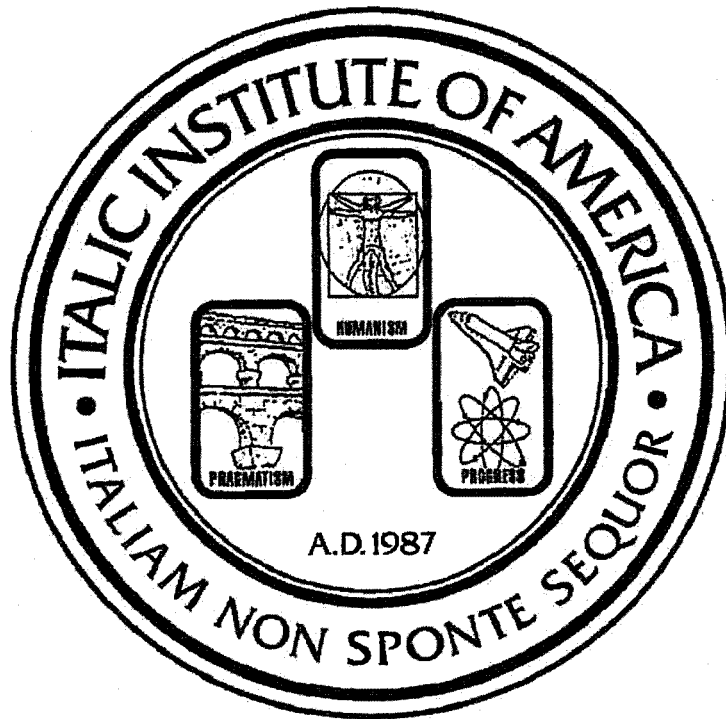


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A Century of Little Progress (1914 – 2014)



Felix Stefanile

Italian American Poet (1920-2009)

Italian gangsters,
All my life, Italian gangsters;
there's the one with the scar;
there's the good-looking one with the curls
who is a coward;
there's the little murderer who loves his mother;
there's the ratty one in the white car
blowing on his nails;
there's the dignified old Don who turns good,
and dies;
there's the big, oily one being gunned down
in the restaurant – his head sinks
into his bowl of spaghetti;
the man with the machine gun is Italian too,
and grinning.
All my life Italian gangsters;
you too, Leonardo and Galileo,
and you too, Pop.



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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The culmination of 15 years of research, the Italic Institute of America's Film Study is an analysis of the portrayal of Italian Americans/Italian culture in Hollywood movies over the past century (1914-2014).

RESULTS

Of the 1,512 film titles that were researched, the results reveal an overall negative attitude toward Italian Americans and Italian culture in general (68.5%). Images of Italians as violent criminals predominate (34.8%), followed by images of unsavory characters (33.7%). Images of Italians in positive, heroic, or complex roles occur less often (31.5%).

CONCLUSIONS

The figures indicate an entrenched, institutionalized bias in Hollywood against Americans of Italian descent. The diversity of the Italian American experience has been obscured by one-dimensional stereotypes equating Italian culture with criminality. With the success of "The Godfather" (1972), these images gained popular acceptance on an unprecedented scale.



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METHODOLOGY

The Film Study was initiated in 1999 by Bill Dal Cerro, current President of the Italic Institute and its former Media Director. Dal Cerro served as film writer during the 1990's for *Fra Noi*, an Italian American newspaper in Chicago.

In addition to Mr. Dal Cerro's encyclopaedic knowledge of film, four of the Institute's top researchers contributed film titles and input on a continuous basis.

CRITERIA

Film portrayals were classified individually yet under the rubrics of "positive" or "negative," depending on the images conveyed about Italian/Italian American culture. Since film viewing is considered a subjective experience, borderline titles were weighted by overall image and/or an attempt at balance.

For example, "The Godfather" has complex characters, which is a plus; however, the overwhelming impression it leaves with the viewers is of a culture permeated by criminality. There is no balance; therefore, it's a "negative."

The plethora of Italian mobster films (even the comical ones like "Oscar" or "Analyze This") needs no explanation. Such films merely reinforce what is already a pernicious stereotype. The same is true for portrayals of unsavory characters.



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A TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF DISTORTION

In the 1995 film, "To Die For," based on a true story, Nicole Kidman's character tricks three teens into killing her low-brow Italian husband whose family gets even by hiring a mobster to kill her.

In real-life, however, the only Italians involved were the two State Attorneys, Paul Maggiotto and Diane Nicolosi, who convicted the murderess to a life sentence. (Shades of Daniel Petrocelli beating O.J. Simpson at his civil trial!).

"To Die For" is a typical example of how the facts of real-life incidents are often distorted or misinterpreted to put a "negative" spin on Italian Americans.



For other examples of distortion and bias, visit www.stereotypethis.com and its "Hollywood vs. Joe Truth" feature (www.stereotypethis.com/myths/vsTruth1.php).



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ADDENDUM

Since Italian stereotypes remain a staple of popular entertainment, the figures and percentages, though consistent, remain in flux. Further research of historical films or verification of upcoming projects necessitates a fluidity in the overall methodology.

For a copy of the Institute's complete film study, send a check for \$20.00 to:

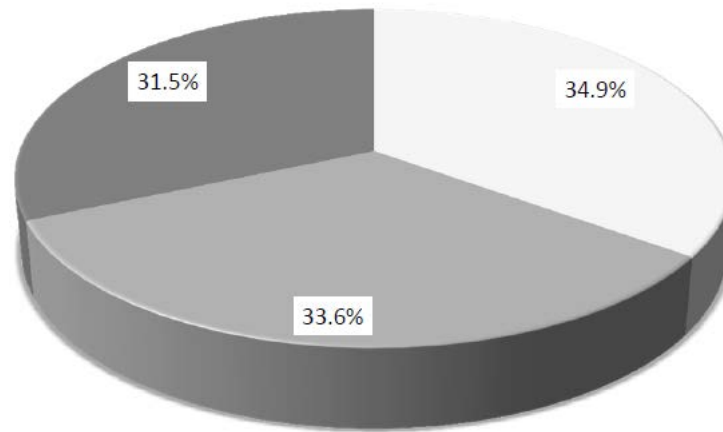


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Films by Category

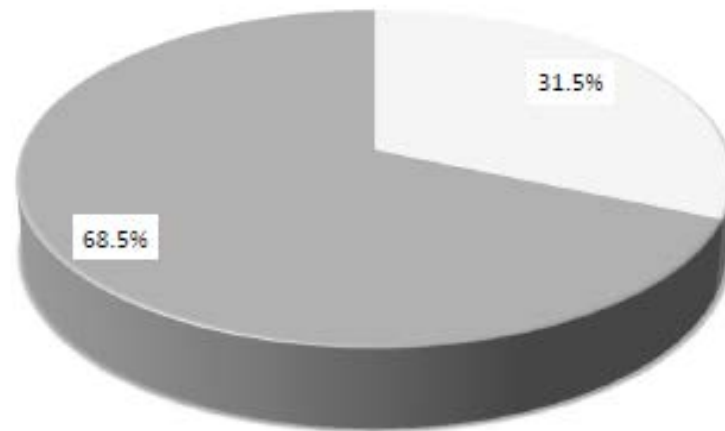


mobsters: 528, 34.9%
bad people: 508, 33.6%
positive: 476, 31.5%

Overall statistics:

- Mobsters (includes both real and fake portrayals) – 528 films, 34.9%
- Bad people (includes negative portrayals of classical Rome/Renaissance) -- 508 films, 33.6%
- Positive (includes positive portrayals of classical Rome/Renaissance) – 476 films, 31.5%

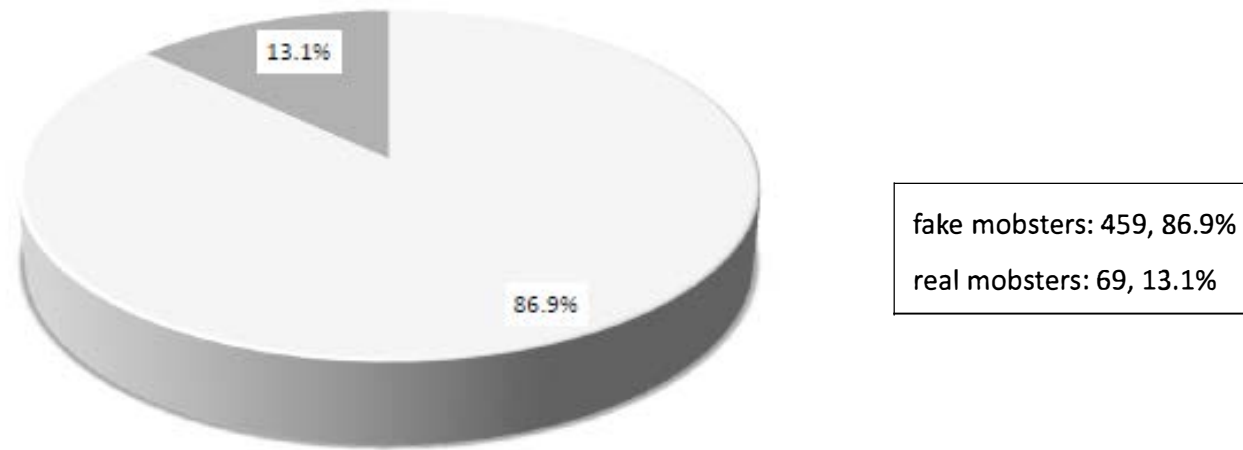
Films by Type



positive: 476, 31.5%
negative: 1036, 68.5%

Positive image vs. negative image

Mobster Films by Type

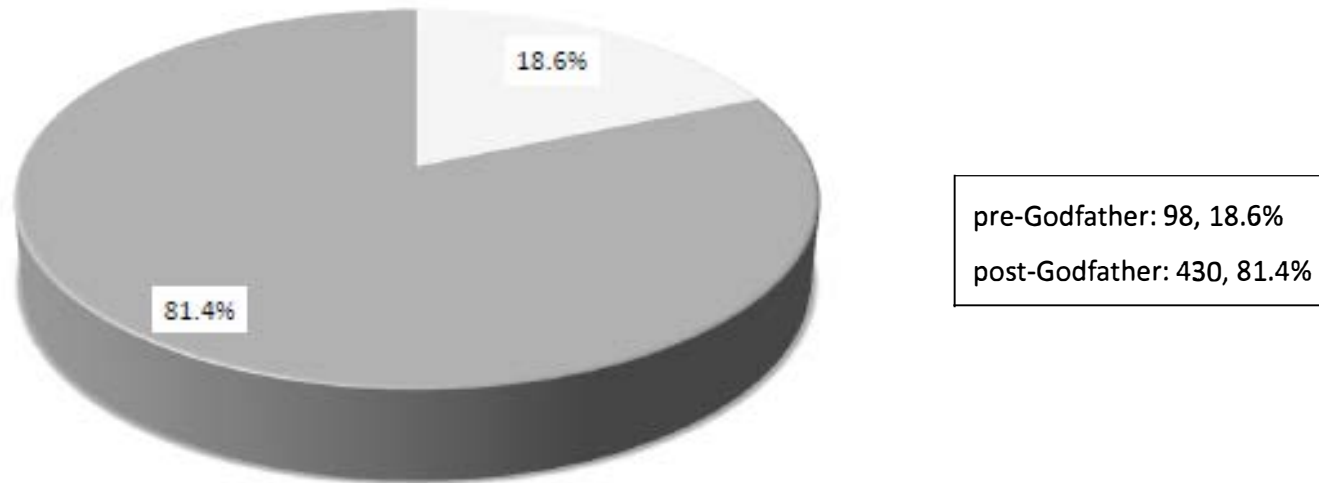


Fake mobsters vs. real mobsters

- Fake mobsters: 86.9% (459 films) – Marlon Brando's Godfather
- Real mobsters: 13.1% (69 films) – Al Capone and Lucky Luciano

According to the above statistics, nearly nine out of ten mobster images are generic, evil stereotypes with no basis in reality.

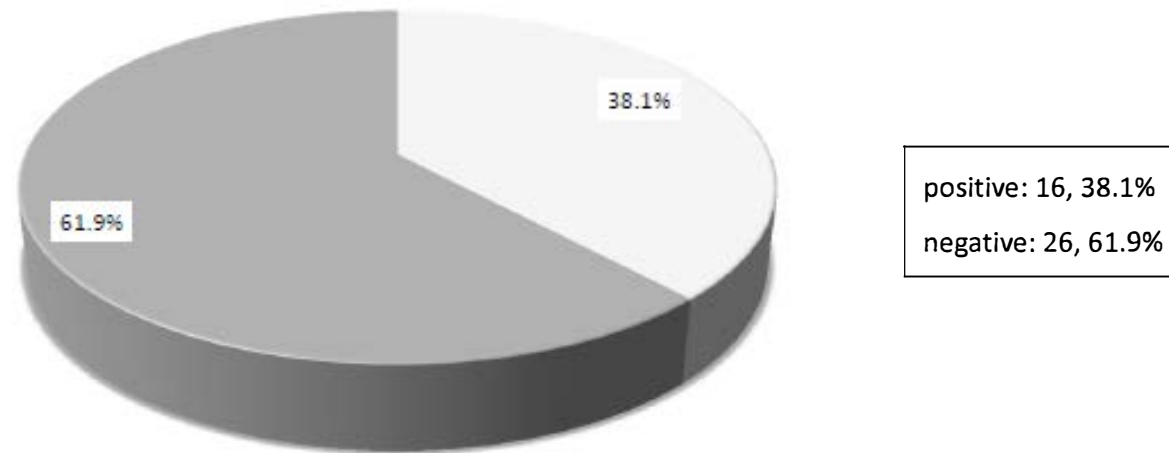
Influence of “The Godfather”



Pre-Godfather vs. Post-Godfather

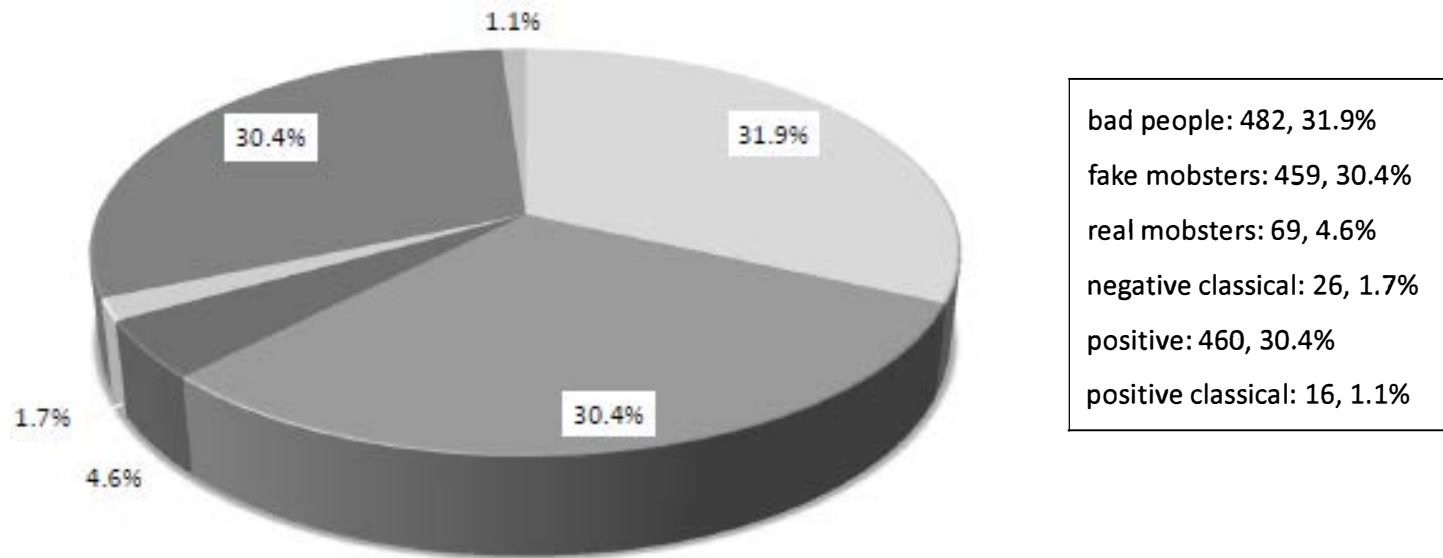
The majority of Italian mobster films documented in the study (81.4%) were released after “The Godfather” (1972). This statistic shows how the film’s success shaped the subsequent image of Italian Americans in popular culture.

Classical Rome/Renaissance



Positive images vs. negative images

Films by Category



Breakdown of all categories

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Category: Bad People (Bimbos, Bigots, Boors, Buffoons) 482 films

No.	Film Title	Summary	Year
1	A Day at the Races	Chico Marx as the buffoonish Chicolini	1939
2	A New Life	Italian American man gets divorced	1988
3	A Night at the Opera	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1935
4	A Night in Casablanca	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1945
5	Abandon Ship	ship passenger Faroni tries to stab the hero	1957
6	About Last Night	Mr. Favio, belligerent boss	1986
7	Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai	evil Dr. Lizardo	1984
8	Against the Ropes	sleazy sports manager	2004
9	Aladdin	obnoxious parrot named Iago	1992
10	Albino Alligator	criminals hang out at Dino's Last Chance Bar	1997
11	All the President's Men	real-life dirty trickster Donald Segretti	1976
12	Alphabet City	young hoodlum	1984
13	Amadeus	F. Murray Abraham as the evil composer Antonio Salieri, consumed with jealousy	1984
14	American Tail	dese-dem-dose animated mouse named Tony	1986
15	Angie	Geena Davis as Bensonhurst bimbo	1994
16	Animal Crackers	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1931
17	Annie Hall	although comic Alvy Singer (Woody Allen) spends much of the film deriding anti-Semitism, he refers to some overeager fans as "the cast of the Godfather"; also, in a scene where he and his lady love, Annie Hall (Diane Keaton), sit on a bench in Central Park, Alvy makes mocking Mafia references about older Italian men walking past them	1977
18	Arthur	working class waitress/kleptomaniac	1981

19	Assassins	a hit man	1994
20	Assault on a Queen	wealthy woman and her partners are undone by greed	1966
21	Assault on Precinct 13	corrupt cop	2005
22	At First Glance	shallow womanizer	1996
23	At Long Last Love	Italian gigolo	1975
24	At The Circus	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1939
25	Avenging Conscience	Italian blackmailer	1914
26	B.A.P.S.	Italian gigolo	1996
27	Baby Doll	Sicilian American landowner seduces his rival's teenage wife	1956
28	Baby, It's You	Italian greaser/lounge lizard	1983
29	Baby's Daddy	urban Italian guy with two black best friends has a child out of wedlock	2004
30	Baby's Day Out	comical baby-napper	1994
31	Back to School	slob chauffeur	1986
32	Bad Boys	juvenile delinquent	1985
33	Bad Lieutenant	corrupt cop	1993
34	Bad Santa	Leonardo DaVinci referred to as a "guinea faggot"	2003
35	Bamboozled	film which attacks anti-black images includes disparaging comments about Sicilians	2000
36	Bang the Drum Slowly	hot-headed baseball player	1973
37	Barbershop II	gratuitous reference to La Cosa Nostra	2004
38	Barefoot Contessa	slick Italian count	1954
39	Barfly	loud bartender	1987
40	Bartleby	wannabe wise guy/buffoon	2001
41	Basic Instinct	dorky detective	1992
42	Beast with Five Fingers (The)	evil stalks an Italian village	1946
43	Beat the Devil	international thieves plot in Rome	1954
44	Beautiful Girls	loud-mouth, working class broad	1996
45	Beer League	negative losers	2006
46	Beetlejuice	mocking references to Italy	1988
47	Before the Devil Knows You're Dead	sleazy petty criminal	2007
48	Beverly Hills Cop	ex-convict	1984

49	Big Business	corrupt businessman	1988
50	Big Fan	football geek and general loser	2009
51	Big Lebowski	crude chauffeur	1998
52	Black Magic	evil hypnotist	1949
53	Blackboard Jungle	high school punk	1955
54	Bliss	evil sex therapist	1997
55	Bloodbrothers	buffoonish blue-collar workers	1978
56	Blues Brothers	hooker named Millie Mazzola	1980
57	Boogie Nights	porno producer	1997
58	Book of Love	bully named Angelo	1990
59	Boston Strangler	serial killer Al DeSalvo	1968
60	Boy Meets Girl	corrupt Hollywood agent	1938
61	Boys On The Side	sarcastic attorney	1996
62	Boys Town	orphan/delinquent	1938
63	Brain (The)	Italian buffoon	1966
64	Break a Leg	egomaniac actor literally kills to get parts	2003
65	Breaking Away	champion Italian cyclists turn out to be cheaters	1979
66	Brothers Grimm	crude, doltish Italian officer, circa 1811	2005
67	Buona Sera, Mrs. Campbell	deceptive Italian woman	1968
68	Burglar	petty criminal	1987
69	Butterflies are Free	free-spirited woman chooses sensitive blind man over her working class Italian boyfriend	1973
70	Caddyshack	young punk golf caddy	1980
71	Cairo	cowardly Italian soldiers	1942
72	Capers	racist female pawn shop owner	2008
73	Casablanca	Sydney Greenstreet as wheeler-dealer Ferrari	1941
74	Casper	appearance of buffoonish Father Guido Sarducci	1995
75	China Girl	Italian greasers	1987
76	City Island	ethnic caricatures	2010
77	City Slickers	buffoonish Brooklynite goes West	1991
78	Clockers	racist Italian cop	1996
79	Cobra	cartoonish cop	1986

80	Coconuts	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1929
81	Color of Money	cocky, arrogant pool hustler	1986
82	Communion	female murderer	1976
83	Company (The)	ballet director based on Joffrey Ballet guru Gerald Arpino; portrayed as an egomaniac and bully	2003
84	Confidence	corrupt cop	2003
85	Corrupter (The)	reference to "the Dagoes"	1998
86	Couples Retreat	boorish husband	2009
87	Cousins	crotchety Italian <i>nonna</i>	1989
88	Cradle Will Rock	Susan Sarandon as Margherita Scarfatti, early Italian Fascist and mistress of Benito Mussolini	1999
89	Crooklyn	loud-mouthed woman	1996
90	Cuba Crossing, also called Kill Castro	bartender and soldier-of-fortune is pressured by CIA in plot to kill Fidel Castro; loosely based on alleged genesis of real-life government plot that became Bay of Pigs	1980
91	Daisy Miller	comical Italian native	1974
92	Dangerous Hours	bomb-throwing anarchist	1919
93	Day of the Dolphin	evil scientist	1973
94	Daytrippers	cheating Italian husband	1997
95	Dead Man	Italian pioneer settler as transvestite	1996
96	Dead Man Walking	reference made to real-life murderer in New Orleans	1995
97	Death Race 2000	buffoonish Machine Gun Frank Viterbo	1975
98	Deep Rising	buffoonish ship engineer	1998
99	Deli	working-class loser	1998
100	Detective Story	thief/burglar	1951
101	Deuces Wild	punks/gang members	2002
102	Devil Inside	woman possessed by demons	2012
103	Devil with Hitler	spoof of Mussolini	1942
104	Devil's Advocate	spawn of Satan	1997
105	Diary of a Mad Housewife	smart-alecky waiter	1970
106	Die Hard 2: Die Harder	bumbling head of airport security	1990

107	Django Unchained	Italian "spaghetti western" actor Franco Nero makes an absurd and surreal appearance, watching two black slaves pummel each other to death	2012
108	Do the Right Thing	racist Italian pizza maker	1989
109	Doctor Doolittle	talking guinea pig makes an anti-Italian joke	1998
110	Don Jon	a dese-dem-dose Joisey Boy who beds the ladies but is still addicted to porn; also, his father (Tony Danza) is a crude slob	2013
111	Don Juan DeMarco	schizophrenic seducer	1996
112	Down by Law	Italian prisoner/buffoon	1986
113	Drowning Mona	buffoon	2000
114	Duck Soup	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1933
115	Dukes (The)	doo wop group attempts a bank heist	2008
116	Easy Living	prissy Italian hotel manager	1937
117	Easy Money	Rodney Dangerfield as Italian slob	1981
118	Eat and Run	outer space alien enjoys eating Italians in New York	1986
119	End of Days	ineffectual Pope	1999
120	Enemy of the State	fake mob characters (Note: Will Smith's character – an affable, educated lawyer – casually refers to these evildoers as "Guido motherfuckers," then jokingly corrects himself: "The proper term is Italian Americans!")	1998
121	Eurotrip	gay seducer	2004
122	Everybody Wants to Be Italian	Italian caricatures	2008
123	Everybody Wins	evil woman	1989
124	Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex	evil Dr. Bernardo	1972
125	Eye for an Eye	Italian cop covers-up for vigilantism	1996
126	Eyes Wide Shut	"Fidelio" is used as the password for entrance to an orgy, where participants all wear Venetian masks	1999
127	Face in the Crowd	corrupt businessman	1957
128	Fading Gigolo	male flower shop worker becomes a male prostitute; also, when captured, his pimp (Woody Allen), makes a reference to the "Godfather" films (Note: Allen does the same in 1977's "Annie Hall")	2014

129	Fallen	Italian cop possessed by demon	1998
130	Fallen Arches	dysfunctional family	1999
131	Fast and Furious	race car driver turned thief on the lam	2001
132	Fast and Furious 4	race car driver thief brought to justice	2009
133	Fast and Furious 6	race car driver thief wins his freedom	2013
134	Fast Times at Ridgemont High	stoned surfer and greasy seducer	1982
135	Fatso	Italian slob	1980
136	Fight Club	Lou the bodyguard/thug	1999
137	Fighting Back	neighborhood store owner becomes a vigilante	1982
138	Five Corners	ghettoized Italians	1988
139	Five Graves to Cairo	bumbling Italian general	1943
140	Flight of the Phoenix	plane crash survivor commits suicide	1966
141	Forgetting Sarah Marshall	mentions Italian killer in a TV commercial	2008
142	Four Seasons	overbearing and insensitive best friend	1981
143	French Connection	drug smuggler	1971
144	Gang Related	corrupt cop	1997
145	Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight	criminals/low-lives	1973
146	Gentleman's Fate	Italian bootleggers	1931
147	Glass Shield	racist cop	1995
148	Glengarry Glen Ross	slimy Italian real estate salesman	1992
149	Go Naked in The World	Italian vamp destroys a family	1961
150	Go West	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1940
151	God's Pocket	sleazy neighborhood types	2014
152	Golden Gate	racist FBI agent	1994
153	Gone in 60 Seconds	British mob character named Cilitri	2000
154	Good Housekeeping	dysfunctional family	2002
155	Gran Torino	Italian barber called a dago	2008
156	Grease	Italian greasers in leather jackets	1978
157	Grease II	sequel to above	1982
158	Great Dictator	spoof of Mussolini	1940

		immigrant woman is accused of stealing and sent to jail; her son plots to kill the district attorney but evidence is found before he carries out his evil plot	1925
159	Greatest Love of All		1995
160	Hackers	computer hacker	1991
161	Hangin' with the Homeboys	sarcastic police officer	
162	Happiness	Little League baseball coach refers to his eleven year old son as a "fag." The same boy is later raped by a middle-aged neighbor.	1998
163	Happy Birthday, Gemini	ethnic caricatures	1999
164	Hard Vice	owner of phone-sex service	1994
165	Hate Crime	corrupt cop	2006
166	He Got Game	slick sports agent	1998
167	Heartbreak Hotel	buffoonish pizza maker	1988
168	Heat (The)	fake drug dealers	2013
169	Heaven Help Us	fat, dorky Catholic student	1984
170	Hell's Kitchen	a Dead End kid loser	1939
171	Hero	petty thief/loser	1992
172	Hey Arnold	animated cartoon with Nick Vermicelli ("little worms"), an assistant to a cold-hearted corporate real estate tycoon	2002
173	Hit and Runway	dese-dem-dose guy can't write a script	1999
174	Honeymoon in Vegas	gambling dentist and overweight bodyguard	1992
175	Horse Feathers	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1932
176	Hostage	emotionally unbalanced woman	1999
177	Hot Touch	sadist	1982
178	House of Numbers	nasty prison warden	1957
179	House of Strangers	corrupt Italian bankers	1949
180	Household Saints	buffoons and religious crackpots	1993
181	How to Murder Your Wife	Italian bimbo	1965
182	Hudson Hawke	Italian thief	1990
183	Hudsucker Proxy	comical Italian tailor and slick lounge lizard crooner	1994

		fictional cop symbolizes the racism of Paterson, New Jersey police department; also, film alleges a mob "fix" of Joey Giardello/Ruben Carter boxing match. (Note: Giardello sued the filmmakers for defamation and settled out of court.)	1999
184	Hurricane		
185	Husbands	Long Island boors run out on their wives	1971
186	I Love You to Death	cheating Italian husband	1990
187	I Shot Andy Warhol	real-life musclehead actor Joe Dallesandro	1995
188	I Stole a Million	petty thief	1939
189	I Wanna Hold Your Hand	raucous teenagers	1978
190	I Want To Live	petty criminal	1958
191	Idiot's Delight	fat woman	1939
192	In America	at an audition, a young Irish immigrant actor is asked to do "Vinnie the New York guy"; also, in the actor's run-down neighborhood, two of the area's junkies are named Frankie and Angela	2003
193	In The Army Now	Italian bimbo	1994
194	In The Mood	violent husband	1987
195	Incident (The)	knife-wielding punk and cowardly soldier	1967
196	In-Laws	wacky CIA operative	1979
197	Inside Llewyn Davis	lead character, a folk singer, says that "his mother was Italian" but nothing is made of this; later in the film, we learn that an Italian-surnamed folk club manager slept with the character's ex-girlfriend in exchange for letting her perform her songs on-stage	2013
198	Insider (The)	corporate bitch attorney	1999
199	Jackie Brown	dopey gunrunner	1997
200	Jackie Robinson Story	racist Italian baseball player (Note: Dodger pitcher Ralph Branca became one of Robinson's life-long friends.)	1956
201	Jailhouse Rock	crooner steals another singer's tune	1957
202	Jesus, Mary and Joey	ethnic caricatures	2006
203	Jimmy Glick in La La Wood	crude, obnoxious pop star	2004
204	Jimmy Hollywood	Italian loser	1991
205	Joey Breaker	slick Hollywood agent	1993
206	Johnny Skidmarks	blackmailer	1998

207	Judge Dredd	Italian villain named Rico	1995
208	Jungle Fever	racist Italians	1991
209	Jury Duty	incompetent judge	1994
210	Just You and Me, Kid	drug dealer	1979
211	Kick-Ass	drug dealer named D'Amico	2010
212	Kid Monk Baroni	Leonard Nimoy (Dr. Spock of "Star Trek") as a young punk from New York's Little Italy who uses boxing as an escape from his scummy neighborhood	1952
213	Killer's Kiss	boxer gets involved with murder	1955
214	Kings of Summer	weirdo Italian American kid	2013
215	Kiss Me Guido	streetwise buffoon tries to become an actor	1997
216	Kiss Me, Stupid	womanizer	1964
217	Kiss of Death	Italian crook turns informer	1948
218	Kiss of Death (1995)	Italian crook AND crooked Italian lawyer	1995
219	Kiss of The Beast	Italian American woman returns to her family's evil estate in Italy	1990
220	Kiss the Bride	kooky and crass Italian American family	2002
221	Knockout	sleazy boxing promoter	2000
222	Kraa the Sea Monster	outer space alien speaks with a broken accent	1998
223	L.I.E.	teenage male prostitute	2001
224	Lady of the Lake	crooked cop	1946
225	Larger Than Life	ruthless Hollywood agent	1996
226	Last Exit to Brooklyn	Italian slob	1989
227	Last Mile	prisoner	1932
228	Last of Sheila	shifty Italians	1973
229	Lawnmower Man	evil doctor	1992
230	League of Their Own	buffoonish baseball players	1992
231	Linda Lovelace	sleazy porn producers	2013
232	List of Adrian Messinger	con man disguises himself as an Italian	1962
233	Little Children	reference to a "rough-and-tumble" Italian guy	2006
234	Little Giants	nerdy football players	1994
235	Little Shop of Horrors	greaser in leather jacket	1986
236	Lock-Up	convict	1989

237	Looking for Mr. Goodbar	violent Italian stud	1977
238	Lords of Flatbush	Italian greasers in leather jackets	1974
239	Loser	sleazy strip club manager	2000
240	Love Always	loser boyfriend	1997
241	Love and Sex	dim-witted actor	2000
242	Love Happy	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1948
243	Love Is All There Is	feuding Italian families	1996
244	Love Ranch	Italian pimp; based on the real-life owner of the Mustang Ranch whorehouse	2010
245	Love Walked In	blackmailing private eye	1998
246	Lucas	Bruno the Bully	1986
247	M.A.S.H.	Army chaplain nicknamed Dago Red	1970
248	Madagascar	animated alligators with dese-dem-dose accents who live in the sewers	2005
249	Made for Each Other	Italian family caricature	1971
250	Maltese Falcon	grubby criminal Joe Cairo	1943
251	Man I Love	sleazy nightclub owner	1946
252	Man Who Cried (The)	egomaniacal opera singer	2000
253	Manhandled	sleazy businessman	1924
254	Marie	abusive husband	1985
255	Mask	grubby auto mechanic	1994
256	Master of Disguise	buffoons	2002
257	Master Touch	Italian thief	1972
258	Match Point	Caruso's beautiful rendition of " <i>O, Paradiso</i> " used as a backdrop for adultery and murder	2005
259	Matter of Time	gawky Roman hotel maid	1976
260	Me, Natalie	Al Pacino's film debut as a hoodlum named Tony	1967
261	Mean Girls	female high school student alleged to have "made love to a hot dog"	2004
262	Meet Wally Sparks	tough broad female assistant	1997
263	Memories of Me	earthy Hollywood extras	1988
264	Mermaids	blue-collar guy impregnates a nun	1990
265	Mickey and Nicky	low-life friends who betray each other	1976

266	Midnight Cowboy	all-around slob Ratso Rizzo	1969
267	Million Dollar Baby	sleazy boxing promoter	2004
268	Miracle of Sant'Anna	based on a Nazi massacre of civilians in a Tuscan town during WWII; director Spike Lee outraged people in Italy by suggesting that the Italian partisans were in cahoots with Nazis;	2008
269	Miracle on 34th Street	alcoholic department store Santa	1994
270	Mixed Nuts	Italian bimbo	1994
271	Monkey Business	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1994
272	Mortal Sins	Italian bimbo	1990
273	Mortal Thoughts	working class low-lives	1991
274	Moscow on the Hudson	giggling bimbo	1984
275	Mr. Imperium	American woman confronts Italian man who did her wrong	1946
276	Mrs. Winterbourne	slob seducer	1996
277	Muppet Treasure Island	rat puppet named Rizzo	1996
278	Muppets From Space	see above	1999
279	Murder on the Orient Express	railroad executive/murderer	1974
280	Music of Chance	two-bit gambler	1993
281	My Brother Jack	middle class family struggles with a son's heroin addiction	1997
282	My Cousin Vinny	slob lawyer; compare to real-life, dignified lawyers such as Vincent Bugliosi (who convicted Charles Manson) and Daniel Petrocelli (who won a civil case against O.J. Simpson); also, although Vinny's girlfriend is an expert car mechanic, she is portrayed as a New York caricature (loud clothes and uncouth manner).	1992
283	My Man Godfrey	Carlo the buffoon	1936
284	My Own Private Idaho	male prostitute	1991
285	National Lampoon's Animal House	corrupt mayor Carmine DePesto, who officiates at a parade gone wild	1978
286	National Lampoon's European Vacation	all-American family assaulted by Italians crooks while in Rome	1985
287	Natural Born Killers	slob Italian detective	1994
288	That Nazty Nuisance	spoof of Mussolini	1945
289	Never Steal Anything Small	corrupt union boss	1959
290	New Jack City	crazy, irresponsible cop	1991

291	New York, I Love You	crude dad and slutty daughter	2009
292	Night Falls on Manhattan	corrupt cop	1997
293	Night on Earth	buffoonish cab driver	1991
294	Night Ride	bank robber	1931
295	Nine	philandering and selfish film producer	2009
296	Norbit	a character says, "I'm Italiano..I shake-a you down!"	2006
297	North End	selfish investor and a neighborhood actor who specializes in "mob" roles	1998
298	Not Another Teen Movie	bimbos and freaks	2001
299	Not Fade Away	mean, clueless father	2012
300	Not for Publication	unsavory character named <i>Troppogrosso</i> ("too fat" in Italian)	1984
301	Object of My Affection	shrill, slobby female landlord	1998
302	Obsession	American businessman in Italy falls in love with his long-lost daughter	1976
303	Odd Couple	dumb guy named Vinny	1968
304	Officer and a Gentleman	punk naval officer is "all wop"	1982
305	Omen	Damien the Demon Child has Etruscan roots and is foisted on an innocent American couple by a shady priest in Rome	1976
306	On Her Majesty's Secret Service	James Bond marries an Italian woman, Contessa Teresa De Vicenzo...but she is ultimately killed by Bond's nemesis (and her father!) Marc Ange-Draco, played by the Italian actor Gabrielle Ferrezetti	1969
307	On the Run	Italian losers	1998
308	Once Upon a Crime	bad things happen to tourists in Rome	1992
309	One Night at McCool's	crude bar owner	2001
310	Only the Lonely	Sicilian American girl made butt of insults	1991
311	Orgazmo	greasy thugs	1998
312	Oscar (The)	tawdry stripper	1966
313	Out of Sight	bimbo wife of ex-con	1998
314	Out-of-Towners	bus driver named Fischetti dumps bedraggled tourist-couple off of public bus	1970
315	Outside Providence	dumb neighborhood kids	1999
316	Palookaville	fake low-lives	1996

317	Paradine Case	murderess	1947
318	Paradise Alley	three buffoonish Italian brothers in Hell's Kitchen	1978
319	Pee Wee's Big Adventure	bully named Mario	1985
320	Peggy Sue Got Married	Italian bimbo	1986
321	Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief	lead character has a stepfather he calls "smelly Gabe" Ugliano, who reeks of moldy garlic; Jackson's real father is the Olympic Greek God Poseidon	2010
322	Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl	buffoonish pirate a far cry from heroic Sicilian sailor Salvatore Catalano, who helped the United States win the "Barbary Pirate Wars" of the early 1800s	2003
323	Place Beyond the Pines	corrupt cop	2013
324	Play It to the Bone	sleazy boxing promoter. (Note: In real life, New Orleans featherweight Willie Pastrano taught Muhammed Ali how to "dance" in the ring, and, later, trainer Angelo Dundee helped guide Ali to greatness.)	2000
325	Player	washed-up Hollywood producer	1992
326	Pope Must Die	corrupt Italian Cardinal	1993
327	Porky's	Italian musclehead	1980
328	Poseidon Adventure	gruff New York cop and his ex-hooker wife	1972
329	Presumed Innocent	evil lawyers	1990
330	Pretty Woman	Hollywood hooker	1990
331	Prince of the City	crooked cop turns informer	1981
332	Princess Bride	evil villain	1987
333	Princess Diaries	positive Italian male teacher from the original novel is given an Irish surname; meanwhile, the Italian hairdresser in the book, also positive, is changed into the film version's main villain	2001
334	Private Benjamin	lower class New Yorker	1980
335	Puppets of Fate	naive Italian immigrant	1921
336	Puzzle of a Downfall Child	sleazy photographer	1971
337	Queen's Logic	neighborhood types	1990
338	Racing Stripes	in this children's cartoon, Joe Pantoliano (Guido the Killer Pimp in "Risky Business" and psychopath Ralph Cifaretto on "The Sopranos") voices the role of a mob-connected pelican from Jersey	2005

339	Racketeer	violinist gone criminal	1929
340	Raging Bull	boxer and wife-beater Jake LaMotta	1980
341	Rain People	psychologically damaged heroine	1969
342	Rambo: First Blood	macho cartoon Rambo	1982
343	Rambo: Part Two	see above	1984
344	Rambo: Part Three	see above	1989
345	Rat Race	buffoonish caricatures	2001
346	Ratatouille	animated French rat has to teach a bumbling garbage boy named Linguini how to cook	2007
347	Relax, It's Just Sex	Italian woman views her boyfriend as a sperm donor	1999
348	Requiem for a Heavyweight	shady boxing manager	1962
349	Rhinestone	Italian caricature	1984
350	Riding in Cars With Boys	dysfunctional family	2001
351	Righteous Kill	kinky female cop/forensics expert	2008
352	Risky Business	Guido the killer pimp	1983
353	Robin and the Seven Hoods	gamblers and thieves	1964
354	Rock (The)	rebel Marine	1996
355	Rock and Roll High School	Vince Lombardi High School is the epitome of academic failure (Note: real-life football coach Vince Lombardi was the epitome of WINNING!)	1978
356	Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone	Italian gigolo	1962
357	Romance and Cigarettes	ethnic caricatures	2007
358	Rome Adventure	Italian gigolo	1962
359	Room Service	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1938
360	Rosemary's Baby	homeless Italian girl gets involved with Satanists	1968
361	Rumble in the Bronx	violent Italian biker	1996
362	Runner (The)	assistant to ruthless gambling boss	1999
363	Rustler's Rhapsody	evil cowboys	1985
364	Sahara (2005)	buffoonish government official	2005
365	Salton Sea (The)	corrupt cop	2002
366	Sam's Song	early film in Robert De Niro's career; he plays a sleazy porno producer, Sam Nicoletti	1969

367	Saturday Night Fever	John Travolta as graceful but inarticulate Tony Manero	1977
368	Scorchy	drug smuggler named Bianco	1976
369	Search For One-Eyed Jimmy	neighborhood types	1993
370	Secret Of Santa Vittoria	buffoonish Italian peasants	1969
371	Secret War of Harry Frigg	deceptive Italian countess	1968
372	Seven Thieves	thief	1960
373	Seventh Sign	demonic avengers	1988
374	Sex and the City	flamboyant and pushy homosexual; also, a sexy next-door neighbor named Dante represents potential adultery	2008
375	Shaft (2000)	corrupt cop	2000
376	Shakedown	corrupt cop	1998
377	Shark Tale	animated film, produced by Steven Spielberg, which features evil, vicious "killer sharks" with Italian names, thus promoting ethnic prejudice to impressionable young viewers	2004
378	She Done Him Wrong	shows an Italian organ grinder	1933
379	She Hate Me	fake mob character; yet another example of gratuitous Italian bashing in a Spike Lee film	2004
380	Sherlock Holmes's Smarter Brother	fake mob character	1977
381	She's The One	adulterous neighbor	1996
382	Shock Corridor	incompetent doctor	1963
383	Short Eyes	jail prisoner	1978
384	Showgirls	tawdry stripper	1995
385	Shrek 2	Pinocchio wears women's clothing	2004
386	Sidewalks of New York	sleazy Italian lotharios	2001
387	Simpatico	sleazy embezzler	2000
388	Sin of Madelon Claudet	Italian thief	1932
389	Sinners	neighborhood types	1996
390	Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants	derogatory reference to Laverne DiFazio (Penny Marshall), the working-class Italian American character in the 1970s TV show, "Laverne and Shirley"	2005
391	Six Bridges to Cross	juvenile delinquent	1955

392	Sixteen Candles	middle-class "white" family (WASPs) has dinner with sleazy future Italian in-laws	1984
393	Sixth Sense	bratty youngster is referred to as a "punk" and "village idiot"	1999
394	Slappy and the Stinkers	evil sea-lion thief	1998
395	Sleeper	meddling doctor named Nero	1973
396	Sleuth	murderer and adulterer	1972
397	Smile	alcoholic husband	1976
398	Snake Eyes	corrupt cop	1998
399	Society Snobs	naive Italian waiter is passed off as a duke	1921
400	Soft Toilet Seats	sleazy stock trader	2000
401	Soldier's Daughter Never Cries	reference to a "wop" mother	1998
402	Solitary Man	corrupt, thuggish security guy/retired cop	2006
403	Somewhere	Johnny Marco, Hollywood loser	2011
404	Soylent Green	corrupt governor	1971
405	Spanish Prisoner	deceptive woman	1998
406	Stand By Me	garrulous dork	1986
407	Star Wars	evil and arrogant Admiral Motti	1977
408	Stayin' Alive	see Saturday Night Fever	1983
409	Stealing Beauty	Tuscan countryside looks gorgeous, but it attracts poseurs and weirdos	1996
410	Steel	Italian gigolo	1980
411	Steelyard Blues	Italian thief	1973
412	Stir of Echoes	under hypnosis, the hero recalls a childhood memory of being beaten up by a punk named Joey Lucca	1999
413	Stop or My Mom Will Shoot	kooky Sicilian American mom	1992
414	Strange Days	violent henchman	1995
415	Stuart Little	little mice kidnappers sing "That's Amore"	1999
416	Studio 54	sleazy drug dealer	1998
417	Summer of Sam	criminals, racists, perverts, sluts	1999
418	Super Mario Brothers	based on children's video game	1993
419	Surviving Christmas	crass Italian American family	2004
420	Survivors	wacky survivalist	1983

421	Suspect	slick attorney	1987
422	Swap	ex-convict	1996
423	Sweeney Todd	fake con-man barber	2008
424	Sweet Nothings	drug addict	1997
425	Taking Off	freakish pot-smoker	1971
426	Tango and Cash	buffoonish cop	1990
427	Telling You	slacker in a pizza joint	1998
428	Thank God It's Friday	Italian lounge lizard	1976
429	That Championship Season	corrupt businessman	1980
430	That Old Feeling	greasy photographer	1997
431	They Got Me Covered	Axis spy	1943
432	Thieves Highway	corrupt and violent produce broker	1949
433	Three of Hearts	manager of sex escort agency	1993
434	Till There was You	neighborhood types	1998
435	To Rome, With Love	made-in-Italy caricatures, including a fine opera singer who can only sing when naked in an on-stage shower	2012
436	Tony n' Tina's Wedding	ethnic caricatures	2004
437	Top Hat	foppish dress designer	1935
438	Topkapi	Giulio the Thief	1964
439	Touch of Evil	Mexican crime boss of Italian heritage	1958
440	Town (The)	good guy cop (though insulted as a 'dago')	2010
441	Transporter 2	Italian villain	2005
442	Trash	sexually impotent, lice-ridden oaf	1970
443	Trees Lounge	barflies and losers	1996
444	True Confessions	party girl is murdered	1981
445	True Love	Italian newlywed caricatures	1989
446	Under the Tuscan Sun	synthetic film version of author Frances Mayes's equally synthetic, condescending view of Italy	2003
447	Universal Soldier: The Return	evil villain named Romeo	1999
448	Up The Down Staircase	high school student tries to seduce his young teacher	1967
449	Used Cars	slick and dishonest car salesman	1981
450	Used People	Italian immigrant as outsider	1994

451	Valentino	Italian screen idol as effeminate fop	1977
452	Velocity of Gary	porno star	1999
453	Vendetta	murder and bloodshed in 19th century Corsica	1950
454	View from a Bridge	Italian longshoreman falls in love with his wife's niece	1958
455	Vintage (The)	Italian thieves	1957
456	Von Ryan's Express	bumbling Fascists	1965
457	Wag the Dog	White House spin doctor advises declaring a war on Italy to divert public's attention from presidential sex scandal (Note: Italy has been a loyal member of NATO for the past 60 years.)	1997
458	Wanderers	Italian greasers in leather jackets	1979
459	Water for Elephants	an Italian circus owner is referred to as a "cheap bastard"	2011
460	Wedding	Italian as outsider to wealthy WASP family	1977
461	Wedding Crashers	brief shot of main characters at an oafish Italian wedding; also, term "wop guinea" used when referring to an Italian lawyer;	2005
462	Wedding Planner	ethnic caricatures	2001
463	Wedding Singer	various Italian characters seen as dysfunctional	1998
464	West Side Story	Italian greasers in leather jackets	1961
465	What About Me	female junkie	1993
466	When Will I Be Loved	a sleazy Italian count	2004
467	While You Were Sleeping	Italian slob	1995
468	White Boy	juvenile delinquent	1999
469	White Heat	undercover cop disguises himself as an Italian criminal	1949
470	Whole Shebang	the luminous history of Italian Americans in the fireworks industry becomes a cliché-ridden romantic comedy	2000
471	Who's That Knocking At My Door	unemployed loafer	1967
472	Wicker Park	villainous husband	2004
473	Wild is the Wind	an unfulfilled Italian housewife falls in love with her adopted son	1957
474	Wild Things	psychopathic teacher	1998
475	Willie and Phil	Italian family caricatures	1980
476	Winners	gamblers and low-lives	1997

477	Wolf of Wall Street	bimbo trophy wife, half-Italian, refers to the Verrazzano Bridge in New York as "the Guinea gangplank"; also, the sleazy lead character is rescued at sea by Italian naval officers who care more about partying	2013
478	Woman Under the Influence	buffoonish blue-collar family man	1974
479	World's Greatest Lover	spoof of Valentino legend	1977
480	Year of the Gun	innocent American in Italy is stalked by terrorist group	1991
481	You've Got Mail	male characters reverently quote "Godfather" movies. (Note: In 1997, author Mario Puzo revealed that the fictional Don Vito Corleone, the symbol of masculine strength, was actually based on Puzo's mother, a tough immigrant woman who raised her kids alone after Puzo's father abandoned the family.)	1999
482	Zebrahead	racist Italian student and principal	1993

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No.	Film Title	Summary	Year
1	A Fine Mess	fake mob character	1986
2	A Shot on Ice	fake mob character	1985
3	Above the Law	fake mob character	1990
4	Across 110th Street	fake mob character	1972
5	American Born	fake mob character	1990
6	American Cousins	fake mob characters	2003
7	American Dragons	fake mob character	1997
8	American Friend	fake mob character	1977
9	American Gangster	fake mob character	2007
10	American Hustle	Although an Italian American mayor is seen on the right side of the law, an Italian American cop, DiMaso, is portrayed as an immature egomaniac; also, Robert De Niro's "Miami mobster," Vincent Tallegio, is a fake mob character who surprises the audience with his knowledge of the Arabic language (!)	2013
11	Analyze This	fake mob characters	1998
12	Analyze That	fake mob characters	2002
13	Anderson Tapes	fake mob character	1971
14	Angel's Dance	fake mob characters	1999
15	Another Stake-Out	fake mob character	1993
16	Any Which Way You Can	fake mob character	1980
17	Armed and Dangerous	fake mob character	1986
18	Atlantic City	fake mob character	1981
19	Austin Powers	fake mob character and seductive bimbo	1997
20	Babe: Pig in the City	Venice-inspired architecture, yet killer pit-bull dog speaks like Don Vito Corleone	1998
21	Bad Lieutenant (2009)	fake mob character	2009
22	Batman Begins	fake mob character	2005

23	Batman: The Dark Knight	although the caped crusader battles a multi-ethnic group of criminals, his chief nemesis, the Joker (Heath Ledger), specifically calls out, "Now, where's the Italian?" when referring to a fake mob character, played by Eric Roberts.	2008
24	Be Cool	fake mob character	2005
25	Beast of the City	fake mob character	1932
26	Beautiful City	immigrant flower vendor is spurned by his mother, who prefers her other son (a mob character)	1925
27	Bella Mafia	fake mob characters	1998
28	Betsy's Wedding	fake mob character	1990
29	Better Way To Die	fake mob character	2000
30	Beyond Dallas	speculation on JFK murder, "the mob did it"	2001
31	Big Brawl	fake mob character	1980
32	Big Combo	fake mob character	1955
33	Big Easy	fake mob characters	1987
34	Big Heat	fake mob character	1953
35	Big Hit	fake mob character	1998
36	Big Shot	fake mob character; however, he is described as "John Gotti's cousin" in order to authenticate the fictional stereotype	2004
37	Big Sleep	fake mob character	1946
38	Big Slice	fake mob character	1990
39	Big Store	Chico Marx/Chicolini	1941
40	Big Trouble	fake mob characters	2002
41	Biggest Bundle of Them All	fake mob character	1968
42	Black Belt Jones	fake mob character	1974
43	Black Caesar	fake mob character	1973
44	Black Gunn	fake mob characters	1972
45	Black Orchid	fake mob characters	1959
46	Black Rose of Harlem	fake mob character	1995
47	Black Tuesday	fake mob character	1954

48	Black Widow	successful businessman alleged to have mob ties	1987
49	Blankman	fake mob character	1994
50	Blood and Concrete	fake mob characters	1993
51	Blood Ties	fake mob characters	2014
52	Blood Vows	fake mob characters	1995
53	Bloodhounds of Broadway	fake mob characters	1989
54	Boiling Point	fake mob character	1993
55	Boondock Saints	fake mob character	2000
56	Boondock Saints II	fake mob character	2009
57	Born Bad	fake mob character	1997
58	Born to Run	fake mob characters	1993
59	Bound	fake mob character	1996
60	Breach of Trust	fake mob characters	1996
61	Breakaway	fake mob characters	1993
62	Breathless	fake mob character	1983
63	Bride of the Mafia	fake mob characters	1994
64	Broadway Danny Rose	fake mob characters	1983
65	Brooklyn Rules	fake mob characters	2007
66	Brooklyn State of Mind	Italian girl seeks revenge on fake mob character who killed her father	1998
67	Brother	fake mob characters	2001
68	Brother Orchid	fake mob character becomes a monk	1940
69	Brotherhood	fake mob characters	1968
70	Brothers Rico	fake mob characters	1957
71	Buddy, Buddy	fake mob character	1981
72	Bugsy Malone	kids done up as fake mob characters	1975
73	Bulldog Drummond's Bride	fake mob character	1939
74	Bullet to the Head	fake mob characters	2012
75	Bulletproof Heart	fake mob characters	1995
76	Bullets Over Broadway	fake mob characters	1994
77	Bulworth	fake mob character	1998
78	Busybody	fake mob characters	1967

79	Cadillac Man	fake mob character	1990
80	Cannonball II	fake mob characters	1984
81	Car 54	fake mob character	1994
82	Carlito's Way	fake mob characters	1993
83	Charley Varrick	fake mob character	1974
84	Chase (The)	fake mob character	1946
85	Chicago	fake mob character Al Capelli (a cappella, get it?)	2002
86	Chicago Overcoat	fake mob characters	2011
87	City Hall	fake mob characters	1996
88	City Heat	fake mob characters	1984
89	Clerks	reference to fake mob character	1994
90	Client	fake mob character	1994
91	Code of Silence	fake mob characters	1985
92	Coffy	fake mob character	1973
93	Coldblooded	fake mob character	1994
94	College Road Trip	cameos by actors from the Sopranos	2008
95	Computer Wore Tennis Shoes (The)	fake mob character	1970
96	Concrete War	fake mob characters	1991
97	Contract on Cherry Street	fake mob character	1977
98	Cookie	fake mob characters	1989
99	Cooler (The)	fake mob characters; also, slutty waitress and slick lounge singer	2003
100	Coonskin	fake (animated) mob character	1975
101	Cop and 1/2	fake mob character	1993
102	Copland	fake mob subplot	1997
103	Cops and Robbers	fake mob characters	1973
104	Corky	fake mob character	2001
105	Crew (The)	fake mob characters	2004
106	Crime Spree	fake mob character	2003
107	Crimes and Misdemeanors	fake mob character	1989
108	Criminal Mind	fake mob character	1993
109	Crooked Way (The)	fake mob character	1949

110	Crosscut	fake mob character	1996
111	Cry Vengeance	fake mob character	1954
112	Curse of Inferno	fake mob characters	1996
113	Damned Don't Cry	fake mob characters	1950
114	Dark Street	fake mob character	1929
115	Date Night	fake mob character	2010
116	Day at the Beach	fake mob character	1998
117	Day It Came to Earth (The)	fake mob character	1979
118	Dead Pool	fake mob character	1988
119	Dead Reckoning	fake mob character	1947
120	Deadline U.S.A.	fake mob character	1955
121	Deadly Addiction	fake mob character	1988
122	Deathwish IV	fake mob character	1987
123	Decay	fake mob character	1998
124	Departed (The)	Irish mob movie includes a gratuitous scene deriding fake mob characters ("No use crying over spilled Guineas!")	2006
125	Destiny of Marty Fine	fake mob character	1996
126	Detective School Drop-out	fake mob characters	1994
127	Devlin	fake mob character	1992
128	Diane of Star Hallow	innocent daughter of Black Hand boss	1921
129	Dick Tracy	fake mob character	1990
130	Dinner Rush	fake mob characters	2000
131	Dirty Tricks	fake mob character	1981
132	Dirty Work	fake mob character	1998
133	Disorganized Crime	fake mob character	1989
134	Doctor Detroit	fake mob character	1992
135	Doctor Doolittle 2	beaver character speaks like Don Vito Corleone	2001
136	Dogfather (The)	fake mob characters	2010
137	Don is Dead (The)	fake mob character	1974
138	Doughboys	fake mob characters	2008
139	Dumb and Dumber	fake mob character	1994

140	Dust	fake mob character	1999
141	Eight Heads in a Duffel Bag	fake mob characters	1997
142	Enforcer	fake mob character	1950
143	Eraser	fake mob character	1996
144	Escape to Witch Mountain	heroic car-driver linked to mob	2009
145	Eureka	fake mob character	1995
146	Excess Baggage	fake mob character	1997
147	Excessive Force II	fake mob character	1995
148	Eyes of an Angel	fake mob character	1994
149	Eyewitness	reference to fake mob character	1981
150	F/X	fake mob character	1985
151	Faithful	fake mob character	1994
152	Fake Out	fake mob character	1982
153	Family	fake mob characters	1986
154	Family (1989)	fake mob characters	1989
155	Family (2013)	fake mob characters	2013
156	Family Business	fake mob characters	1989
157	Family Enforcer	fake mob character	1978
158	Fast Money	fake mob characters	1996
159	Fear City	fake mob characters	1984
160	Federal Hill	fake mob characters	1994
161	File on Thelma Jordan	fake mob character	1950
162	Finger Points (The)	fake mob character	1931
163	Fingers	fake mob character	1978
164	Firm	fake mob characters	1993
165	First Wives Club	fake mob character	1996
166	Fist of Honor	fake mob character	1992
167	Force of Evil	fake mob character	1948
168	Four Deadly Reasons	fake mob characters	2002
169	Freebie and the Bean	fake mob character	1974
170	Freshman	Marlon Brando parodies his Vito Corleone character	1990

171	Frogs for Snakes	fake mob character	1999
172	Funeral	fake mob characters	1996
173	Gambler	fake mob characters	1974
174	Gangs of New York	fake mob character	1938
175	Gangsters	fake mob characters	1994
176	Gauntlet	fake mob characters	1977
177	Get Shorty	fake mob characters	1995
178	Getaway	fake mob character	1973
179	Ghost	fake mob characters	1990
180	Ghost Dog	fake mob character	2000
181	Gigli	fake mob characters	2003
182	Gladiator	fake mob character	1992
183	Glass Key	fake mob characters	1942
184	Gloria	fake mob character	1980
185	Gloria (1998)	new version	1998
186	Godfather (The)	fictional film which officially represents the Italian American immigrant experience	1972
187	Godfather II	same as above	1974
188	Godfather III	same as above	1990
189	Godmothers	fake mob character	1973
190	Good Bad Guy	fake mob character	1997
191	Goonies	fake mob characters	1985
192	Gun Shy	fake mob character	1999
193	Gunmen	fake mob character	1992
194	Happening (The)	fake mob character	1967
195	Hard Guy	fake mob character	1941
196	Hard Justice	fake mob characters	1992
197	Harder They Fall	fake mob character	1956
198	Harlem Nights	fake mob characters	1989
199	Harvard Man	fake mob characters	2002
200	Heartbreakers	fake mob characters	2001
201	Hell On Frisco Bay	fake mob character	1956

202	Hell Up in Harlem	fake mob characters	1973
203	Hey, Good Lookin'	fake (animated) punks and mob characters	1982
204	Hide in Plain Sight	fake mob character	1980
205	Hiding Out	fake mob characters	1987
206	Highpoint	fake mob character	1984
207	His Kind of Woman	fake mob character	1951
208	Hit List	fake mob character	1988
209	Hitman's Run	fake mob character	1999
210	Hollow Point	fake mob character	1995
211	Hoodlum Empire	fake mob character	1952
212	Hoods	fake mob character	1992
213	Hoods (1998)	fake mob characters	1998
214	Houseguest	fake mob character	1995
215	Hugo Pool	fake mob character	1988
216	Hustle	fake mob character	1975
217	I, Mobster	fake mob character	1959
218	Ice	fake mob character	1994
219	Illtown	fake gay mob character	1998
220	I'm Not Rappaport	actor does a mob character impression	1996
221	Immortals (The)	fake mob character	1995
222	In The Kingdom of the Blind, The Man with One Eye is King	fake mob character	1994
223	In The Line of Duty: Mob Justice	fake mob characters	1993
224	In the Mix	fake mob character	2005
225	In The Soup	fake mob character	1994
226	Innocent Blood	fake (vampire) mob character	1996
227	Inside The Mafia	fake mob characters	1959
228	International (The)	fake mob characters	2009
229	Jane Austen's Godfather	spoof of Godfather films	1998
230	Jerky Boys	fake mob characters	1994
231	Johnny Allegro	fake mob characters	1940
232	Johnny Banco	fake mob character	1967

233	Johnny Cool	fake mob character	1963
234	Johnny Dangerously	fake mob characters	1984
235	Juror	fake mob character	1996
236	Kangaroo Jack	fake mob characters	2003
237	Kansas City Confidential	fake mob character	1952
238	Kentucky Fried Movie	spoof of mob films	1977
239	Key Largo	fake mob characters	1948
240	Kicked in the Head	fake mob character	1997
241	Kill Me Again	fake mob character	1989
242	Kill the Irishman	fake mob characters	2011
243	Killing of a Chinese Bookie	fake mob characters	1973
244	Killing of a Chinese Bookie (1997)	1997 remake (see above)	1997
245	Killing Them Softly	fake mob characters	2012
246	King of New York	fake mob characters	1990
247	Kiss Me Deadly	fake mob character	1955
248	Kiss Toledo Goodbye	fake mob character	1998
249	Knock on Any Door	fake mob character	1949
250	Kounterfeit	fake mob character	1996
251	Lady and The Mob	fake mob characters	1939
252	Last Action Hero	fake mob chieftain . . . named Vivaldi!	1993
253	Last Boy Scout	fake mob character	1991
254	Last Don	fake mob characters	1997
255	Last Don II	fake mob characters	1998
256	Last Hour	fake mob character	1991
257	Last Mafia Marriage	fake mob characters	1995
258	Last Man Standing	fake mob characters	1996
259	Last Rites	fake mob character (who controls a Catholic priest)	1988
260	Last Run	fake mob character	1971
261	Last Seduction	fake mob character	1994
262	Last Word	fake mob character	1995
263	Law and the Underworld	fake mob characters	1938

264	Law of Suspicion	murderous attorney/fake mob characters	1998
265	Legacy of Lies	fake mob character	1992
266	Line of Fire	fake mob character	1991
267	Little Caesar	Edward G. Robinson as Rico Bandelli	1931
268	Little Fockers	character is called "The Godfather"	2010
269	Living Italian	fake mob character	1994
270	Loan Shark	fake mob characters	1952
271	Long Good Friday	fake mob characters	1982
272	Long Wait	fake mob character	1954
273	Lord of the City	fake mob character	1997
274	Lucky Lady	fake mob characters	1975
275	Lucky Nick Cain	fake mob character	1951
276	Machine Gun Blues	fake mob character	1993
277	Machine Gun McGann	fake mob character	1970
278	Mad Dog and Glory	fake mob characters	1993
279	Mad Dog Time	fake mob character	1996
280	Made	fake mob characters	2001
281	Made Man	fake mob character	1996
282	Madigan's Millions	U.S. Treasury agent sent to Italy to recover monies stolen by fake mob character	1968
283	Mafia Princess	based on real-life incidents	1986
284	Magnum Force	fake mob characters	1973
285	Mambo Café'	fake mob character	1999
286	Man of the House	fake mob character	1994
287	Man with a Gun	fake mob character	1995
288	Married to the Mob	fake mob characters	1988
289	Matilda	fake mob character	1978
290	Me and The Mob	fake mob character	1994
291	Men of Respect	fake mob characters	1996
292	Mickey Blue Eyes	fake mob characters	1999
293	Mickey One	fake mob characters	1966
294	Midnight Run	fake mob character	1987

295	Miller's Crossing	fake mob character	1991
296	Mob Boss	fake mob character	1990
297	Mobsters	fake mob characters	1991
298	Money for Nothing	fake mob characters	1993
299	Money Plays	fake mob character	1998
300	Money Talks	fake mob characters	1997
301	Monkey Troubles	fake mob characters	1994
302	Monsignor	fake mob character	1986
303	More Dogs Than Bone	fake female mob character	2000
304	Movie, Movie	fake mob character	1978
305	Mr. Majestyk	fake mob character	1974
306	Mulholland Drive	fake mob character	2001
307	Mulholland Falls	fake mob character	1996
308	Murder by Contract	fake mob character	1958
309	My Blue Heaven	fake mob character	1990
310	My Five Wives	fake mob character	2000
311	My Six Convicts	fake mob character	1952
312	Naked Face	fake mob character	1984
313	Naked Truth	fake mob character	1992
314	Narrow Margin	fake mob character	1990
315	National Lampoon's Don's Analyst	fake mob characters	1997
316	Nervous Tics	fake mob character	1992
317	Never a Dull Moment	fake mob character	1943
318	New York Confidential	fake mob characters	1955
319	New York Cop	fake mob character	1995
320	Night and the City	fake mob character	1994
321	Night of the Warrior	fake mob character	1991
322	No Exit	fake mob character	1998
323	No Retreat, No Surrender	fake mob character	1990
324	No Way Back	fake mob character	1996
325	North Avenue Irregulars	fake mob characters	1979
326	Odd Jobs	fake mob character	1984

327	Odds Against Tomorrow	fake mob characters	1959
328	Omerta'	fake mob character	2001
329	Once in the Life	fake mob character	2000
330	One Deadly Round	fake mob character	1998
331	One Fine Day	fake mob subplot	1996
332	Oscar	a fake comical mob character	1991
333	Out for Justice	fake mob characters	1991
334	Outfit	fake mob characters	1974
335	Palermo Connection	fake mob characters	1990
336	Panther	fake mob characters	1995
337	Paper	newspaper drama with fake mob subplot	1994
338	Pat and Mike	fake mob character	1952
339	Penthouse	fake mob character	1933
340	Persons Unknown	fake mob character	1996
341	Pick-Up Artist	fake mob character	1987
342	Pink Panther 2	Italian officer's family name is Doncorleone	2005
343	Pizza and Bullets	fake mob characters	2004
344	Plan B	fake mob characters	2001
345	Plot Against Harry	fake mob characters	1968
346	Pope of Greenwich Village	fake mob characters	1984
347	Power of Attorney	fake mob character	1994
348	Prince of Mulberry Street	fake mob characters	1999
349	Prizzi's Honor	fake mob characters	1985
350	Professional	fake mob character	1995
351	Pronto	fake mob character	1997
352	Public Eye	fake mob characters	1994
353	Pulp Fiction	fake mob character	1994
354	Punisher	fake mob characters	1991
355	Pure Danger	fake mob character	1996
356	Pushover	fake mob character	1954
357	Q & A	fake mob characters	1990
358	Quick	fake mob character	1993

359	Quick Change	fake mob character	1990
360	Racket (The)	fake mob character	1928
361	Raising Heroes	fake mob characters	1996
362	Randy and the Mob	fake mob characters	2007
363	Rave Review	fake mob character	1994
364	Raw Deal	fake mob characters	1986
365	Red Line	fake mob character	1996
366	Religulous	documentary on religion refers to religious leaders as "enablers, like mafia wives"	2008
367	Reservoir Dogs	fake mob character	1992
368	Rich Man's Wife	fake mob character	1996
369	Ritz (The)	fake mob character	1976
370	Road Demon	fake mob character	1938
371	Road to Redemption	fake mob characters	2001
372	Roadhouse	fake mob character	1989
373	Robin Hood: Men in Tights	spoof of Don Vito Corleone	1993
374	Rocketeer	fake mob character	1991
375	Rogue Cop	fake mob character	1954
376	Romeo & Juliet	updated version set in violent L.A.	1996
377	Romeo is Bleeding	fake mob character	1995
378	Rounders	fake mob characters	1998
379	Ruby (1977)	spirit of dead mob character possesses young girl	1977
380	Running Scared (2006)	fake mob characters	2006
381	Saints and Sinners	fake mob characters	1994
382	Sally and Angela	fake mob characters	2001
383	See Spot Run	FBI dog chases fake mob character	2001
384	Set it Off	homage to Don Vito Corleone	1996
385	Seven Eleven (711) Ocean Drive	fake mob character	1950
386	Seven-Ups	fake mob characters	1973
387	Shaft	fake mob character	1971
388	Shaft's Big Score	fake mob characters	1972
389	Sharkey's Machine	fake mob characters	1981

390	She's So Lovely	character alleged to have mob past	1997
391	Silver Bears	fake mob character	1977
392	Simpsons Movie	cameo by Fat Tony the mobster	2007
393	Sister Act	fake mob characters	1992
394	Slaughter	fake mob character	1972
395	Sleepers	fake mob character	1996
396	Slight Case of Murder	fake mob characters	1938
397	Smokin' Aces	fake mob characters	2006
398	Sneakers	computer expert associated with fake mob characters	1990
399	Social Network	reference to HBO's mob series "Sopranos"	2010
400	Someone to Watch Over Me	fake mob character	1989
401	Spike of Bensonhurst	fake mob characters	1988
402	Split Decisions	fake mob characters	1988
403	Squealer (The)	fake mob character	1930
404	State of Grace	fake mob character	1990
405	Stiletto	fake mob character	1969
406	Sting (The)	fake mob character	1973
407	Stone Killer	fake mob characters	1984
408	Story of Temple Drake	fake mob character	1932
409	Stranger Among Us	fake mob character	1993
410	Stranger's Kiss	fake mob character	1984
411	Suckers	fake mob character	2001
412	Sugar Hill	fake mob characters	1994
413	Sugartime	fake mob characters	1995
414	Suicide Kings	fake mob character	1998
415	Suicide Ride	fake mob character	1994
416	Sweet and Lowdown	fake mob character	1999
417	Syndicate	fake mob characters	1969
418	Takeover	fake mob character	1994
419	Ten-Benny	fake mob characters	1998
420	Thief	fake mob character	1981

421	Things Change	fake mob character	1989
422	Things To Do In Denver When You're Dead	fake mob characters	1996
423	Thinner	fake mob character	1996
424	Thirty Six Hours To Die	fake mob characters	1999
425	Those Who Dance	fake mob characters	1930
426	Three Days to Kill	fake mob character mocked via a pun	2014
427	Thunder Road	fake mob characters	1958
428	Tiger Heart	fake mob characters	1996
429	To Die For	fake mob characters	1995
430	To the Limit	fake mob characters	1995
431	Toy Soldiers	fake mob character	1991
432	Trapped in Paradise	fake mob character	1994
433	Trial (The)	fake mob character	2000
434	Trial by Jury	fake mob characters	1993
435	Trick Baby	fake mob character	1974
436	Troop Beverly Hills	homage to Vito Corleone	1989
437	Trouble Bound	fake mob character	1993
438	True Friends	fake mob character	1998
439	True Romance	fake mob characters	1994
440	Truth or Consequences, N.M.	fake mob characters	1997
441	Twin Sitters	fake mob characters	1994
442	Two Days in the Valley	fake mob character	1996
443	Two Much	fake mob characters	1996
444	Under Hellgate Bridge	fake mob characters	1999
445	Undercover Man	fake mob character	1949
446	Vampire in Brooklyn	fake mob characters	1996
447	Wait Until Dark	fake mob character	1967
448	Waiting for The Man	fake mob character	1998
449	Wannabees	fake mob characters	2002
450	Way of the Gun	fake mob character	2000
451	Weekend at Bernie's	fake mob character	1991

452	We're Talking Serious Money	fake mob characters	1993
453	When Gangland Strikes	fake mob characters	1959
454	Where The Sidewalk Ends	fake mob character	1948
455	White Men Can't Jump	fake mob characters	1994
456	Wise Guy	fake mob character	1985
457	Wiseguys	fake comical mob characters	1986
458	X Men: First Class	fake mob characters; also, it's alleged that the Italian ambassador frequents strip clubs	2011
459	Year of the Dragon	fake mob character	1985

Category: Negative Rome/Renaissance Portrayals 26 films			
No.	Film Title	Summary	Year
1	Being Human	decadent Rome	1992
2	Ben Hur	decadent Rome	1928
3	Ben Hur (1959)	decadent Rome	1959
4	Caligula	classical Rome as Porno City	1980
5	Carry On Cleo	spoof of classical Rome	1964
6	Carry On Columbus	spoof of Columbus's journey	1992
7	Casanova's Big Night	buffoonish spoof of Italy/Italian history	1954
8	Cleopatra	decadent Rome	1934
9	Cleopatra (1963)	decadent Rome	1963
10	Conquest of Paradise	Christopher Columbus as exploiter	1992
11	Curse of the Faceless Man	evil is unleashed at ruins of Pompeii	1958
12	Dead Poets Society	study of Latin equated with oppressive educational system	1989
13	Demetrius and the Gladiators	decadent Rome	1954
14	Devil's Brother	costume comedy with Laurel and Hardy	1933
15	Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum	burlesque of classical Rome	1966
16	Gladiator (2000)	dignified portrayal of Emperor Marcus Aurelius, also, city of Rome is recreated in all of its splendor; however, overall image of Rome is negative	2000
17	History of the World, Part One	burlesque of classical Rome	1981
18	I, Claudius	decadent Rome	1937
19	Night at the Museum	Christopher Columbus and a classical Roman (Octavius) seen in derisive comic-book terms	2006
20	Pompeii	evil Romans	2014
21	Quo Vadis	decadent Rome	1951
22	Roman Scandals	burlesque of classical Rome	1933
23	Sign of the Cross	decadent Rome	1934
24	Spartacus	a slave rebels against decadent Roman Empire	1960
25	Story of Mankind	decadent Rome	1957

26 Titus

decadent Rome

1999

Category: Positive Portrayals 460 films			
No.	Film Title	Summary	Year
1	25th Hour	female high school student	2003
2	42	life story of baseball great Jackie Robinson, includes his friendship with fellow Brooklyn Dodger Ralph Branca	2013
3	55 Days at Peking	diplomat	1963
4	A Bell for Adano	American G.I. helps Sicilian villagers get a bell for their church	1946
5	A Haunting We Will Go	magician named Dante	1942
6	A Man's Castle	a positive if condescending reference to Italy ("I want to live there...people eat and play the guitar all day")	1933
7	Absence of Malice	convent employee struggles with abortion	1981
8	Ace Ventura: Pet Detective	real-life, all-American football hero Dan Marino is kidnapped	1994
9	Adventures of Pinocchio	update of classical father-son story	1996
10	Affair to Remember	wealthy playboy learns to love	1957
11	After Office Hours	restaurant owner	1935
12	Age of Innocence	young Italian maid to wealthy WASP family	1993
13	Air Bud II Golden Receiver	competent football coach	1998
14	Airplane	competent air traffic controller	1980
15	Airport	George Kennedy as pilot who struggles to save a damaged airliner	1970
16	Airport 1975	George Kennedy from previous airport film is now Vice President of Airline	1975
17	Alex in Wonderland	appearance by Federico Fellini	1969
18	Ali	Angelo Dundee, trainer to the great Muhammad Ali	2001
19	All the Right Moves	working-class street kid	1983
20	Amati Girls	widow and her four grown daughters support each other	2001

21	American (The)	beauty of the Abruzzo region enlivens thriller; also, a kind Italian priest teaches a hardened American hit man to truly love a local Italian woman (a prostitute, of course!)	2010
22	American Anthem	male gymnastics champion	1986
23	Amore	Italian heart-throb	1993
24	Angels and Demons	the usual intrigues and assassinations in Rome, but many competent Italian priests and police officers	2009
25	Angels Over Broadway	sympathetic showgirl	1940
26	Angels with Dirty Faces	storekeeper	1938
27	Anthony Adverse	adventurer/businessman raised by Italian nuns	1936
28	Any Given Sunday	driven football coach	1999
29	Anzio	covers the Allied liberation of Rome during World War II	1962
30	Arise, My Love	reporter	1940
31	Art School Confidential	college film student named Vince and a lively bar owner named Broadway Bob D'Annunzio	2006
32	As You Desire Me	Italian army officer	1932
33	Atlantis	animated version of explorers seeking the famous island; one of them is an Italian demolitions expert named Vincenzo	2001
34	Attack	fierce lieutenant	1955
35	Avanti!	American businessman finds love in magical Italy	1971
36	Bachelor Father	housewife	1931
37	Backstreet Dreams	kindly father figure amidst unsavory characters	1990
38	Barton Fink	competent police detective	1990
39	Basquiat	warm-hearted waitress	1996
40	Beach Blanket Bingo	Frankie and Annette as the cool kids	1965

41	Beat (The)	documentary featuring Italian American Beat Poets Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Gregory Corso	1999
42	Beer Wars	documentary on U.S. beer industry; Sam Caglione of successful Dogfish Brewery in Delaware is highlighted	2009
43	Being John Malkovich	cameo of a great puppeteer	1999
44	Bell, Book and Candle	real-life jazz greats Pete and Conte Candoli make guest appearance	1959
45	Berkeley in the 60's	documents the Free Speech student movement at Berkeley, led by student/orator Mario Savio	1990
46	Big Broadcast	jazz great Eddie Lang (born Salvatore Massaro) accompanies Bing Crosby on a song	1932
47	Big Eyes	actor Jon Polito plays a small role as Enrico Banducci, the progressive owner of The hungry i nightclub in San Francisco	2014
48	Big Night	two Italian brothers try to revive their struggling New Jersey restaurant	1996
49	Big Red One	World War II film with generic Brooklyn boy	1980
50	Bikini Beach	see Beach Blanket Bingo	1964
51	Birdy	Italian American Vietnam vet tries to comfort his psychologically damaged buddy	1984
52	Black Stallion	Sardinian fishermen rescue an American boy on an island; also, later, there is a brief mention of an Italian jockey	1979
53	Blackhawk Down	heroic soldier	2001
54	Blinking Madonna and Other Miracles	short documentary about an alleged miracle during a religious feast in Boston	1996
55	Blondie Hits the Jackpot	restaurant owner	1949
56	Blood Red	robber baron steals the land of Sicilian farmers in California by killing their patriarch; the son understandably fights back	1989
57	Blue Streak	competent cop	1999
58	Blume in Love	set in magical Venice	1974

59	Bobby	dignified hotel employee	2006
60	Bodyguard	tough-guy protector	1992
61	Bone Collector	competent police detective	1999
62	Born on the Fourth of July	childhood friend of Vietnam vet	1989
63	Bourne Identity	American CIA operative, shot and tossed into the ocean, is saved by an Italian fisherman	2002
64	Boy Meets Girl II	beautiful girl	1998
65	Boy on a Dolphin	Sophia Loren's beauty electrifies the screen	1957
66	Brass Target	heroic soldier	1978
67	Bread, My Sweet (The)	corporate manager in Pittsburgh who also works in his family's baking business tries to reunite neighbors	2002
68	Brian's Song	true story of friendship between Chicago Bears football players Gayle Sayers and Brian Piccolo	1971
69	Bridge at Remagen	Italian American sergeant	1969
70	Bridges of Madison County	Italian immigrant woman, trapped in a sterile American marriage, finds romance with a photographer	1995
71	Bringing Out the Dead	playing of a Frank Sinatra song revives a heart attack victim	1999
72	Bruce Almighty	singer Tony Bennett makes an appearance	2003
73	Bull Durham	baseball player	1988
74	Captain Corelli's Mandolin	brave and sensitive Italian soldier	2001
75	Cardinal	intelligent priests	1963
76	Cars	animated cars (a Fiat and an Isetta)	2006
77	Celebrity	nice-guy TV producer. Note: a fake mob character makes a cameo appearance for a cheap laugh.	1998
78	Charlie St. Cloud	heroic paramedic	2010
79	Chasing Liberty	city of Venice enlivens teen movie	2004
80	Cheap Detective	Italian American detective	1978
81	Choirboys	"scuzzy" police detective nonetheless treats young homosexual with sensitivity	1978

82	Christopher Columbus	the Italian navigator as courageous explorer	1949
83	Ciao, America	Italian American in his late 20s goes back to Italy and rediscovers his roots	2003
84	Citizen Kane	Yes, even the Great American Movie has an amusing but broad caricature of an opera coach hired by the title character	1941
85	Citizen Saint	life story of Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini, the first American Saint	1948
86	City of Hope	features corrupt Italian mayor, yet middle-class Italian family is viewed as genuine	1991
87	Clash by Night	Italian characters deal with the romantic schemings of an American woman	1952
88	Cloak and Dagger	female resistance fighter	1946
89	Cobb	actor does cameo of jazz great Louis Prima	1994
90	Cold Wind in August	Italian father tries to discourage his teenage son's affair with an older stripper	1961
91	Come September	American businessman oversees hectic events at his summer Italian villa	1961
92	Crimson Tide	young Italian American naval officers display heroism	1996
93	Crocodile Dundee	cab driver befriends Australian refugee	1990
94	Crossroads	young classical guitarist learns to play the blues	1985
95	Cry of the City	good Italian cop goes after Italian bad guy	1954
96	Daylight	heroic man-of-action	1996
97	Days of Heaven	vaudeville performer	1978
98	Death Takes a Holiday	Italian nobleman	1934
99	Deathmask	police captain	1984
100	Deep Blue Ocean	Italian family goes through a personal crisis	1999
101	Deep Impact	courageous government worker gives his life fighting a giant meteor	1998
102	Destination Tokyo	heroic Italian sergeant	1943
103	Devil's Brigade	ragtag military prisoners become good fighters	1968

104	Dick	teenage girl	1999
105	Die Hard	female executive	1988
106	Dominick and Eugene	medical student Ray Liotta takes care of mentally challenged brother Tom Hulce	1988
107	Don't Knock the Twist	Singer Vic Dana as himself	1962
108	Dondi	pesky but cute war orphan	1961
109	Doors (The)	nightclub owner	1990
110	Dressed to Kill	competent police detective	1980
111	Driven	race car champion	2001
112	Dude, Where's My Car?	appearance by sex symbol Fabio	2000
113	Dust Be My Destiny	Henry Armetta as Nick Balucci, coffee shop owner who give jobs to ex-convicts	1939
114	Dust to Glory	documentary on the race car industry features all-time great Mario Andretti	2005
115	East of Eden	father of son drafted for WWI	1955
116	Eat, Pray, Love	<i>la bell'italia</i> used as a backdrop	2010
117	Ed Wood	B movie actor	1994
118	Eddie and the Cruisers	rock and roll band whose friendships are tested by success	1983
119	Eddie and the Cruisers Part II	see above	1989
120	Eight Days a Week	Italian grandfather gives his grandson advice about how to be romantic	1999
121	Election	brief shot of high school teacher, Mathew Broderick, imagining himself as a suave Italian playboy	1999
122	Ever After	Leonardo DaVinci as a guiding spirit	1998
123	Everybody Says I Love You	scenes set in magical Venice	1996
124	Face in the Rain	U.S. spy is hidden by Italian partisans	1963
125	Fail Safe	military advisor to President	1964
126	Fame	talented musician	1980
127	Fantasia	use of Almicare Ponchielli's music	1940
128	Far and Away	boxer	1992
129	Farewell to Arms	military officers	1932

130	Farewell to Arms (1957)	see above	1957
131	Faster	competent female cop named Cicero	2010
132	Ferris Bueller's Day Off	Ferrari automobile is the epitome of high style	1986
133	Fever Pitch	baseball great Tony Canigliaro is mentioned	2005
134	Fire on the Mountain	documentary on the 10th Mountain Division who fought Nazis in the Italian Alps during World War II. (Note: Former U.S. Senator Robert Dole was a member of the Division and his life was saved by an Italian-American soldier, Frank Carafa.)	1996
135	First Deadly Sin	competent Dr. Bernardi	1980
136	First Kid	features a cameo by the late Congressman Sonny Bono	1996
137	Fish Called Wanda	use of Italian words increases the libido	1988
138	Fisher King	tough broad character acted with decent intelligence by Mercedes Ruehl	1991
139	Five Pennies	Harry Guardino as jazz musician	1959
140	Flatliners	medical student	1990
141	Flight for Freedom	restaurant owner	1943
142	Follow the Boys	beauty of Italy enlivens comedy	1963
143	For Roseanna	husband tries to assist dying wife	1997
144	For the First Time	opera singer finds true love	1959
145	Fort Apache, the Bronx	good-guy cop	1981
146	Fortunate Pilgrim	Italian immigrant woman survives hardship in turn-of-the century New York	1992
147	Four Girls in Town	beautiful woman	1956
148	Foxcatcher	talented Olympic wrestler	2014
149	Frida	Ashley Judd in a brief role as Italian American photographer and political activist Tina Modotti	2002
150	From Here to Eternity	little-guy hero Maggio	1953
151	Fugitive	competent government official	1993

152	Full of Life	young married couple move in with the son's Italian relatives; written by Italian American novelist John Fante, one of the few times he was allowed to explore the Italian American experience on film	1956
153	Galaxy Quest	competent actress	1999
154	Game of Their Lives	based on the true story of the U.S. soccer team's defeat of mighty England at the 1952 World Cup; the top players on the U.S. team were from St. Louis's "Hill" area (Little Italy)	2005
155	Garment Jungle	heroic union organizer	1957
156	Ghost Rider	literary agent	2010
157	Gidget Goes to Rome	beauty of Italy enlivens teen comedy	1963
158	Girl Interrupted	shopkeeper	1999
159	Give Us This Day	adaptation of Pietro di Donato's classic 1939 novel "Christ in Concrete"	1949
160	Godzilla	competent TV cameraman (nicknamed Animal!)	1998
161	Golden Boy	classic tale about young Italian American boy who has to choose between music or boxing as the road to success	1939
162	Good Shepherd (The)	CIA agent based on real-life spy Raymond Rocca, though Joe Pesci has a cameo as a crude dago thug	2006
163	Goodbye Lover	female detective	1999
164	Graduate (The)	Simon & Garfunkel sing about the great Joltin' Joe DiMaggio	1968
165	Great Caruso	bio of famed Italian singer	1951
166	Great Raid (The)	based on the true story of WWII Col. Henry Mucci and his daring raid on a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp	2005
167	Greatest (The)	Angelo Dundee, trainer to the great Muhammad Ali	1975
168	Grumpier Old Men	Sophia Loren is in it, but so is her dressed-in-black harried mother	1994

169	Gung-Ho	soldier from Brooklyn	1943
170	Gus Arnheim and His Ambassadors	crooner Russ Columbo plays himself	1928
171	Half-Nelson	mention of social activist Mario Savio	2006
172	Hannibal	beauty of Florence enlivens gory thriller	2001
173	Hard to Hold	cameo impersonation of Tony Bennett	1984
174	Hatari	female photographer	1962
175	Heartbreak Ridge	U.S. Marine	1983
176	Hemingway's Adventures as a Young Man	beautiful Italian girl	1962
177	Hey Boy ! Hey Girl!	jazz great Louis Prima plays himself	1958
178	Higher and Higher	new American singing sensation Frank Sinatra makes his film debut	1943
179	Hitchcock	barber and Hollywood screenwriter	2012
180	Hole in the Head	single father	1959
181	Holy Man	real-life football great Dan Marino has a cameo, as does fashion designer Nino Cerutti	1998
182	Hoodlum Priest	thief Pio Gentile balanced against good-hearted Mazziotti brothers, grocers who hire delinquents looking for work	1961
183	Houdini	opera singer	1953
184	House I Live In (The)	short subject film in which Frank Sinatra, playing himself, makes a plea for racial harmony	1943
185	Houseboat	Sophia Loren as daughter of Italian symphony conductor	1958
186	How to Stuff a Wild Bikini	see Beach Blanket Bingo	1966
187	Huddle	working class boy wins a football scholarship to Yale, where he experiences prejudice	1932
188	Hunt for Red October	U.S. submarine commander	1990
189	Hustler	kind Italian grocery lady (a subliminal cameo)	1961
190	I Dreamed of Africa	socialite gives it all up to experience the beauty and mystery of Africa	2000
191	I Want Someone to Eat Cheese With	normal best friend	2006
192	I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now	barber	1947

193	Idolmaker	based on talent agent Bob Marcucci, who managed pop singers Frankie Avalon and Fabian Forte	1980
194	Illuminata	traveling theater company	1999
195	Immortal Sergeant	heroic Italian fighters in WWII	1943
196	In Love and War	well-meaning doctor	1997
197	In The Line of Fire	good guy cop	1993
198	In The Valley of Elah	American army sergeant	2007
199	In Too Deep	police sergeant	1999
200	Independence Day	female presidential advisor	1996
201	Indiscretion of an American Wife	beauty of Rome provides backdrop to romance	1954
202	Invasion of the body Snatchers	Jimmie Grimaldi, the grocer's son, alerts hero Kevin McCarthy to danger of alien invasion	1956
203	Invincible	based on the true story of Vince Papale, a bartender who successfully tried out for the Philadelphia Eagles	2006
204	It Can Happen To You	rotten ex-husband	1994
205	It Had to Happen	politician	1936
206	It Happened in Brooklyn	the great Jimmy Durante as Nick the janitor	1947
207	It Happened in Naples	more of a travelogue than a movie, but Sophia Loren and City of Naples are put on good display	1958
208	Italian (The)	immigrant struggles to survive in America	1915
209	Italian American	filmmaker Martin Scorsese's documentary about his parents	1974
210	It's a Wonderful Life	Italian immigrant family is accepted into all-American town (although the evil Mr. Potter refers to them as "garlic eaters")	1946
211	It's Always Fair Weather	three WWII buddies renew their friendship	1954
212	Jagged Edge	witness helps identify a murderer	1985
213	January Man	police captain	1989

214	Jersey Boys	based on the true story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, one of America's most successful all-male singing groups	2014
215	Judge Hardy and Son	immigrant couple	1939
216	Julius Caesar	independent film version	1950
217	Julius Caesar (1953)	Hollywood version of Shakespeare's play	1953
218	Just Friends	normal American girl	2005
219	Just Looking	worldly uncle as father figure	2000
220	Just Married	Venice as a backdrop for dumb romantic comedy	2003
221	Karate Kid	Ralph Macchio becomes karate hero	1984
222	Karate Kid II	same as above	1986
223	Karate Kid III	same as above	1989
224	Kicking and Screaming	talented young soccer players	2005
225	Kid Galahad	boxing manager retains his humanity	1937
226	Kiss Me Goodbye	renowned Broadway choreographer	1982
227	Kiss Me Kate	musical version of Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew, which is set in Italy	1955
228	Kitty Foyle	thoughtful bartender	1940
229	Lady and The Tramp	Italian love song " <i>Bella Notte</i> " used to enhance sense of romance (Note: Also features an Italian waiter speaking in buffoonish broken English)	1959
230	Lady in Cement	Frank Sinatra as smooth private detective.	1968
231	Lady in White	young Italian American boy is caught up in supernatural events	1988
232	Last Starfighter	heroic intergalactic good guy	1984
233	Life and Times of Harvey Milk (The)	documentary of gay politician who was gunned down along with San Francisco Mayor George Moscone	1987
234	Light Touch (The)	good-hearted Italian girl	1951
235	Limbo	single mom struggles to be a good parent	1999
236	Lion of the Desert	competent Italian soldiers	1975

237	Little Nicky	football great Dan Marino makes an appearance	2000
238	Living Out Loud	good-hearted elevator operator. Note: He is, nevertheless, a chronic gambler in debt to a loan shark name Santi (Saint).	1998
239	Lobster Man	working-class fishermen	2006
240	Lombardi, Ltd.	successful dressmaker	1919
241	Long, Long Trailer	middle class American couple	1954
242	Lorenzo's Oil	true story of parents who save their son from a rare disease	1992
243	Lost Moment	intelligent Italian priest	1947
244	Lost Patrol	heroic Italian soldier	1934
245	Love Letter	the beauty of Italian opera, specifically Puccini's "Tosca," is celebrated	1999
246	Love Potion #9	suave Italian industrialist	1989
247	Love Story	teacher dies of mysterious illness	1970
248	Love With The Proper Stranger	working-class Italian couple struggles with an unwanted pregnancy	1963
249	Lovers and Other Strangers	Italian family caricatures, yet working-class father Richard Castellano has believable sweetness	1971
250	Mac	feuding blue-collar family	1993
251	Madigan	hard-working detective	1968
252	Madison	expert boat mechanic Harry Volpi (Bruce Dern), based on the actual person	2005
253	Magnolia	compassionate male nurse	1999
254	Man (The)	female police captain (Carbone)	2005
255	Man Who Wasn't There	Italian barber, although his sister visits their Italian relatives at a state fair, where this same barber is visually equated with a pig	2001
256	Manchurian Candidate	ex-soldier tries to stop a presidential assassination	1962
257	Manhattan Merry Go Round	jazz great Louis Prima plays himself	1937
258	Marty	lonely butcher finds true love	1955

259	Mary of Scotland	close advisor to the Queen	1937
260	Material Girls	Marchetta sisters clear their father's name and successfully save his cosmetics company	2006
261	Matewan	Italian and African-American miners unionize in West Virginia	1987
262	Memphis Belle	heroic gunner	1990
263	Merry Andrew	Italian circus family assists American archaeologists	1958
264	Michael	waiter	1996
265	Milk	lead character loves Italian opera	2008
266	Miracle	features Mike Eruzione, captain of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team	2004
267	Mirror Has Two Faces (The)	Puccini's music is equated with passionate love	1996
268	Misfits	an Italian rancher and pilot mourns his deceased young wife	1960
269	Missing	American college student	1984
270	Mission to Moscow	reporter	1943
271	Mob (The)	Italian cop infiltrates criminal gang (though his methods are just as ruthless)	1950
272	Mondovino	explores the Italian/Italian American influence in the wine industry, both in America and abroad	2005
273	Moneyball	baseball players	2011
274	Monster-in-Law	Jennifer Lopez as Christine Cantillini, a yoga instructor, dog walker, and aspiring fashion designer	2005
275	Monsters	Tony the grocery store owner	2000
276	Monuments Men	U.S. soldiers save works of art in Europe	2014
277	Moon Is Blue	television announcer	1953
278	Moonstruck	moony Italian caricatures, treated with semi-affection	1987
279	Most Wanted	Dr. Victoria Constantini helps Gulf War veteran elude killers	1997

280	Moulin Rouge	crooner Russ Columbo plays himself	1934
281	Mr. Ricco	Dean Martin as an attorney who defends a black radical	1968
282	Muppet Movie	singer Liza Minelli makes an appearance	1979
283	Muscle Beach Party	see Beach Blanket bingo	1964
284	Music of My Heart	Meryl Streep as real-life violin teacher	1999
285	My Cousin	opera great Enrico Caruso plays dual role as determined immigrant cousins	1918
286	Mystery Train	Italian immigrant girl seeks out Elvis	1989
287	Nadja	documentary of violin virtuosa Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg	1999
288	Naked Gun	opera singer	1988
289	Nevada Smith	Raf Vallone as Father Zacardi, traveling through the American southwest. Note: Italian religious were a positive force in their dealings with Native Americans.)	1966
290	Never So Few	beautiful Italian refugee	1959
291	New York Stories	Italian symphony conductor	1989
292	Night at the Roxbury	former teen-heart throb Richard Grieco is viewed as the epitome of cool	1998
293	Not With My Wife, You Don't!	Italian war bride	1966
294	Nothing But Trouble	restaurant owner	1944
295	Nun's Story	dedicated Dr. Fortunati	1959
296	Nurse Betty	city of Rome is seen as a magical place	2000
297	Objective Burma	heroic soldier	1945
298	Ocean's Twelve	beautiful Lake Como and Rome as backdrops	2004
299	Old Cub (The)	documentary on famous Chicago Cub baseball player Ron Santo	2004
300	Old Man and the Sea	reference to baseball great Joe DiMaggio	1958
301	On the Road with Jack Kerouac	documents the Beat Poetry scene in San Francisco, which was initiated by publisher/poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti	1984
302	Once Around	normal middle-class Italian family from Boston	1990

303	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	mentally-challenged individual	1975
304	One Good Cop	good guy cop	1991
305	One is a Lonely Number	friendly storekeeper	1972
306	One Night of Love	American opera singer finds love and success in Italy	1934
307	One True Thing	Meryl Streep's character makes glowing reference to Geraldine Ferraro, the first female Vice Presidential candidate	1998
308	Only When I Laugh	compassionate gay actor	1981
309	Only You	Marisa Tomei finds love in magical Rome	1994
310	Opposite of Sex	playboy accepts responsibility for unwanted pregnancy	1988
311	Outland	futuristic police officer	1982
312	Pacific Heights	process server	1990
313	Pallbearer (The)	normal American girl	1996
314	Passenger 57	F.B.I. agent fights terrorists	1992
315	Pay or Die	Ernest Borgnine in true story of mob-buster Joe Petrosino	1960
316	Perez Family	good-guy detective	1995
317	Peyton Place	intelligent Dr. Rossi	1957
318	Piece of Eden	farm family in Indiana struggles yet endures	2000
319	Pinocchio	Disney classic about father-son relationship	1940
320	Pirates of Tripoli	soldiers battle Arabic pirates; based on a true story	1955
321	Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol	police officer	1987
322	Praying Mantis	fisherman	1957
323	Premium Rush	competent police officer	2012
324	Primary Colors	potential presidential candidate	1998
325	Private Navy of Sgt. O'Farrell	female journalist	1968
326	Proof of Life	heroic soldier-for-hire	2000
327	Protector (The)	competent police officer	1985
328	Pull My Daisy	short film featuring Italian American Beat Poet Gregory Corso	1959

329	Pump Up the Volume	spunky teenage girl	1990
330	Pumping Iron	U.S. bodybuilder Lou Ferrigno is featured	1976
331	Pushing Tin	respected air traffic controller triumphs over a personal crisis	1999
332	Race The Sun	competent racing coach	1996
333	Rack	soldier	1956
334	Raising Cain	sensitive, well-dressed businessman saves his ex girlfriend from danger	1992
335	Ready to Wear	Marcello Mastroianni and Sophia Loren parody a scene they first filmed 30 years ago	1994
336	Reds	Italian American communist leader Louis Fraina	1981
337	Remembering Mario	Italian daughter takes care of her aging father	1997
338	Renaissance Man	teacher inspires down-and-out Army recruits	1994
339	Replacements (The)	football quarterback	2000
340	Return of the Secaucus Seven	intelligent high school teacher	1980
341	Return to Me	jovial, gregarious restaurant chef; also, city of Rome is seen as a magical place	2000
342	Return to Peyton Place	normal middle-class Italian-American characters	1961
343	Right Stuff	subplot involving real-life Italian American astronaut Wally Schirra	1983
344	Rocky Balboa	heroic boxer modeled after Rocky's Graziano and Marciano	2006
345	Rocky I	same as above	1976
346	Rocky II	same as above	1979
347	Rocky III	same as above	1983
348	Rocky IV	same as above	1985
349	Rocky V	same as above	1989
350	Roman Holiday	Audrey Hepburn finds love in magical Rome	1953
351	Rose Tattoo	Anna Magnani wins an Oscar as Sicilian American widow who finds new love	1956
352	Running	Olympic athlete	1979

353	Running Scared	good guy cop	1986
354	Sahara	sympathetic prisoner of war	1942
355	San Francisco	Italian opera conductor	1936
356	Sands of Iwo Jima	soldier Ben Ragazza	1949
357	Saving Private Ryan	G.I. dies while trying to save a young French girl. (Note: An American soldier casually refers to a group of his fallen comrades as "guineas," thus defaming the over 500,000 Italian-Americans who fought in the war.)	1998
358	Saving Silverman	circus performer	2001
359	Scout (the)	fatherly baseball coach	1994
360	Searching for Bobby Fischer	chess coach	1993
361	Secret Invasion	Italian criminal redeems himself as leader of WWII commando group	1964
362	Senator Was Indiscreet (The)	writer	1947
363	September Affair	Beauty of Italy enlivens melodrama	1950
364	Sergeant Bilko	female military officer	1996
365	Serpico	true story of honest New York cop Frank Serpico	1973
366	Seven Days of May	Italian American vice-president	1964
367	Seven Hills of Rome	Mario Lanza visits magical Rome	1958
368	Seven Little Foys	housewife	1953
369	Shawshank Redemption	the beauty of Italian opera temporarily lifts the dreariness of prison life	1994
370	Showtime	TV producer	2002
371	Sicko	Michael Moore documentary on the American healthcare system reveals that Italy's system is the second best in the world	2007
372	Siege of Firebase Gloria	Vietnam war sergeant	1989
373	Silent Hill	competent cop	2006
374	Silver Linings Playbook	kooky but kind working class family	2012
375	Sing	inner-city teacher Miss Lombardo	1991

376	Six Degrees of Separation	wealthy New Yorker experiences an epiphany while viewing the Sistine Chapel	1993
377	Sleepwalk with Me	an Italian American doctor-father (but a bit of a jerk)	2012
378	Small Wonders	documentary on violin teacher Roberta Guaspari	1999
379	Smiling Fish and Goat on Fire	two brothers, an accountant and an actor, struggle to survive in Los Angeles	2000
380	Smoke	cigar store owner	1995
381	So Fine	clothing designer	1981
382	So I Married An Axe Murderer	laid-back, slightly goofy cop	1992
383	Somebody Up There Likes Me	Paul Newman as boxer Rocky Graziano	1956
384	Soup for One	waiter	1982
385	South Pacific	reference to baseball great Joe DiMaggio	1958
386	Space Truckers	heroic intergalactic space trucker	1996
387	Splendor in the Grass	all-American jock finds marital happiness with a kind-hearted, working-class Italian American girl	1961
388	Start Cheering	features Louis Prima and Jimmy Durante	1938
389	State of the Union	Italian barber gives American politician common sense advice	1948
390	Station Agent	competent lawyer; (Note: Another actor in the film, Bobby Cannavale, plays a sympathetic Cuban-American character. In real-life, Cannavale is Cuban on his mother's side. But on HBOs "Boardwalk Empire," Cannavale plays Gyp Rossetti, a vicious and completely fictional Sicilian mob character. Cannavale is Sicilian on his father's side. Hollywood's anti-Italian bias is what pushes this double standard.)	2003
391	Steal Big, Steal Little	used car dealer helps capture con man	1994
392	Stigmata	philosophical priests	1999
393	Still of the Night	competent police detective	1982

394	Stone Carvers	documentary on the Italian-American sculptors who beautified the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.	1985
395	Story of G.I. Joe	Italian American soldier accompanies his unit through WWII campaign	1945
396	Story of Us	estranged married couple visits magical Venice	1999
397	Story on Page One (The)	competent Italian attorney (but with a drinking problem)	1959
398	Stranger on the Third Floor	grocer	1940
399	Street Girl	crooner Russ Columbo seen as a violinist in a band	1929
400	Summertime	American spinster Katherine Hepburn runs into an Italian gigolo, but the city of Venice is seen in all of its splendor	1955
401	Sweet Smell of Success	Tony Curtis as ruthless, yet quick witted, Broadway theater agent	1957
402	Swingtime	Pop Candetti, best friend of Fred Astaire	1936
403	Talented Mr. Ripley	beauty of Italy enlivens thriller	1999
404	Tears of the Sun	female Italian doctor in Africa	2003
405	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	heroic cartoon superheroes named after Renaissance painters	1990
406	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III	see above	1993
407	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Secret of The Ooze	see above	1991
408	Ten Things I Know About You	high school student	1999
409	Tequila Sunrise	dogged, competent cop; elegant restaurant-owner	1988
410	Teresa	an Italian war-bride experiences discrimination in an American town	1951
411	That Goes Double	crooner Russ Columbo plays himself	1934
412	That Midnight Kiss	opera conductor	1949
413	That Thing You Do	nice guy pizzeria owner	1996
414	That Touch of Mink	baseball great Yogi Berra plays himself	1962

415	They All Laughed	good-guy detective	1981
416	They Drive By Night	Humphrey Bogart and George Raft as the Fabrini brothers, independent truckers	1940
417	They Knew What They Wanted	Charles Laughton as Italian wine-grower who is cuckolded by his American wife	1940
418	Thin Red Line	Italian American soldiers	1998
419	Think Like a Man	Italian fashion designer	2012
420	This Could Be the Night	colorful nightclub owners vie for the affections of a new employee	1957
421	Thousand Bedrooms	airline pilot Dean Martin visits magical Rome	1957
422	Three Coins in the Fountain	American tourists visit magical Rome	1954
423	Titanic	Italian immigrant demonstrates heroism after title ship sinks	1998
424	T-Men	heroic treasury agent	1947
425	Tony Rome	Frank Sinatra as smooth private detective.	1967
426	Touch & Go	selfish hockey player turns a new leaf, taking care of single mom and her child	1986
427	Tourist	beauty of Venice enlivens thriller	2010
428	Trapeze	accomplished circus performer	1956
429	Tribute	compassionate doctor Gladys Petrelli	1981
430	Twenty-Ninth Street	true story of lottery winner Frank Pesce	1990
431	Twisted	competent cop	2004
432	Two Bits	nostalgic look at growing up Italian in Philadelphia	1993
433	Two Family House	working class man cares for a young pregnant woman	2000
434	Two Weeks in Another Town	American filmmakers in Rome; a young Italian woman semi-redeems the lead character actor;	1962
435	Tyson	documentary on the violent boxing champion; Tyson relates that his close relationship with trainer Cus D'Amato was the closest he ever came to having a real family and a real father figure	2009

436	U.S. Marshalls	competent government official	1998
437	U571	competent naval officer	2000
438	Unbroken	epic about the heroic life of Olympic runner and World War II hero Louis Zamperini	2014
439	Uncle Nino	Italian immigrant teaches his middle-class, American-born relatives how to enjoy life	2005
440	Unmade Beds	desperate, middle-aged singles who are nevertheless presented as individuals, not types	1998
441	Up Close and Personal	television executive	1996
442	Vince Vaughn's Wild West Show	stand-up comedy documentary which highlights John Caparulo and Sebastian Maniscalco	2005
443	Visionquest	woman serves as muse to high school wrestler	1984
444	Viva Las Vegas	race car driver	1963
445	Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea	submarine officer	1961
446	Wake Up and Dream	crooner Russ Columbo as a vaudeville singer	1934
447	Walk in the Sun	heroic Italian American soldier	1945
448	War of the Roses	lawyer counsels against divorce	1989
449	Weeds	acting coach of prisoner drama group	1987
450	Westward the Women	female pioneers	1951
451	What Women Want	Sinatra songs used to induce romantic mood	2000
452	When in Rome	beauty of Rome enlivens dumb rom com	2009
453	Windtalkers	battle-scarred soldier sacrifices his life for his Native American comrade	2002
454	Winterset	based on the world famous Sacco and Vanzetti case	1936
455	Without a Trace	good-guy detective	1981
456	Words and Pictures	passionate art teacher	2014
457	World Trade Center	working class wife/family; also Italian surnamed first-responders to the 9/11 tragedy	2006

458	Yes, Giorgio	flimsy cinematic flotsam used to show off Luciano Pavarotti's vocal genius	1982
459	Young Man With a Horn	jazz musician	1950
460	Young Savages	Italian attorney represents redeemed bad boys	1961

Category: Positive Classical Rome/Renaissance Portrayals 16 films			
No.	Film Title	Summary	Year
1	Affairs of Cellini	early biopic of the famous lover/goldsmith	1934
2	Agony and the Ecstasy	artistic battle of wills between Michelangelo and Pope Julius is brought to the big screen	1966
3	Dangerous Beauty	based on real-life story of Venetian courtesan-turned-poet Veronica Franco	1998
4	Diane	features Catherine Dei Medici, Italian-born queen of France	1956
5	Eagle (The)	based on true story of noble Roman soldiers fighting against barbaric Picts in Scotland	2011
6	Fall of the Roman Empire	glories of Rome	1964
7	Flame and the Arrow	natives in Lombardy revolt against their foreign oppressors	1950
8	Francis of Assisi	life of the great saint	1961
9	Galileo	Stacey Keach as the Italian astronomer who challenged both Church and State	1973
10	Good Will Hunting	although an Italian punk has a cameo, the main characters acknowledge genius of Italian Renaissance	1997
11	Incognito	genius of Italian Renaissance is recognized	1997
12	Life of Brian	Romans are acknowledged as genuine leaders	1979
13	My Cousin Rachel	Italian befriends an Englishwoman	1952
14	Pirates of Capri	Neapolitans rise up against their oppressors	1949
15	Prince of Foxes	romantic Renaissance hokum, filmed in Italy	1949
16	Saracen Blade	revenge drama which ends well	1954

Category: Real Mobsters 69 films			
No.	Film Title	Summary	Year
1	Billy Bathgate	based on Dutch Schultz and mob	1993
2	Black Hand	based on real-life incident	1950
3	Bonanno	based on real-life crook	1999
4	Brink's Job	based on real-life crook Tony Pino's heist	1979
5	Bronx Tale	mob character lionized as a solid father figure	1993
6	Bugsy	based on Bugsy Siegel and Lucky Luciano	1991
7	Capone	based on Al Capone	1957
8	Capone(1975)	based on Al Capone	1975
9	Capone (1989)	based on Al Capone	1989
10	Casino	based on crook Tony Spilotro	1995
11	Cotton Club	based on Dutch Schultz and mob	1984
12	Crazy Joe	based on thug Crazy Joe Gallo	1974
13	Deal	based on real-life incident	1997
14	Dillinger and Capone	based on real-life crooks	1995
15	Donnie Brasco	based on real-life case	1997
16	Doorway to Hell	based on real-life crook	1930
17	F.I.S.T.	based on real-life labor story	1978
18	Friends of Eddie Coyle	based on Boston crime gang	1973
19	Gangs of New York (2002)	based on real-life crooks	2002
20	Gangster Squad	based on thugs Johnny Stompanato and Jack Dragna, although the key mob character in 1940s L.A. is Mickey Cohen	2012
21	George Raft Story	based on actor's life	1961
22	Getting Gotti	female D.A. sets out to defeat real-life crime boss	1994
23	Giancana	based on real-life crook	1994
24	Goodfellas	based on real-life incidents	1990
25	Gotti	based on real-life crook	1997
26	Havana	based on real-life crooks	1990

27	Hoffa	based on real-life teamster incidents	1992
28	Honor Thy Father	based on crook Tony Bonanno	1971
29	Hoodlums	based on Lucky Luciano	1997
30	Household Lions	fictional brothers in the American south alleged to have "worked" for Al Capone	2003
31	Ice Man (The)	based on real-life mob characters	2013
32	Inside Detroit	based on crook Albert Anastasia	1957
33	J.F.K.	speculation "the mob did it"	1991
34	Johnny Roselli Story	based on real-life incidents	2000
35	JoJo Dancer	comedian Richard Pryor's life story, including reference to working for Italian crooks	1986
36	Kansas City	based on real-life incidents	1996
37	L.A. Confidential	based on real-life crooks	1997
38	Last Shot (The)	allusion to real-life thug John Gotti along with a fictional subplot, demonstrating how Hollywood continually blurs the line	2004
39	Lepke	based on real-life crook	1975
40	Lucky Luciano	based on real-life crook	1973
41	Marked Woman	based on real-life incidents	1937
42	Marrying Man	real life mobster Bugsy Siegel	1991
43	Mean Streets	based on real-life incidents	1973
44	Mob Girl	based on real-life incidents	1997
45	Neon Empire	based on real-life crooks	1990
46	Night at the Museum: Smithsonian	Al Capone as the chief villain in the film	2009
47	Nitti the Enforcer	based on real-life incidents	1988
48	Nixon	based on real-life incidents	1995
49	On the Waterfront	based on real-life incidents (Note: Brando's Irish-American character, Terry Malloy, was partially based on an Italian- American docker who fought corrupt unions.)	1954
50	Once Upon a Time in America	based on real-life incidents	1984

51	One Tough Cop	based on real events	1998
52	Party Girl	mob character modeled on Al Capone	1958
53	Peppermint Lounge	based on real-life crooks	2000
54	Pete Kelly's Blues	based on real-life incidents	1955
55	Rapid Fire	fake mob character	1990
56	Road to Perdition	Capone henchman Nitti has a cameo	2002
57	Rob the Mob	trashy working-class couple rob neighborhood wise guys; based on a true story	2014
58	Ruby	Jack Ruby, associate of real-life thugs	1992
59	Scarface	based on Al Capone	1932
60	Scarface Mob	based on real-life characters	1962
61	Some Like It Hot	running away from Al Capone	1959
62	St. Valentine's Day Massacre	based on real-life incidents	1967
63	Tales of Manhattan	based on gambler Frank Costello	1942
64	Teamster Boss	based on real-life incidents	1993
65	Untouchables	based on Al Capone	1987
66	Valachi Papers	based on real-life crook	1972
67	Verne Miller Story	based on Al Capone	1987
68	With Friends Like These	actor, frustrated at being stereotyped, gets a chance to play a "complex" role: Al Capone	2000
69	Witness To The Mob	based on real-life crook Sammy "The Bull" Gravano	1998

**The movie that set the mold:
Edward G. Robinson in “Little Caesar” (1931)**



Interestingly, his character, Rico Bandello, is seen as an American who happens to be a gangster – not, as today, when gangsters are seen as gangsters “because” they’re Italian.

**The Big Lie becomes a myth:
Marlon Brando in “The Godfather” (1972)**



**The fictional Don Vito Corleone, symbol of truth, honor and respect –
the paternal “godfather” adopted by an America in crisis
(civil rights, Vietnam, Watergate)**

“Carry On Cleo” (1964)



“Caligula” (1980)



Unlike the classical peoples of other ethnic groups (Greeks, Jews, WASPs, et.al.), the original Italians (Romans) are portrayed as subjects for farce (1964’s “Carry on Cleo,” left), or as perverts and barbarians (1980’s “Caligula,” right)

A Quartet of Multi-Dimensional Portrayals

"Dominic & Eugene"
(1988)



"Once Around"
(1990)



"Lorenzo's Oil"
(1992)



"Big Night"
(1996)

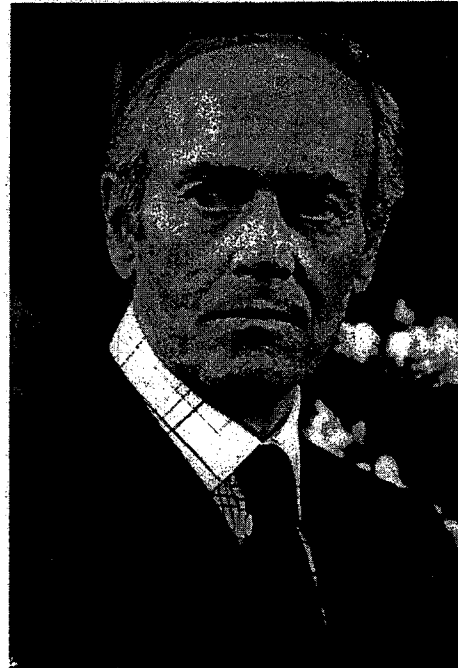


Tony Curtis in "Sweet Smell of Success" (1957)



The classic role of Broadway theatre agent Sidney Falco. The character, though ethically dubious, is an energetic, intelligent man who achieves his goals with brains, not guns.

All-American Hero Henry Fonda



The damage of Italian stereotypes is that they treat Italians as outsiders, as somehow not being "real" Americans (i. e. WASP's). Yet, you can't get more all-American than Henry Fonda (above), whose family tree began in Italy.

Steven Spielberg



John Basilone



Don Gentile



Despite winning an award from the NAACP for promoting positive images of different ethnic groups, filmmaker Steven Spielberg directed "Saving Private Ryan" in 1998 in which one of the characters casually refers to a group of his fallen comrades as "guineas." Such a slur taints the legacy of real life Italian American WWII war heroes such as John Basilone (center) and ace fighter pilot Don Gentile (far right).



Six years later (2004), Spielberg continued to promote defamatory images of Italians to a whole new audience: children. In “Shark Tale,” an animated cartoon, all of the evil and vicious “killer shark characters” have Italian surnames and exhibit clichéd Italian mannerisms and speech patterns. Such blatant ethnic stereotyping went completely against the modern trend of promoting positive, multi-cultural images for kids.

Amos and Andy (1951)



The Sopranos (1999)



In "Amos and Andy" (above left), television portrayed "typical" African-Americans as goofy, yet harmless -- images rightly considered highly offensive. In "The Sopranos" (above right), television portrays "typical" Italian Americans as goofy, yet dangerous -- images which are now highly acclaimed. The media profits from Italian stereotypes, yet it's the Italian American community who pays the price.

More Multi-Dimensional Portrayals

"Huddle"
(1932)



"Full of Life"
(1956)



"Love with the Proper Stranger" (1963)



Yet More Multi-Dimensional Portrayals

"Serpico"
(1973)



"Matewan"
(1987)



"Silver Linings Playbook" (2012)

