

# Observational Mode

Coms 133 Documentary film

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# Common Use

- Follow and observe social actors as they go about their lives.

# Examples

- *Jesus Camp*
- *The Last Waltz*
- *Salesman*
- Most all Frederick Wiseman films including today's film.

# Potential Ethical Issues

- Can create a sense of voyeurism.
- Compromise subjects by revealing private moments or incriminating actions.

# Frequent Goals

- Stimulate viewers to make inferences and draw conclusions from what they observe rather than what they are told.