Undercover Investigations of Animal Operations
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First Assignment:

The below can be found in Canvas.

Thursday 1:15 to 2:45
Introduction to Undercover Investigations
Read:

- Don’t Believe Everything You See, Animal Agriculture Alliance: https://animalagalliance.org/dont-believe-everything-you-see-the-truth-about-undercover-videos
- U.S. Animal Death Stats: https://www.animalclock.org

Consider:

- Are undercover investigations useful? Can you trust them?
- What are the arguments for and against undercover investigations?
- What is the purpose of investigations, and do they achieve that purpose?

Thursday 2:45 – 3:00
Break

Thursday 3:00 to 3:30
Where Do Undercover Investigations Occur?
Read:

- What is a CAFO?: https://thehumaneleague.org/article/what-is-a-cafo

Browse:

- CAFOs in the US: https://cafomaps.org

Optional - Skim Examples of Undercover Investigations:
Note that some of this content can be upsetting

- PETA Investigations: [https://www.peta.org/investigations/](https://www.peta.org/investigations/)
- Mercy For Animals Investigations: [https://mercyforanimals.org/investigations/](https://mercyforanimals.org/investigations/)
- Animal Outlook Investigations: [https://animaloutlook.org/investigations/](https://animaloutlook.org/investigations/)
- Cruelty Free International (Animal Research) Investigations: [https://crueltyfreeinternational.org/investigations/](https://crueltyfreeinternational.org/investigations/)

Thursday 3:30 to 5:00

Recording Laws

Read:

- Sanders v. American Broadcasting Companies, 20 Cal. 4th., 907 (Cal. 1999)

Optional Reading: