



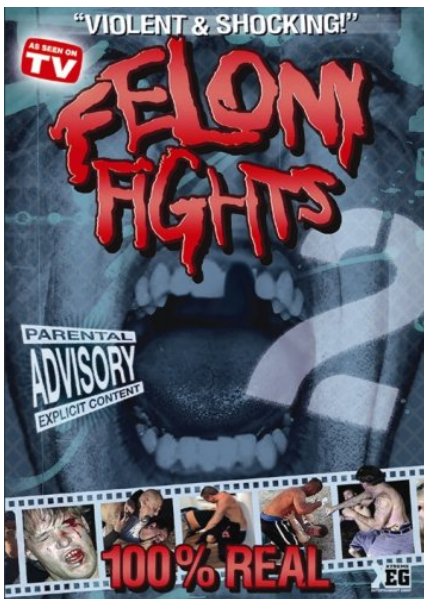
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Violence and carceral masculinities in *Felony Fights*

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Over the last twenty years, the sensual attractions of what Katz (1988) influentially called the 'pleasures of evil' have been commodified and repackaged in a new media environment. With the development of technologies such as pay-per-view television and the internet, this trend has come to include depictions of violence between men that ex-

ceed the formal and informal regulation associated with combat sports. Sadistic and voyeuristic interests that were previously sublimated in cultural life are now more openly nurtured in these representations. *Felony Fights* is an American website and set of DVDs depicting real combat between male former convicts and other men. This presentation will consider the ways in which this male violence and criminality are represented and observed and explores how this may or may not intersect with a prevailing culture of punitiveness. Viewer responses to these clips reflect a complexity of meanings, projections and symbolic associations between violence, power and masculine identities.

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