Ethical viewpoints of students in a contemporary animal issues course after viewing documentaries


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COWSPIRACY
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I've been a vegan since I was about 3 years old and involved in animal rights for years. I've seen a number of animal rights films throughout the years, none has affected me as profoundly as Earthlings.

~Joaquin Phoenix (earthlings.com)

"Eating for me is how you proclaim your beliefs three times a day. That's why all religions have rules about eating. Three times a day, I remind myself that I value life and do not want to cause pain to or kill other living beings. That is why I eat the way I do."

—Dick Gregory

"Animals are not here for us to do as we please with. We are not their superiors, we are their equals. We are their family. Be kind to them."

—Justin Timberlake

"If you knew how meat was raised, you wouldn't eat it."

—Justin Timberlake

"Pigs in tiny crates suffer beyond anything most of us can easily imagine... these extremely social and intelligent animals lose their minds from being denied any social or psychological stimulation at all."

—Tom Regan

"I personally chose to go vegan because I educated myself on factory farming and cruelty to animals, and I suddenly realized that what was on my plate were living things, with feelings. And I just couldn't disconnect myself from it any longer. I read books like 'Diet for a New America' and saw documentaries like 'Earthlings' and 'Bite Your Meat,' and it became an easy choice for me."

—Ellen DeGeneres

"Christianity is our foe. If animal rights is to succeed, we must destroy the Judeo-Christian religious tradition."

—Peter Singer
Questions.....

✓ Do animals have the right to a certain quality of life?

✓ Ethically, do you classify companion animals differently than food animals?

✓ Do you approve of electric prod use on animals?
  ✓ Choose the animal

✓ Do you agree with the production practices in the veal industry?

✓ Do you agree with the use of gestation crates in the swine industry?
  ✓ List why not

✓ Do you think confinement animal production is a necessary part of animal agriculture?

✓ Is commercial fishing humane?

✓ Should we treat dolphins/whales and domestic meat animals differently?

✓ Should the government regulate slaughter techniques in the fur industry?

✓ Should animals be used for entertainment reasons?
  ✓ Choose the animal

✓ Do zoos serve a purpose?

✓ Does regulated (seasonal) hunting help the preservation of species?
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
- Margaret Mead

"Earthlings is the most important documentary I watched on the subject of how we mistreat animals for fashion, entertainment, as pets, and of course – to eat. We're beyond the point of it being a preference. It's not a matter of faith, or belief – it's the truth."
- Kat Von D

"For those who watch Earthlings, the world will never be the same."
- Tom Regan

"It's real toxic that all the wars of this century, all natural disasters, and all automobile accidents combined. If beef is your idea of 'real food for real people' you’d better live real close to a real good hospital."
- Neal Barnard

Animal Agriculture is Sickening. Literally.

70% of human diseases are linked to animal agriculture.

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