

Commodity Activism 2012-02-01

buying red products from gap t shirts to apple to fight aids drinking a caring cup of coffee at the coffee bean tea leaf to support fair trade driving a toyota prius to fight global warming all these commonplace activities point to a central feature of contemporary culture the most common way we participate in social activism is by buying something roopali mukherjee and sarah banet weiser have gathered an exemplary group of scholars to explore this new landscape through a series of case studies of commodity activism drawing from television film consumer activist campaigns and cultures of celebrity and corporate patronage the essays take up examples such as the dove real beauty campaign sex positive retail activism abc s extreme home makeover and angelina jolie as multinational celebrity missionary exploring the complexities embedded in contemporary political activism commodity activism reveals the workings of power and resistance as well as citizenship and subjectivity in the neoliberal era refusing to simply position politics in opposition to consumerism this collection teases out the relationships between material cultures and political subjectivities arguing that activism may itself be transforming into a branded commodity

Divine Callings 2012-02

one of the unique aspects of the religious profession is the high percentage of those who claim to be called by god to do their work this call is particularly important within african american christian traditions divine callings offers a rare sociological examination of this markedly understudied phenomenon within black ministry richard n pitt draws on over 100 in depth interviews with black pentecostal ministers in the church of god in christ both those ordained and licensed and those aspiring to examine how these men and women experience and pursue the call viewing divine calling as much as a social process as it is a spiritual one pitt delves into the personal stories of these individuals to explore their work as active agents in the process of fulfilling their calling in some cases those called cannot find pastoral work due to gender discrimination lack of clergy positions and educational deficiencies pitt looks specifically at how those who have not obtained clergy positions understand their call exploring the influences of psychological experience the congregational acceptance of their call and their response to the training process he emphasizes how those called reconceptualize clericalism in terms of who can be called how that call has to be certified and what those called are meant to do offering insight into how social actors adjust to structural constraints

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