Title: Ways of Seeing (documentary)

Director: John Berger

Date: 1972

Area: Social and Political Philosophy

Theme: Marxism - psychoanalysis

Plot Summary:

Marxist examination by art critic John Berger. Four episodes.

Episode 1 explores the way we now see works of art reproduced as postcards, in books, on film and on television. It makes use of Walter Benjamin’s ideas on the reproduction of art. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnfB-pUm3el](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnfB-pUm3el)
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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XShzabEv8bM&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XShzabEv8bM&feature=related)

Episode 2 discusses how in paintings of nudes we discover some of the criteria and conventions by which women were judged and seen.
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u72AIabGdc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u72AIabGdc)
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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1yvciNEuAs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1yvciNEuAs)
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNZNB-SfC7w&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNZNB-SfC7w&feature=related)

Episode 3 argues that oil paintings were a medium that celebrated the power and possessions of the ruling classes.
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcxzV2jcvgo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcxzV2jcvgo)
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTnUmiBMUNQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTnUmiBMUNQ)
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lc2022FepNE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lc2022FepNE)

Episode 4 discusses how publicity images continue the tradition of European painting although we are encouraged to see oil paintings as fine art and publicity as commerce.
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmgGT3th_oI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmgGT3th_oI)
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6q0JvXizw7o&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6q0JvXizw7o&feature=related)
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbebPdxv70w&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbebPdxv70w&feature=related)
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