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I am an old bloke, an ex National Serviceman. I remember the Anti Vietnam War protesters were branded 'commo sympathisers' and 'traitors' They were not!

They were exercising their right to protest. Many were arrested and charged but were able to carry on their lives and become useful contributors to society.

Today I believe the animal activists to be decent compassionate people. They believe that many of the agricultural practices concerning animals are inhumane. They believe that sometimes the treatment meted out to animals is not only inhumane, it is illegal.

Their activities are motivated by the frustration caused by knowing that the cruel practices are kept hidden from the general public. Unlike the Anti Vietnam Activists, these people may well have their lives ruined by criminal records and massive penalties,

Surely, this problem could be easily solved by farms and abattoirs being required by law to have monitored closed circuit televisions. I know, having been a bus driver, there was a closed circuit television recording my behaviour and that of my passengers