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### Title

Not everyone's morals are as clear as night and day. Morality has become more difficult to understand as technology and humanity have advanced and evolved. While eating for survival with no care about the consequences was the way of life, humans have learned more about what we eat, bringing about the inevitable question of is the torture of animals worth the pleasure we get from them? David Foster Wallace brings about this idea in his piece, "Consider the Lobster" where he discusses the morality of boiling lobsters alive, and whether or not lobsters can feel it or have emotions. This idea can be generalized to animals as a whole and whether or not we should be killing them for our pleasure. However, while this may seem like a personal internal conflict it goes back to the culture and habits of the human race.

How humans interact with other species is an ever changing relationship. In the article "Animals Like Us" by Hal Herzog, Herzog describes the relationships Americans have with snakes versus cats, and how we are more considerate of some species over others. "The troubled middle" is introduced in Herzog's piece where individuals will do things to an extent to animals, however there is no universal standard, these decisions must be made into

**(put towards end)** Most individuals breeze through life in what has been called the "troubled middle". I myself am guilty of this. I am passionate about animals, yet I still eat them on a somewhat daily basis. Something I have been asking myself more recently is how have I been getting by knowing what my actions have caused. The troubled middle is the only way to get by and make it through the day. The thought of not thinking about what you are doing is an often habit of mine, and I need to stop myself from thinking about where my food comes in order to give my body nutrients while still having a flavorful diet.