

CHICKEN, PETS, AND FISHING COULD BE HISTORY

If the animal rights movement has its way, many of your favorite things could be history. Animal rightists want to eliminate chicken, hot dogs, hamburger, ice cream, cheese, and fish sticks. They're opposed to hunting and fishing. No more leather belts, wool socks, silk blouses. Goodbye to zoos, circuses, and your favorite pet.

Animal rights activists worldwide are attempting to impose their value system on the rest of us. They believe that animals are equal to people. As one animal rights leader puts it: "A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy."

The animal rights movement opposes the use of animals for food, clothing, medical research, entertainment, and even for companionship. It's an entirely new value system, and if they can't persuade you to adopt it, they'll try to intimidate you into accepting it.

Responsible people care about animal welfare. They want to see animals treated humanely. But animal welfare isn't what the animal rights movement is after.

The next time you see an animal rights protest on the street, remember what these people really want. Whether they're opposing meat or medical research, zoos or fur, their real agenda goes much further.

The next time anyone asks you for support of bills to "help animals" make sure your support won't be used to promote a value system that puts animals ahead of people and condones or actively supports the use of violence as a means to an end.

Their protests and actions make it clear: if animal rights activists prevail, you won't be eating chicken, going fishing, or enjoying pets – you'll be reading about them ... in the history books.

Here's what animal rights activists say about their plans

- ⊙ "Our goal: to convince people to rescue and adopt instead of buying or selling animals, to disavow the language and concept of animal ownership." – *Eliot Katz, president, In Defense of Animals*
- ⊙ "We have no problem with the extinction of domestic animals." – *Wayne Pacelle, Senior Vice-President of Humane Society of the US, formerly of Friends of Animals*
- ⊙ "If we really believe that animals have the same right to be free from pain and suffering at our hands, then, of course we're going to be blowing things up and smashing windows.... I think it would be great if all of the fast-food outlets, slaughterhouses, these laboratories, and the banks that fund them exploded tomorrow. I think it's perfectly appropriate for people to take bricks and toss them through the windows. ..." – *Bruce Friedrich, PETA's vegan campaign coordinator, at the "Animal Rights 2001" conference*

Here's what they've done to implement those plans:

September 20, 2001: The Animal Liberation Front, considered a terrorist organization by the FBI, claimed responsibility for arson at White Sands Research Center, Coulston Foundation Labs in Alamogordo, New Mexico. The facility sustained estimated losses of \$1 million in tools, equipment and records. Lab researchers study cures for aids, hepatitis and other illnesses.

September 20, 2001: Activists targeted the Ronald McDonald statue in front of the Ronald McDonald House in Tucson, Arizona, a home for families of seriously ill children.

May, 2002: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, a group that claims it does not target children and does not commit violent acts, hired Gary Yourofsky to head its school lecture program. Yourofsky was convicted of stealing mink from a fur farm and is a frequent proponent of violence in the cause of animal rights. Here's what he said in interviews in the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Toledo Blade*:

"Do not be afraid to condone arsons at places of animal torture."

"It's not about loving animals. It's about fighting injustice. My whole goal is for humans to have as little contact as possible with animals."

If an "animal abuser" were killed in a research lab firebombing, "I would unequivocally support that, too."

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