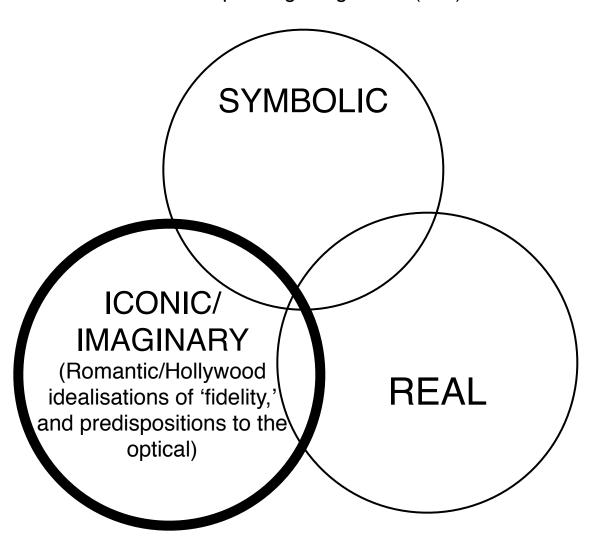
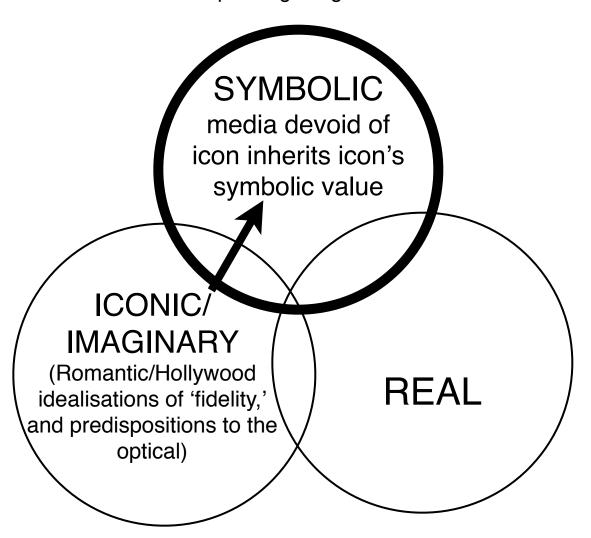
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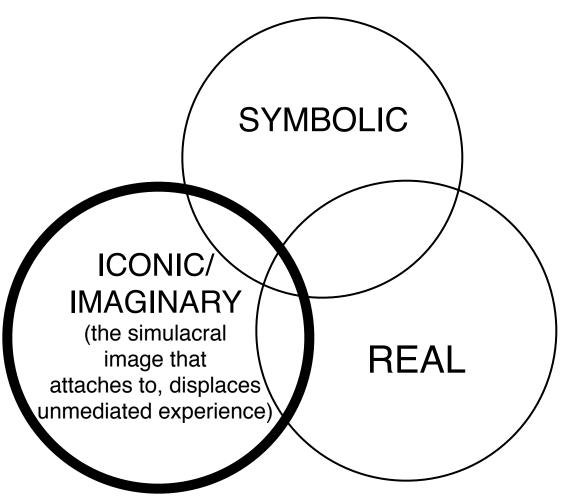
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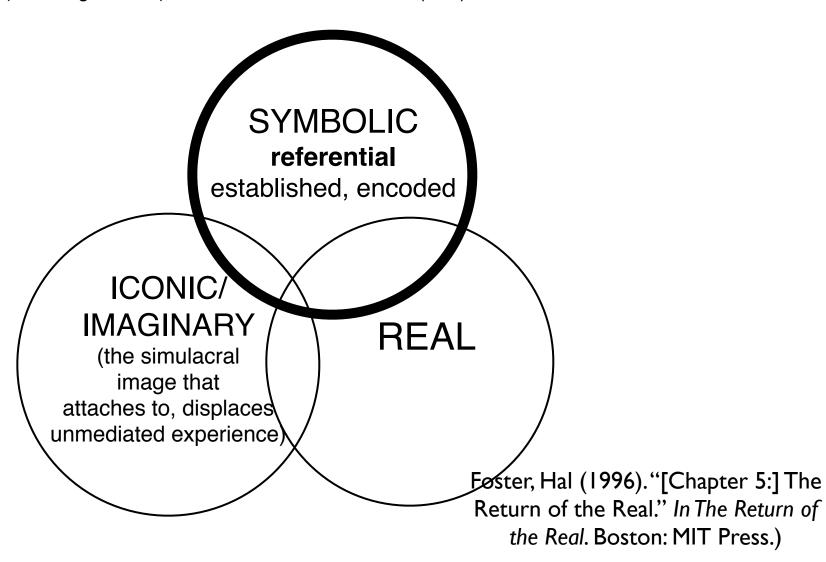
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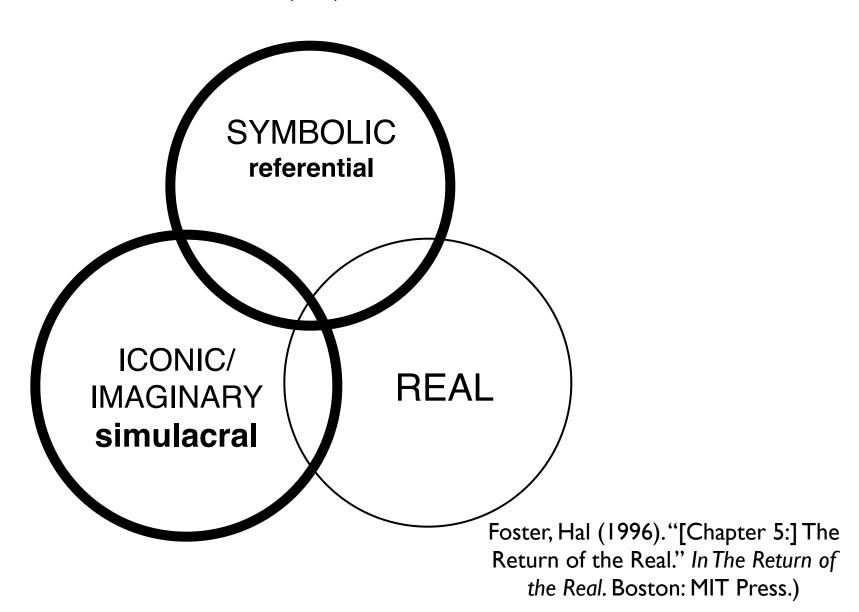
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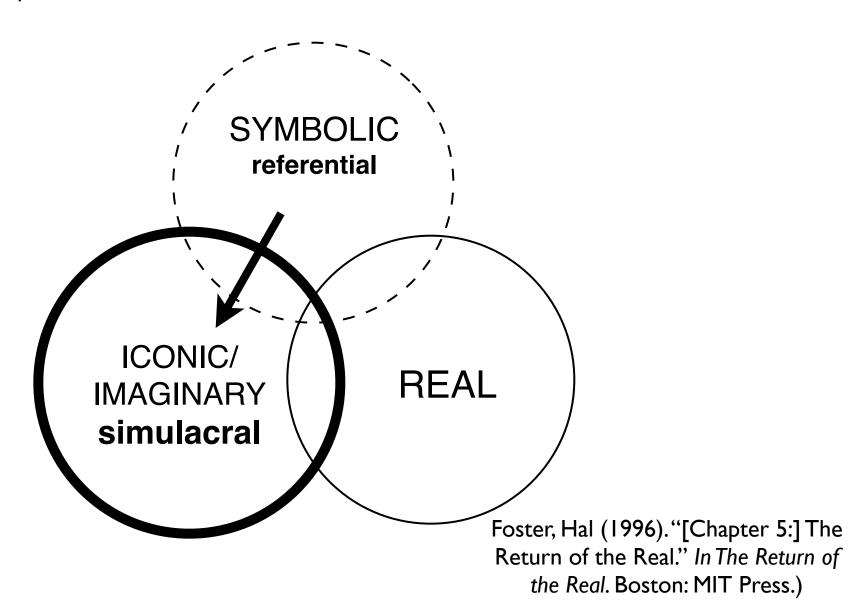


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"What pop art wants," writes Roland Barthes, "is to de-symbolize the object," to release the image from any deep meaning into simulacral surface.

Baudrillard agrees that the object in pop "loses its symbolic meaning, its age-old anthropomorphic status."



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Crow finds...a referential object for Warhol...[and] an empathetic subject in Warhol.

