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Rights are legislated by political representatives.

Rights are enforced (or violated) by the state.

Rights are upheld (or overturned) by the state.

Any existing rights that animals have were gained and upheld through political action.

The same is true for humans and ecosystems.

Who enacts subsidies to animal agriculture industries?

Who gives ranchers cheap public lands for grazing?

Who regulates pollution?

Who sets and enforces welfare standards?

Who sets nutrition guidelines?

Who turns forest preserves into logging and grazing sites?

Who passes Ag Gag laws?

Who passed the Animal Enterprise Terrorism act?

…etc

And these politicians and agencies are controlled by corporations to serve their interests.

Corporations fund elections.

Corporate leaders serve in political offices.

Corporate interest lobbyists write bills.

So, why do people say:

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Sometimes, it's as simple as the person's bigotry being questioned.

Or, people keep "politics" out of animal rights because they seek funding or platforming from bigoted people with funds, power, and audiences.

Other times, they don't want to upset or alienate people who disagree with the political opinions expressed.

They want a bigger tent and to establish coalitions with otherwise unaligned people and organizations.

You hear:

“Infighting doesn’t help the animals!”

But, fundamental questions of morality and justice are not mere “infighting.”

But silence, like inaction, only maintains the status quo.

It's what those who benefit from the current state of rights and power want.

And it allows louder voices to take up space.

These voices are then rewarded and repeated, influencing the political movements and institutions.

This determines the animals' rights.

And the rights of humans and ecosystems.

So, please, keep politics in animal rights.

Without politics, animals will only lose what little rights they currently have.

(...and so will you)

And remember, the political and economic systems that exploit animals are inherently intertwined with those that exploit people and ecosystems.

