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START ASKING QUESTIONS!

Okay, so I want to reiterate what was discussed in my last blog America's Favorite Meat. It's really no trouble to continue writing about the same things over and over again because I think it's the only way to spread news and keep it on our minds.

This article [here](#), is about a year old and tells the story of what happened in a processing plant overseas. I only assume the reason this made news was because someone hid a camera and the workers were caught in the act. It's hard to simply place blame on the workers really. They were only doing what any tired, overworked, underpaid, undermined, and abused worker would do. I'm sure these people walked away with very little dignity at the end of their workday.

And I simply can't imagine anyone with an *invested interest* in any of the big names mentioned in the article sending in a camera to look for safety violations. Chances are this was against the owner's, manager's, and investor's knowledge that their processing plant was being recorded. However, I'm sure someone knew what the workers were doing and turned a blind eye until it made headlines.

Now, I just saw this [article](#) on a friend's Facebook page and got a little curious (and a little perturbed to say the least). So, I went back to my first [source](#) to see if this was really something under consideration and the answer is a resounding yes! At least since November of last year it's been on the docket. My my, our USDA folks sure are the forgiving type. Perhaps everything is all good since that little incident with the expired, unsanitary meat and we should give this country one more chance. What do ya say, Consumers???

Essentially, I write these blogs because I want people to see,

acknowledge, and react to how ridiculous our food system is becoming. We don't need meat this badly, Americans. We just don't. I know we've been obsessively carnivorous for hundreds and hundreds of years, but this is crass!

The risks of eating meat is not worth any of the benefits. There are plenty of other sources of protein that don't put people at a risk of disease and death. Imagine, people are dying from something they pay money for and put in their mouths. This is not car wrecks, plane crashes, or being in the wrong place at the wrong time. No! This is what you're feeding your entire family - EVERYDAY!

If every consumer (who cares about their bodies, their children, and their environment) who purchased meat from a grocery store chain (i.e. Walmart/Sams, Price Chopper/Hen House, Sunfresh, or whatever store is near you) would just simply approach their butcher and **start asking questions**, it will raise the necessary red flags. And we don't stop asking questions any time soon. Instead, keep asking questions until we start digging in somebody's pockets! Those fools at the USDA, FDA, GMA and any other group that exists under the guise of food safety, need to know that we exist! They are not feeding a bunch of mindless simpletons with their processed meats. They are feeding PEOPLE.

Final thoughts: There are **plenty** of legitimate men and women in our own country who are more than willing to raise meat with integrity. Thousands upon thousands of farmers are out of work, retiring before their time, and being stepped over for cheap, disgusting factory farm production.

If food safety truly is an issue of concern for our silly government, doesn't it make sense to lessen the odds of contamination and give farmers on our own soil their jobs back? That's seems like the **American** thing to do rather than trying to save a buck by processing meat in a sweatshop overseas.



Be the most annoying, educated, bothersome, fearsome, and involved consumer you can possibly be!!!

