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Please do not punish whistleblowers for showing us the truth. It is because of slaughterhouse videos that I gave up meat. The abuse and torture these animals endure in slaughterhouses is abhorrent. And to add to the fact that their lives about to be cut devastatingly short, they are subjected to kicking, punching, slapping, hitting etc from the employees of these slaughterhouses. If these whistleblowers were showing a pet shop ripping the heads of kittens, they would be hailed as animal rescuers, but because the animals in slaughterhouses are "livestock" and seen as property, not sentiment beings they are labelled as terrorists and extremists. We need to do better, we owe the animals better. I know everyone won't ever give up eating meat. But for the time they have on this earth, they should be treated gently, kindly and with respect. Their needs to be rules around how farmed animals are transported. Once it's a certain temperature, say over 35 degrees, cattle trucks can't be in operation. The animals shouldn't be transported for more than 5 hours at a time. All farmed animals should have access to fresh food, fresh water and furthermore access to shelter from the elements, be it wind, hail, rain or blazing heat. We need CCTV footage in slaughterhouses, cattle yards and transport unloading. We need accountability and transparency in this industry. And whistleblowers are the only thing pushing to keep these people honest about what really goes on in a slaughterhouse. Please don't punish animal rescuers for fighting for the voiceless, without them, the animals would have no one.

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