Abstract

In this article, I examine the cultural and subcultural construction of consumption meanings and practices as they are negotiated from mass
Field notes and artifacts from 20 months of fieldwork at *Star Trek* fan clubs, at conventions, and in Internet groups, and 67 interviews with *Star Trek* fans are used as data. *Star Trek*'s subculture of consumption is found to be constructed as a powerful utopian refuge. Stigma, social situation, and the need for legitimacy shape the diverse subcultures' consumption meanings and practices. Legitimizing articulations of *Star Trek* as a religion or myth underscore fans' heavy investment of self in the text. These sacralizing articulations are used to distance the text from its superficial status as a commercial product. The findings emphasize and describe how consumption often fulfills the contemporary hunger for a conceptual space in which to construct a sense of self and what matters in life. They also reveal broader cultural tensions between the affective investments people make in consumption objects and the encroachment of commercialization.

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