

- 5 A 'fit and proper person' is a legal category of personhood in Britain, first used in the seventeenth century to assess a man named Lascelles in order to ascertain his capability for owning slaves.
- 6 In our previous ethnography 'couple culture' was named as the most excluding form of social organization, much more pernicious in securing adjustment to the normative than ideologies of domesticity and motherhood (Skeggs 1997).
- 7 Thanks to Kirsty Campbell and David Oswell for all the great discussions about ideology.
- 8 In film noir films it was more likely that the woman would be killed than fulfil her 'potential' through love, marriage, domestication (Place 1998). Although unlike reality television programmes, the film noir star always had a good time.
- 9 We contrast this working class form of survival with the genre of entertainment called 'extreme sports' where usually upper and middle class men, such as Ranulph Fiennes and Bear Grylls, purposefully put themselves in extreme conditions in order to display how supposedly clever they are: survival as spectacular sport and adventure rather than everyday reality.

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