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Submission:

Persecuting the truth seekers who give knowledge/awareness is not the answer/stance to take against animal activists.

The perpetrators of the unacceptable animal agricultural practices on other species need to become transparent to the general public and be accountable for their actions.

Animal activists are engaging in stealth to uncover the abhorrent treatment of sentient beings. It is the only way for the general public to be made aware of where their food/clothing/entertainment etc has come from and who has suffered in the process.

Dairy cattle/ bobby calves/live export/horse racing/duck shooting/macerating live chicks/battery hens/piggery-sow stalls!/sheep breeding in winter/ jumps racing/rodeos/slaughter houses/fish farm practices all these and many more need to become transparent.

Farmers and industry are not held accountable for the cruelty inflicted on millions of innocent beings. The Government needs to stop feigning concern over bio security (which is unsubstantiated) and shore up animal welfare laws and remove exemptions for farmers who mistreat their animals. Also recognise Animal sentience.

Farmers believe they have nothing to hide, then CCTV footage and transparency should be the norm. If not for these brave animal activists many atrocities would not see the light of day.

Before a decision on making penalties outrageously high and jail terms for activists, every person who will be voting on this issue must watch "Dominion" so they have an idea of what is occurring before casting a vote.

Silencing/penalising activists will not make the issue go away.

We need to move forward as a democracy and bring the perpetrators of animal cruelty to justice.

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