TEAMS & ANIMAL EXPLOITATION

+ human and ecological



Texas has the largest number of cows in the United States (12 Million in 2024)

The romanticized myth of the cowboy whitewashes a legacy of colonialism, imperialism, genocide & ethnic cleansing, and capitalism. Columbus brought the first cows to North America. Cortez & later conquistadors used cows to fund and further their conquests under the encomienda system. This included native habitat destruction by grazing cattle. The US engineered breakaway movements in Texas and California to justify imperial takeover. The US conquered Mexico and took the Southwest through raw imperialism (Manifest Destiny). Cowboys served cattle barons who warred over grazing lands and continued the US policies of ethnic cleansing and genocide for economic expansion.

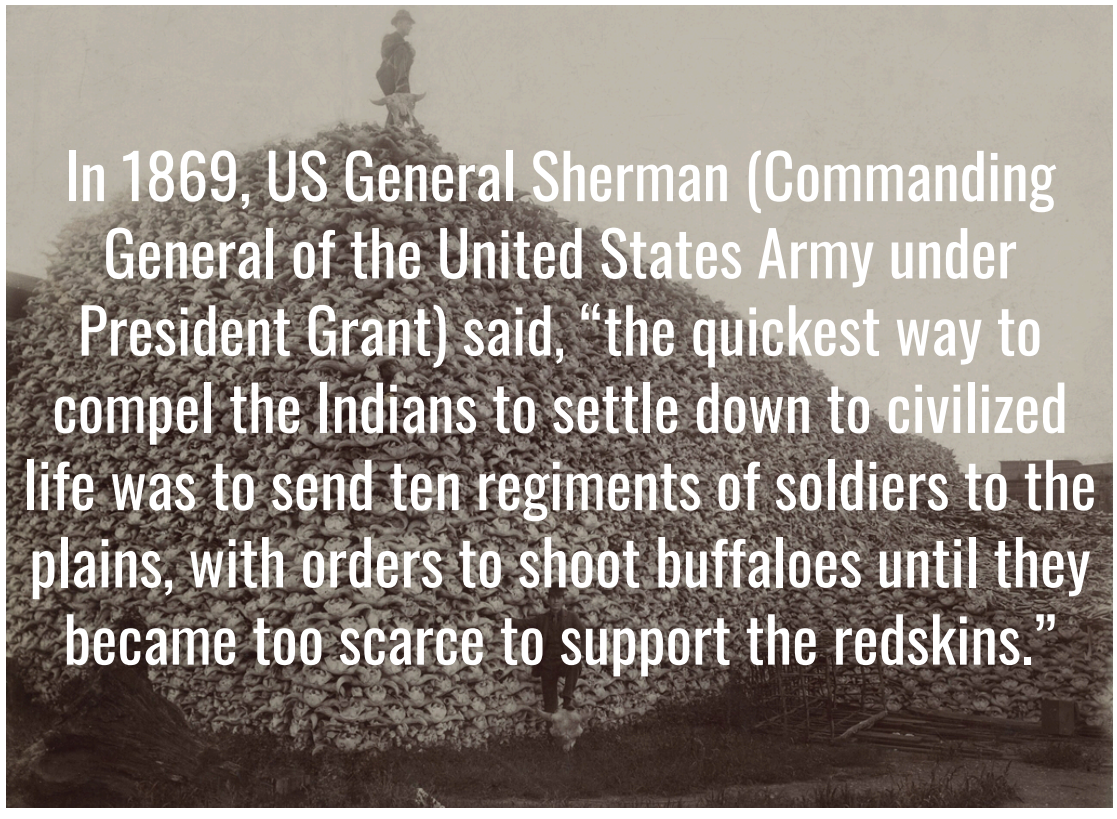
Cowboys were disposable tools of the capitalist class, not romantic independent heroes.



The Bills are named for William “Buffalo Bill” Cody.

Cody received the nickname "Buffalo Bill" when he had a contract to supply Union Pacific railroad workers with buffalo (bison) meat. Cody is purported to have killed 4,282 buffalo in eighteen months in 1867 and 1868. The transcontinental railroads depended upon and furthered ethnic cleansing with the goal of connecting the US east coast with the west coast and newly conquered lands.

As a performer later in life, Buffalo Bill Cody promoted the mythos of the independent, heroic cowboy, transforming their role as a tool of capitalist cattle-barons into an American folk hero.



“Packers” derives from the “Meatpacking Industry,” a whitewashed term for slaughtering, butchering, packaging, and distributing flesh from cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, and other animals for maximum economic gain. Slaughterhouse workers face continual safety issues and union busting.

Wisconsin has 3.5 Million cows
(1.4 M beef, 1.7 M dairy/eventual beef),
56 Million chickens, and 732k pigs



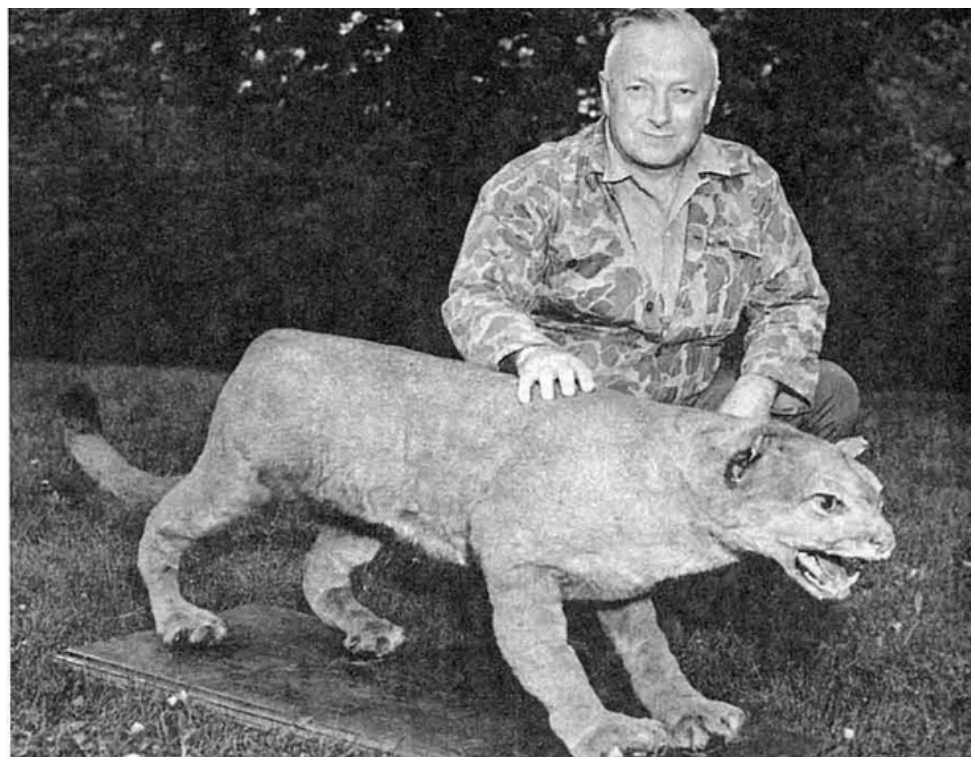
CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Carolina Panther was actually a species of cougar: the Eastern Cougar.

The entire species is now extinct.

The last wild Eastern Cougar was seen in the 1930's.

As Euro-American settlers dominated the southeast, they logged the cougar's habitat to clear land to raise domesticated animals. The cougars were a threat to the livestock and starving due to reduced number of deer. The settlers hunted and poisoned the Eastern Cougars in order to protect their capital investment in farmed animals. Bounty programs commodified their eradication.



Originally based in Baltimore, the Colts were named after the city's horse-racing & horse-breeding industries.

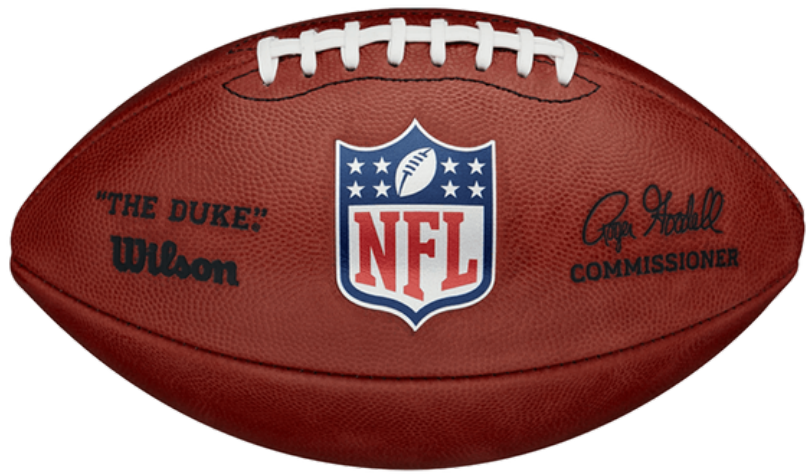
Horse-racing glorifies aristocratic wealth-posturing under the guise of sport.

Horses killed due to racing injuries since 2014:

Indiana – 297
Maryland – 425

Source: HORSERACING WRONGS

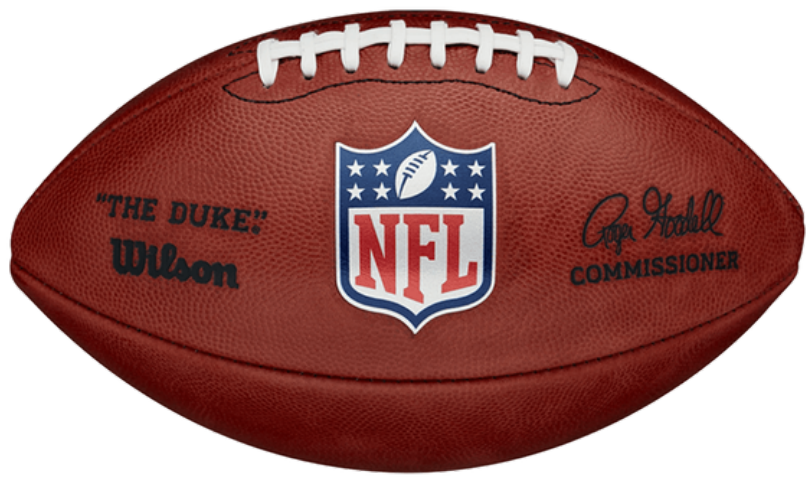




The football itself is called “the pigskin.”

It’s actually made from dead cows’ skin.

Early footballs were made from inflated pig bladders.





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