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Storey (2010) argues:

The problem with this approach is that it fails to acknowledge fully that capitalism produces commodities on the basis of their exchange value, whereas people tend to consume the commodities of capitalism on the basis of their use value. Commodities are valued for their symbolic significance. Consumption is an active, creative and productive process, concerned with pleasure, identity and the production of meaning. (p. 123)

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