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**SPECIAL FEATURE: FACTORY-FARMED MEAT**

## Top Stories



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### A Philosophical Debate on Factory-Farmed Meat

Do non-human animals have moral status? Is it morally impermissible to support factory-farming? Prof. Cheong Hong Wai shares the thoughts of known philosophers Loren Lomasky and Alastair Norcross.



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### Factory-Farming Isn't As Bad As You Think It Is, And Here's Why!

Food and consumer analyst, Teh Shi Yun, discusses common misconceptions that Philadelphians have on factory-farming. Are all factory-farms inconsiderate towards the animals' life-quality? Or is it just a false impression?

## The Steaks Have Never Been Higher!



**Multiple factory farms destroyed after an attack by the Anti-Factory Farm Activists: AFFA vows to continue if Philadelphians continue to support factory-farmed meat and its production.**

BY MUHD IRSYAD BIN ABDUL AZIZ

Another night of terrorism unfolded in the city-state of Philadelphia on Saturday with multiple attacks that led to the destruction of several established factory farms. The attacks were carried out via explosive devices that detonated within the compounds of the factory-farms.

Shortly after the explosion occurred, a video was released online by the anti-factory farming group, revealing the initial stages of the attack. The video showed members of the group demonstrating an act of slaughter on what appears to be the owners of the farms, in a similar fashion to that of how factory-farmed animals are typically being slaughtered. Was their heinous act an implicit threat to remind us that we should not inflict such harm on factory-farmed animals if we do not like to experience the same torture ourselves? Or were they simply fighting fire with fire?

### A Utilitarian Perspective Against Factory-Farmed Meat

- (1) Factory farming creates far more misery than happiness.
- (2) Consuming factory-farmed products supports the institution of factory farming.
- (3) It is wrong to do things supporting the creation of far more misery than happiness.

**Conclusion:** Consuming factory-farmed meat is wrong.

#### But, have you considered...

It might not always be wrong to do something that supports an institution which creates more misery than happiness? (eg. consuming factory-farmed meat)

#### A. THE RATIONALITY OBJECTION

The interests of human beings outweigh the interests of non-human animals, because humans, unlike other animals, are rational.

#### B. THE ETHICS OF CARE OBJECTION

The interests of humans outweigh the interests of other animals as we care about humans in ways that we don't about other animals, specifically when the misery belongs to the animals we don't care about, and the happiness belongs to the humans and animals we care about.

## Meaty opinions: food for thought?

"Why should we give up our consumption of factory-farmed meat? We're only promoting the creation of lives that are worth living!"



— Vanessa Fong

"Why is it morally impermissible to harm puppies but morally permissible to harm factory-farmed animals for our own consumption? Both should be treated equally! #equality"



— Lydia Tan, GET1029 student at NUS

"Consuming factory-farmed meat is absolutely morally impermissible as factory farming causes far more misery than happiness!"



— Anonymous Utilitarian

### Crossword:

How well do you understand your philosophical concepts?

Answers: 1. Permissible, 2. Omnibenevolence, 3. Utilitarianism, 4. Intelligence, 5. Philosophy, 6. Speciesism, 7. Deontology, 8. Omniscience, 9. Relativism, 10. Hedonic

**Down:**

- 1. Something which is allowed
- 2. You can never go wrong with this!
- 4. You can only do this puzzle if you have this feature of the mind
- 7. Duty-based ethics

**Across:**

- 3. To do that which leads to a better outcome
- 5. The nightmare of non-philosophers even though they do it regularly (hopefully...)
- 6. Discrimination against other species
- 8. Having this is great to solving all moral disputes
- 9. That moral values are defined by different cultures
- 10. Specifically about pain and pleasure

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