

Topic 2: Write a persuasive essay explaining why people should adopt a vegan lifestyle. In your essay, consider the environmental, ethical, and health benefits of veganism. Use evidence and examples to support your argument.

To improve beef tenderness and also eliminate the “boar taint” stench in pork, male calves and piglets are castrated.

To prevent hens from pecking each other in cramped battery cages, egg producers use a hot blade to sear off the pointy final third of their beaks—reducing the chances that a peck can draw blood. While a beak may appear woody on the outside, the hen’s mouth lies inside and is full of nerve endings. Beak searing entails a partial amputation of the bird’s mouth.

Each of these mutilations, including castration, typically occurs without anesthesia. Factory farm owners regard even the cheapest pain killers as prohibitively expensive.

I am shocked and in disbelief that these innocent beautiful creatures are being mutilated, tormented in the prisons of despair merely for human consumption, gluttony, greed and lunacy.

This is our only chance for redemption to spare these creatures of pain and suffering.

When a beef or dairy cow steps onto the kill floor, a worker puts a captive bolt pistol to the animal’s forehead. The trigger pulled, a steel rod shoots through her skull, instantly inflicting a massive brain injury. A chain then hoists the cow into the air, and another worker cuts her throat. Over the following minutes she bleeds out as her still-pumping heart gushes blood onto the floor. This is quite brutally described and is too inappropriate.

Chicken producers say they stun their birds prior to slaughter, but they don’t, really. Their so-called “stunning” is actually done to speed up slaughter, and probably only compounds the birds’ misery. In the United States, chickens are exempt from the Humane Slaughter Act. Anything goes, and the industry has no worries about facing cruelty prosecutions.

The birds are hung upside down, with their feet inserted into steel shackles. They then whiz down the line at rates of at least 175 birds a minute. Just before reaching the blade, the chicken passes through an electrified water bath. The electric shock stuns the bird, just long enough for the head to hang limply to expose his throat to the blade. At times, the blade misses the neck, the chicken will be fully conscious a couple minutes later when it’s dropped into a tank of scalding water used to remove feathers from the carcasses of freshly-killed birds. Millions of these fully conscious birds have scalded to death after a botched slaughter.

A worldwide avian influenza outbreak during the winter of 2021-22 caused the culling of 77 million chickens worldwide. To minimise labor costs, farmers employ a barbaric killing method known as ventilation shutdown, which resulted in temperatures spike, and the animals cook to death. It takes three to four hours to die.

Animal agriculture is the second largest contributor to human-made greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions after fossil fuels and is a leading cause of deforestation, water and air pollution and biodiversity loss. Tackling Climate Change Through Livestock, a widely-cited 2013 report by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), estimates about 14.5 percent of global GHG emissions, or 7.1 gigatons of CO<sub>2</sub>

equivalent, can be attributed to the livestock sector annually. This is broadly equivalent to the emissions from all the fuel burned by all the world's transport vehicles, including cars, trucks, trains, boats and airplanes.

What can we do to help? Think about the legacy we want to leave. Consider the ripple effect of slaughter defenseless creatures, on the environment and on the future generations to come.

One way that we can do to help is to go vegan. Veganism aims to reduce animal suffering and advocate for a more compassionate world by avoiding products made from animals.

By adopting a vegan, plant-based lifestyle is the kindest and most impactful choice we can make—for animals, for our personal health, and for our planet.

Beyond our own health and wellbeing, making vegan food choices can also support the health of our environment. As we've seen with climate change, notable changes to our ecosystems can create catastrophic threats for both humans and animals.

Notice how you only brought up the main point in these parts. If it is about veganism, you should have made a solid point in your introduction. Be more consistent with your piece in such a way that it does not lead your readers astray. You also added quite a few grotesque description about animal violence and it may be too disturbing. Try to generalise that part and make it less violent. I know you got potential so please do take note on the suggestions to further improve your work. You got this big dog!

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