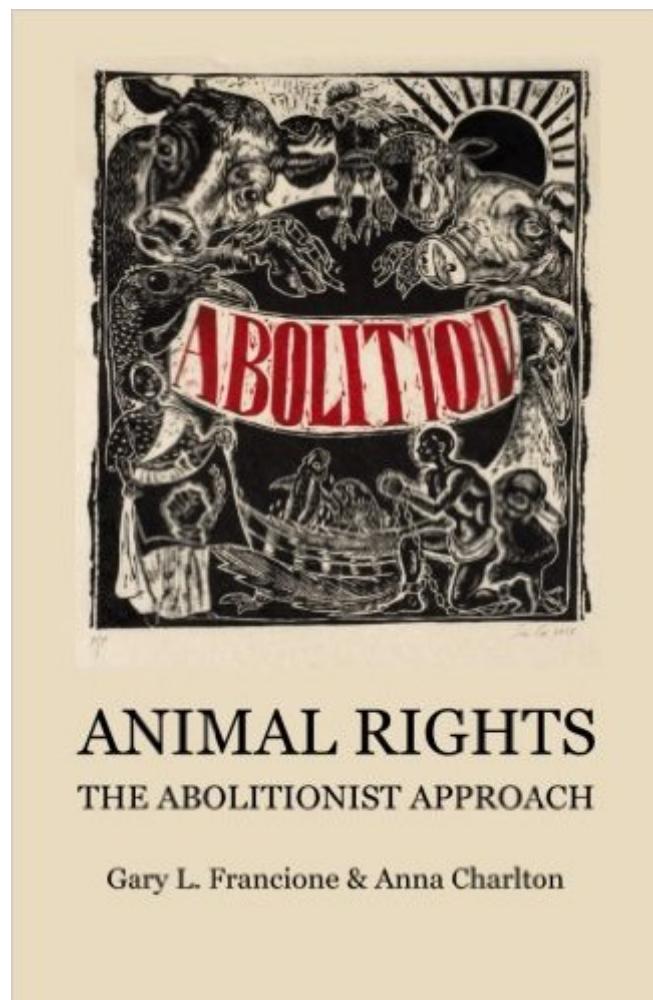


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# Animal Rights: The Abolitionist Approach



## Synopsis

\*\*\*SPECIAL OFFER\*\*\* Take \$1 OFF per copy purchased through CreateSpace (<https://www.createspace.com/5898632>) with discount code: ZECARGBZ This book is about a revolution--a revolution of the heart. The exploitation of animals is pervasive, entrenched, and horrific. In this book, the authors reject the idea that animal use is morally acceptable if we treat animals à œhumanely. • They reject the campaigns for à œcompassionate • exploitation promoted by virtually all large animal protection organizations. These campaigns, the authors argue, reinforce the notion that we can consume our way out of injustice and trade one form of exploitation for another. They are morally wrong and they are, as a practical matter, ineffective. The central argument of this book is that we need a paradigm shift. We must see nonhuman animals as nonhuman persons. This paradigm shiftâ "this revolution of the heartâ "starts with our own veganism, not as some sort of à œflexitarian lifestyleâ • issue, but as a basic, fundamental, and non-negotiable commitment to justice and fairness for nonhuman animals. Veganism, as a moral imperative, recognizes that we have no moral justification for using animalsâ "however à œhumanelyâ •â "for our purposes. It continues with our daily efforts to educate others in creative, positive, and nonviolent ways about veganismâ "something that each of us can do if we want to. Every day, we have opportunities to educate family, friends, colleagues at work, and people whom we encounter in a store or on a bus. Is it easier to write a check to someone else than do the work ourselves? Of course it is. But it wonâ ™t work because the large advocacy organizations are not seeking to end animal exploitation; they are, by promoting the idea of à œcompassionateâ • animal use, seeking instead to make the public feel more comfortable about continuing to exploit animals. Francione and Charlton, both attorneys and professors at Rutgers University School of Law, have the dual perspective of working on animal issues for 30 years while developing the abolitionist theory of animal rights. In this book, they discuss six principles that make up the Abolitionist Approach: I. Principle One: Abolitionists maintain that all sentient beings, human or nonhuman, have one rightâ "the basic right not to be treated as the property of others. II. Principle Two: Abolitionists maintain that our recognition of this one basic right means that we must abolish, and not merely regulate, institutionalized animal exploitation, and that abolitionists should not support welfare reform campaigns or single-issue campaigns. III. Principle Three: Abolitionists maintain that veganism is a moral baseline and that creative, nonviolent vegan education must be the cornerstone of rational animal rights advocacy. IV. Principle Four: The Abolitionist Approach links the moral status of nonhumans with sentience alone and not with any other cognitive characteristic; all sentient beings are equal for the purpose of not being used exclusively as a resource. V.

Principle Five: Abolitionists reject all forms of human discrimination, including racism, sexism, heterosexism, ageism, ableism, and classism "just as they reject speciesism. VI. Principle Six: Abolitionists recognize the principle of nonviolence as a core principle of the animal rights movement. On the bedrock of these six principles, Francione and Charlton maintain that we can end animal exploitation.

## **Book Information**

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Any person who slightly cares about animals, or any person who slightly cares about justice, must read this book. It is brilliantly simple and in this simplicity, it gives the formula of changing the world into a more peaceful and just place. This book is for everyone, and it perfectly matches with its claim that if the world will change, everyone will be a part of it. Just read the book, practice the first principle in your life and go vegan, and start being a part of the solution.

A superbly lucid, comprehensive, and most hopeful book, detailing the principles that will help us to bring animal exploitation to an end. A must-read for anyone who cares about justice in general, and/or animal rights in particular, and an essential addition to any advocate's toolkit, along with Eat Like You Care by the same authors. And as a fellow academic, knowing what the academic publishing world is like (small print runs, exorbitant prices that all go back to cover the cost of production, but high stakes for publishing in any other format), I'm very grateful to Profs. Francione and Charlton for rowing against the current here and producing a book that is affordable and accessible.

This is a must read book for all vegans and for non-vegans who claim to care about non-human animals. A clear, consistent and uncompromising approach for the social justice movement for non-humans, the \*only\* social justice movement for non-humans, the grass-roots abolitionist vegan movement.

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This is an essential read for anyone who wants to understand what is at the real heart of the animal rights discussion. The Professors' position is unique and extremely compelling. The concepts, philosophy and history are clearly elucidated in terms that everyone can understand. It's a fast read and it will change your perspective on animal rights, whether this is your first or 50th book on the subject.

Just finished reading this book. It is just fantastic. A coherent, consistent and clear abolitionist vegan message. I highly recommend it. The book is easy to read, even for people that are not used to reading animal rights theory. Gary Francione and Anna Charlton have written a book that is going to change the paradigm from animals as property to animals as persons. It is powerful! Thank you both of you, Andreas Måfånsson

As with all of Professor Francione's (and Anna Charlton's) books and essays, it is critical to read them yourself. And then reread them. Don't let others explain The Abolitionist Approach to you. There is much misrepresentation going on. Get the information straight from the source, and stay close to the source.

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