Here are two more important reminders:

1. **Please read the instructions.** Kristina, Kelsey, Sumchuk, Autumn, and Jehona are the only ones who made screencaps and they all got A’s this week for their posts.
2. **Plagiarism is a serious offense.** For whatever reason, it might seem desirable for us to reproduce words written elsewhere rather than coming up with our own commentaries. However, our own commentaries are *ALWAYS* more original and honest. And you are all smart enough to give your own thoughts, ideas, and analyses. Wouldn’t it also be more fun to watch the documentary yourself and speak your mind?

Back to *Cowspiracy*, whether we like it or not, the United Nations has declared earlier: “A substantial reduction of impacts would only be possible with a substantial worldwide diet change away from animal products.” Here is an article on that by The Guardian: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2010/jun/02/un-report-meat-free-diet>

And the following is a video on it [5 min 47 s]. Watch it yourself and see if it agrees with *Cowspiracy*: <https://youtu.be/tQlekfaPyaA>

On the one hand, there are people saying that the world won’t cut down their consumption of animal products. On the other hand, you have statistics proving that veganism has become a fastest growing lifestyle/health/social justice/environmental movement: <https://foodrevolution.org/blog/vegan-statistics-global/>

My mind goes “Interesting… I wonder why?” I guess the debates and discussions will continue.

In your discussion posts though, it doesn’t seem that anyone explicitly mentions **the hidden and externalized costs of animal food production borne by taxpayers and society at large**. That is to say, whether you consume any animal products or not, you are paying part of the costs of somebody else’s consumption of animal products.

This is mentioned in the documentary by David Simon, lawyer and author of *Meatonomics*, starting at 55:24. **If you did mention this important part and I have missed it, email me and I will give you extra points.**