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The most concerning aspect of animal activists trespassing onto private property is not that it occurs, it's the frequency with which evidence of blatant violations to animal welfare laws are exposed from such actions. These activists have shown us sights that would make the average Aussie shake their head in disgust, especially troublesome given the proportionally few properties that been accessed by activists. This is clearly part of a bigger, industry wide problem.

What the governing bodies responsible for animal welfare haven't been able to enforce for all their resources and authority is often accomplished by a small group of activists with a video camera. Yet for some reason, the question certain politicians would have us ask is not "how do we fix our broken animal welfare system, which currently requires illegal means to expose the commonplace brutality in certain facets of animal agriculture?", but "How do we deal with the people who are blowing the whistle?".

While I don't personally know anyone involved in this type of trespass, it's a fair assumption that such people aren't doing so for the entertainment value of being chained to a piece of machinery or the health benefits of being sprayed with freezing water by angry workers, but out of concern for the conditions they almost invariably encounter in such facilities.

Why aren't we focusing on fixing the overarching problem, not wasting our time debating punishments for a small handful of people?

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