

Seminar: Reality Television Focus

Watch the following [Types of reality television shows](#) (8.05 mins)

Questions:

1. Note the type (or names) of the reality television shows that are highlighted. Think of ones that are broadcast in the UK that are similar to the ones highlighted on the video.
2. Think about the similarities in the reality television programmes. Are there any differences between the different types of reality television? What about ones that you watch (or people in your group watch)?
3. Are there hidden messages and meanings in these programmes? Are we guided towards particular viewpoints in the programmes? If so, please give examples.
4. Would you consider some vloggers to be reality television? Why/why not? Give reasons?

Watch the extract from Charlie Brooker's Screenwipe: <https://youtu.be/BBwepkVurCI> (5.06 mins)

1. What does this suggest about the role of editing in relation to TV storytelling?
2. Thinking about Baudrillard – think about reality television that fit into the various phases of representation, particularly where:-
 - a. The image reflects reality accurately
 - b. The image does not reflect reality
 - c. There is no reality in relation to the image.
 - d. Are we always aware of these ideas in relation to reality television?

