

Age Dis·crim·in·a·tion  
A·ble·ism  
An·ti·Sem·it·ism  
Class·ism  
Eth·no·cen·trism

# Speciesism

**Spe·cies·ism** (spē'shēz'iz'əm) *n.* 1 the irrational belief that other living beings exist solely for the pleasure and profit of Homo sapiens 2 the industrialized agricultural system that reduces conscious creatures to mere cash commodities and denies that other forms of life possess independent worth. *see: patriarchy.*

Sex·ism  
Xen·o·pho·bi·a

**Prejudice takes many forms.  
All of them are ugly.**

Every day, millions of animals are victimized in factory farms:

Caged and confined in overcrowded conditions,  
Separated from their young,  
Never seeing the sunlight,  
Brutally slaughtered.

*They're sensitive, social, intelligent creatures.  
Why should they be sentenced to such suffering?*

**Affirming the Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Being**  
*Unitarian Universalists for Ethical Treatment of Animals*

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It is easy for us to criticize the prejudices of our grandparents, from which our parents freed themselves.



It is much more difficult to distance ourselves from our own views, so that we can dispassionately search for prejudices among the beliefs and values we hold.

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