

Deindividuation in *Nerve* (2016)

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Outline

- ❖ Movie Summary
- ❖ Movie Clip
- ❖ Deindividuation Definition/Explanation
- ❖ Examples in Movie

Nerve Summary

- **Pressured by her friends**
- **Popular online game that challenges players to accept a series of dares**
- **Requires her to perform increasingly dangerous stunts**
- **Vee finds herself in a high-stakes finale**





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Deindividuation

A phenomenon in which people in groups lose their self-awareness and identity.

Contributors

- Group Size
 - “It’s easy for you to be brave in a crowd.”
- Anonymity
 - Masks, screen names, etc.



Discussion Questions

- ★ Are there any other terms that we learned from the class that come to mind when you watched the clip?

- ★ What, if anything, do you think Vee could have done differently?

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