

= Trevor Philips =

Trevor Philips is a fictional character and one of the three lead protagonists of Grand Theft Auto V , a video game in the Grand Theft Auto series made by Rockstar Games . He appears as one of the three main protagonists , alongside Michael De Santa and Franklin Clinton . He is played by actor Steven Ogg , who provided the voice and motion capture for the character .

Rockstar based Trevor 's appearance on Ogg 's physical appearance , while his personality was inspired by Charles Bronson . Grand Theft Auto V co @-@ writer Dan Houser described Trevor as purely driven by desire and resentment . To make players care for the character , the designers gave the character more emotions . Trevor is shown to truly care about people very close to him , despite his psychopathic actions .

Trevor is considered one of the most controversial characters in video game history . Although the general attention given to Trevor by critics and gamers was mostly very positive , he has been criticised by many critics and players because of his violent personality and actions , but has also been praised for fitting in the world of the game . His design and personality have drawn comparisons to other influential video game and film characters . Many reviewers have called Trevor a likeable and believable character , and felt that he is one of the few protagonists in the Grand Theft Auto series that would willingly execute popular player actions , such as murder and violence .

= = Character design = =

Grand Theft Auto V co @-@ writer Dan Houser explained that Trevor " appeared to [ Rockstar ] pretty much out of nowhere as the embodiment of another side of criminality [ ... ] If Michael was meant to be the idea of some version of criminal control [ ... ] what about the guy who didn 't do that ? " He later described Trevor as " the person who 's driven purely by desire , resentment , no thought for tomorrow whatsoever , completely id rather than ego @-@ driven . " He stated that Trevor " kills without remorse , like a true psychopath , but very sentimental for the right reasons when it suits him . "

Rockstar drew upon game protagonist archetypes during the scripting the characters ; Trevor was considered to embody insanity . Houser said the team characterised Michael and Trevor as juxtapositions of each other . He said , " Michael is like the criminal who wants to compartmentalise and be a good guy some of the time and Trevor is the maniac who isn 't a hypocrite " . He said that having three lead characters would help move the game 's plot into more original territory than its predecessors , which traditionally followed a single protagonist rising through the ranks of a criminal underworld . In Grand Theft Auto V , Steven Ogg portrayed Trevor . During the initial audition process , Ogg noticed an on @-@ set chemistry between him and Ned Luke ( who portrayed Michael ) , which he felt helped secure them the roles . Ogg said , " When [ Luke ] and I went in the room together we immediately had something " . While the actors knew their auditions were for Rockstar Games , it was when they signed contracts that they learned they would be involved in a Grand Theft Auto title . Ogg felt Trevor 's characterisation had evolved over time . He said , " Nuances and character traits that began to appear ? his walk , his manner of speech , his reactions , definitely informed his development throughout the game " .

The actors began working on the game in 2010 . Their performances were mostly recorded using motion capture technology . Dialogue for scenes with characters seated in vehicles was recorded in studios . Because the actors had their dialogue and movements recorded on @-@ set , they considered their performances were no different from those of film or television roles . Their dialogue was scripted so that it did not allow the actors to ad @-@ lib ; however they sometimes made small changes to the performance with approval from the directors .

= = Attributes = =

Trevor is depicted as a sociopath in Grand Theft Auto V. He is relentless and easily kills without remorse . However , he is honest about everything and rarely shows hypocrisy , which he often

points out in others . He appears to be very insecure about being born in Canada , and takes offence to people mocking his accent . Despite his sociopathic actions , Trevor is very emotional ; he seems to care about people very close to him , and he can be truly loyal to them . These people include his mother , Ashley Butler , Patricia Madrazo , Maude , Michael De Santa and his children Tracey and Jimmy , Lamar Davis , Ron , Lester , Wade and Franklin Clinton . Nevertheless , the other characters regard Trevor as dangerously unstable ; during the prologue , Michael leads Trevor into a trap where he is supposed to be shot and killed , and later implores Franklin to plead insanity if he is ever arrested with Trevor . It is implied that the knowledge and extent of Trevor 's crimes , the belief that Trevor 's depravity escalated without anyone to keep him in check and his silence on the matter all weigh heavily on Michael 's conscience .

When portraying Trevor , Ogg cites Tom Hardy 's depiction of English criminal Charles Bronson in the 2008 biopic *Bronson* as a strong stylistic influence on his portrayal of Trevor . Ogg reflected that while Trevor embodies the violent , psychopathic Grand Theft Auto anti @-@ hero archetype , he wanted players to sympathise with Trevor 's story . " To elicit other emotions was tough , and it was the biggest challenge and it 's something that meant a lot to me , " Ogg said .

= = Appearances = =

= = = Grand Theft Auto V = = =

Trevor is Canadian , born just north of the border of the United States . He grew up with a physically abusive father and an emotionally abusive mother . Trevor had a brother , Ryan , who died prior to the game 's events . Trevor 's father abandoned him in a shopping mall , which Trevor burnt down in retaliation . This upbringing combined with Trevor 's violent temper led Trevor to be severely unhinged , leading to numerous fights at school , including an assault on a teacher . Trevor loved planes , and at some point entered the military as a pilot , but was quickly forced to leave after being reprimanded in a psychological evaluation . Later on , Trevor committed crimes , the first one being a small robbery that landed him in jail for six months . He would continue his criminal ways , including using his piloting skills to become a smuggler . Trevor eventually met Michael Townley and both men realised that they wanted to earn money by performing large heists , and both men became successful in doing so . However , their partnership began to strain after Michael married a stripper named Amanda and started a family with her .

During one of their heists with their mutual accomplice Brad Snider , Michael and Brad are shot by police while Trevor escapes , and he believes Michael died and Brad was sent to jail . Trevor eventually settles in Sandy Shores , Blaine County , where he establishes a small criminal enterprise that he dubs " Trevor Philips Industries " that smuggles weapons and manufactures methamphetamine , which he hopes will grow into a large empire . Due to raging abandonment issues , Trevor surrounds himself with two loyal friends that he kidnapped and brainwashed from their previous lives named " Nervous " Ron Jakowski and Wade Hebert . Trevor also enters an uneasy truce with his competitors in Sandy Shores , including The Lost Motorcycle Club led by Johnny Klebitz , the Varrios Los Aztecas gang , and the O 'Neil Brothers .

Nine years after the fateful heist , Trevor finds out that Michael faked his death , and is so spooked and enraged that he breaks the truce and kills most of his competition in one burst of violence , a deadly streak that continues when a potential game @-@ changing deal with the Triads falls through . He drives to Los Santos , taking over the apartment and ruining the life of Wade 's cousin Floyd , and reunites with Michael , who now took on the name " De Santa " . After Michael introduces Trevor to Franklin Clinton , the two perform heists again , this time including Franklin . Trevor is determined to rob anything guarded by Merryweather Security Consulting , a private security firm that he dislikes , but he often fails . After not getting paid for a job , Trevor kidnaps Patricia , the wife of kingpin Martin Madrazo . Due to her kind maternal nature and his own abandonment issues , Trevor falls in love with her and only returns her after much demanding from Michael . However , the two stay in contact until the end of the game .

Trevor eventually discovers that Michael set him and Brad up , and that Brad is not in jail but buried in Michael 's fake grave . This leads to Trevor vowing to kill Michael , but needing him alive for one last heist . When that heist is successful , Trevor is so pleased that he lifts the death vow but still hates Michael . Near the end of the game , Franklin is given a choice : kill Trevor , kill Michael , or let them live and face their enemies . If the latter is chosen , Trevor kills Haines , before capturing Weston , and killing him alongside Michael and Franklin . Trevor once again considers Michael his friend , albeit a friend that he hates , which Michael accepts . If the second option is chosen , Trevor ends all contact with Franklin and says to stay away from him after finding out about Michael 's death . If the first option is chosen , Franklin meets up with Trevor , before chasing him with Michael to an oil plant . When Trevor crashes into an oil tank , causing himself to be covered in oil , either Franklin or Michael shoot the oil , setting Trevor alight and killing him . If Trevor and Michael are spared , they continue to spend time together with Franklin , during which Trevor eventually admits that he over @-@ reacted after learning the truth about Brad , and refers to himself and Michael as friends .

= = = Grand Theft Auto Online = = =

Trevor appears as a main character in Grand Theft Auto Online , the online multiplayer mode of Grand Theft Auto V. He provides missions to the player character once they reach Rank 13 ; after the player steals Trevor 's rolling meth lab , Trevor demands that they are to complete jobs for him to settle the issue . The jobs that Trevor demands generally consist of stealing drugs from rival groups , specifically the Lost Motorcycle Club , while killing the dealers . The narrative of Grand Theft Auto Online is set several months prior to the events of the single @-@ player story .

= = Cultural impact = =

= = = Reception = = =

Trevor 's character was met with generally positive feedback following the release of Grand Theft Auto V. Edge singled out Trevor as the stand @-@ out of the three protagonists , which they owed to his volatile personality . Like Edge , Caroline Petit of GameSpot considered Trevor " a truly horrible , terrifying , psychotic human being ? and a terrific character . " Eurogamer 's Tom Bramwell , however , felt that Trevor undermined the other characters because he was a " shallow and unconvincing " sensationalised anti @-@ hero , and that " his antics derail [ ed ] the narrative " and overshadowed the character development of Michael and Franklin . Xav de Matos of Joystiq found all three characters unlikable to the extent that they had an alienating effect on the story , noting that " though each character has a valid motivation for his journey , it 's difficult to want them to succeed . " He also felt that the ambivalence between Trevor and Michael was a tired device by the conclusion of the story as it became a " seemingly endless cycle " of conflict between them .

Lucas Sullivan of GamesRadar praised Trevor for being the first character in the series that " makes sense " . He stated that , upon their first playthrough of a Grand Theft Auto game , most players " carjacked some poor schlub , then started doing 90mph on the sidewalk , mowing over civilians " , as opposed to playing peacefully . " Trevor 's existence isn 't a commentary on any group of people ? he 's just the first logical fit to the way people have been playing GTA games for the past decade , " he said . Sullivan concluded that Trevor is one of the few protagonists in the Grand Theft Auto series that would willingly execute popular player actions , such as murder and violence . Trevor has been compared to many other characters in video games and films . Calvin Khan of IGN compared Trevor to Heath Ledger 's Joker in the 2008 film The Dark Knight . Khan felt that Trevor is the only character in Grand Theft Auto V not trying to fake his persona , stating " Trevor absolutely knows that he 's a monster but just doesn 't care . He enjoys causing misery and harm , lives for it and embraces it and ? much like Heath Ledger 's Joker ? he exists purely for unadulterated anarchy . " He also felt that Trevor 's only reasoning for hurting people and messing everything up around

him is simply because it 's just too much fun not to . Khan concluded saying that it 's clear that the world through the eyes of Trevor is already royally broken and he sees no harm in messing it up some more , hence the reason for Trevor 's actions .

Trevor won the Cheat Code Central 's 7th Annual Cody Awards for " Best Male Character " and was nominated for various other awards . Those include the Spike VGX 2013 for " Character of the Year " , won by BioShock Infinite 's Lutece Twins , Hardcore Gamer 's Game of the Year Awards 2013 for " Best New Character " , won by The Last of Us 's Ellie and Destructoid 's Best of 2013 for " Best Character " , also won by the Lutece Twins . Steven Ogg was also nominated for his work as Trevor in Spike VGX 2013 for " Best Voice Actor " , won by Troy Baker , Telegraph Video Game Awards 2013 for " Best Performer " , also won by Troy Baker and 10th British Academy Video Games Awards for " Performer " , won by Ashley Johnson .

= = = Controversies = = =

The mission " By the Book " from Grand Theft Auto V was criticised for its depiction of torture . In the mission , Trevor interrogates a man named Ferdinand Kerimov ( called Mr. K ) for information about a suspected Azerbaijani fugitive who poses a threat to the FIB ( the game 's version of the FBI ) . Trevor uses torture equipment on the restrained man , which players select from a table . Once Mr. K provides the FIB with the information , Trevor is asked to kill him , but instead drives him to the airport , providing him an opportunity to escape . While driving Kerimov , Trevor monologues about the ineffectiveness of torture , pointing out Kerimov 's readiness to supply the FIB with the information without being tortured , and expressing that torture is used as a power play " to assert ourselves " .

Reviewers echoed that while the mission served as political commentary on the use of torture by the United States government , its use of torture was in poor taste . GameSpot 's Petit felt that placing the torture scene in context with the monologue created a hypocrisy in the mission 's function as a commentary device , and IGN 's MacDonald felt it " pushed the boundaries of taste " . In an editorial , Bramwell discussed whether the political commentary was overshadowed by the violent content , comparing the mission to Call of Duty : Modern Warfare 2 's " No Russian " controversy . He considered the sequence lacking enough context to justify its violence and summarised its function as " flawed " . Labour MP Keith Vaz expressed concern that underage players could be exposed to the mission . Keith Best of Freedom from Torture said the torturer role @-@ play " crossed a line " . Tom Chick defended the torture sequence , and wrote that unlike the " No Russian " mission or the 2012 film Zero Dark Thirty , the underlying political commentary on torture in " By the Book " necessitated the violent content .