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### Reconsider the Lobster

People have long thought that animals may have a consciousness comparable to the human intellect. The study of animal consciousness and cognition is a relatively new field in science, but the question has been around for centuries. Some humans want to answer the question purely for the advancement of the field, but others want to know because they do not want to eat anything that has a consciousness like a human does. For whatever reason, animal cognition has fascinated humans for a long time. Many authors, journalists and essayists have tried to capture this conflict between do they or don't they in the past. Most well-known is David Foster Wallace and his *Consider the Lobster* essay. Others have followed, including Hal Herzog of *Utne Magazine* and Ross Andersen for *The Atlantic*. These authors have tried to capture the ethical dilemma of how we interact with animals in words so the rest of us can better understand. **I NEED A THESIS. SOMETHING ABOUT ANIMAL CONGNITION MAYBE.**