

I'm going to present an argument by analogy for this claim:

(K) It's wrong to kill (non-human) animals unnecessarily for food.

By "unnecessarily", I mean merely because you enjoy that food but don't need it to survive or be healthy. So this doesn't apply if you're on a desert island where the only food is wild boar, if you need meat for health reasons, or if you can't afford a healthy plant-based diet.

So here's the argument:

(B1) Bestiality is wrong.

(B2) If so, then it's wrong to kill animals unnecessarily for food.

(B3) So, it's wrong to kill animals unnecessarily for food.

I expect most to agree with B1.

B2 is based on the idea that the good reasons for thinking bestiality is wrong also apply to killing animals for food. Here are potential reasons why bestiality might be wrong:

- It's unnatural
- Society disapproves of it
- It harms animals
- Animals can't consent to sex

The first two aren't good reasons. Being unnatural or disapproved of by society doesn't make something wrong, since watching tiktok is unnatural but not wrong, and there are societies that disapprove of educating girls, but educating girls isn't wrong.

The third and fourth *are* good reasons, since causing harm and violating consent *can* make something wrong. However, both of these apply equally to killing animals for food: it harms them and they can't consent to it.