

This week I have continued my work on the essay about environmental effects of animal agriculture. I specifically recently stumbled upon a body of research talking about the social impacts of slaughterhouses that I found specifically interesting. To summarize it, many slaughterhouse workers contract a type of PTSD called PITS, which is Perpetration Induced Traumatic Stress. This is a condition that many Nazis got after working in concentration camps, and is caused by committing acts that would be traumatic if done to you. Additionally, I have started working on an essay about the ethics of piracy when it comes to scientific articles through services like sci-hub. It is an interesting ethical question about the values of capitalism versus the impact that open access to important scientific findings could bring and it is also interesting to consider the high cost that someone outside of a well-funded college would need to pay in order to gain access to these papers. Overall it's been an interesting week.

