

Society's Celebrity Bloodlust Complex and Britney Spears: Part 2

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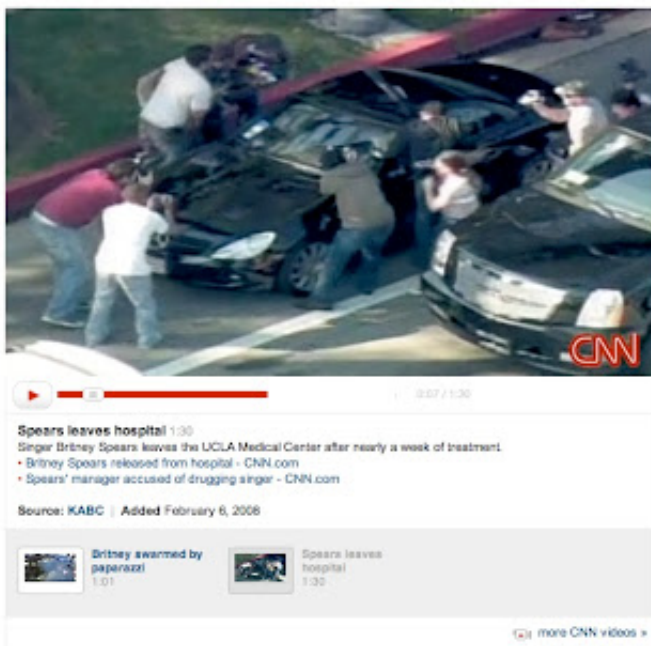
[In Part one I compared society's fascination with Britney Spears](#) to the new movie *Untraceable* where people visit a website to accelerate the murder of a prone victim. Now that she's out of the psych ward, there seems to be a new level of intimacy between Britney and the "journalists" out to get the best shots of her. It's almost as if whatever pretense there had recently been about not literally swarming and stalking her has evaporated.

These two stills from CNN video are courtesy of a media helicopter that followed her car away from the hospital. It was stopped at least twice on the road for the swarmings.

It's hard to imagine how much of this a person can take. If she "snaps" we would get to say, "yeah, that figures" but how much of a chance does this woman have to be able to regain mental health.

It reminds me of a tunnel in Paris in the late 1990s, except this time it's not taking place in one evening of speeding drivers, but stretched out slow motion over weeks and months, almost as if someone is storyboarding it for maximum extraction of images during her whole descent into madness.

On one level she has merely drifted from one entertainment sector to another: pop music to tabloid spectacle. Once a Disney prop, she's now a media character. I wonder if she's ever had much time to be a self-contained individual.






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Spears leaves hospital 1:30
Singer Britney Spears leaves the UCLA Medical Center after nearly a week of treatment.
• Britney Spears released from hospital - CNN.com
• Spears' manager accused of drugging singer - CNN.com

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