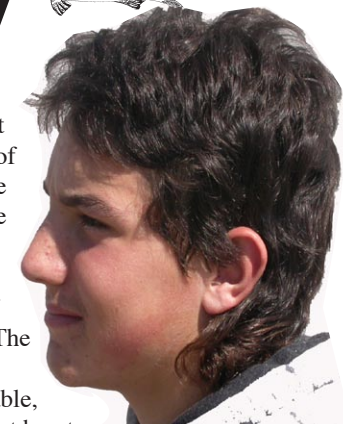
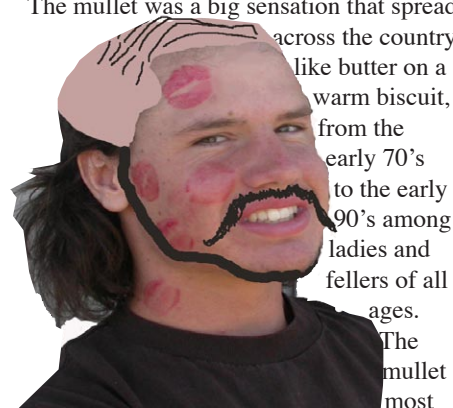
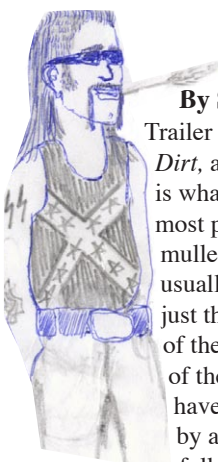
**Mullestache:** a *sexy* molester style mustache worn by most mullets..& Cops

**Mullestache #2:** facial hair resembling a young teenage boy who is trying to grow his first mustache, finds itself on 80% of mullet wearers at one point of time or another, including femulletts.

**Mullerage:** a characteristic of many mullet wearers lashing out in anger and denial at anyone who tries to tell em' that they actually have a mullet.

**Femullet:** a female sporting a mullet

**Chullet:** a children's mullet



Junior D.J. Reynolds gets cornered by ladies all the time thanks to his "Boz" mullet.