

# John's Worldly Ramblings



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Use the first sentence to capture their attention. The next sentence is to draw them in further. Now hit them with the bullshit. Throw in a couple "fucks" and they're hooked like a fish/junkie/teenage girl being spoon-fed MTV.

Lots of things bother me. I can't watch TV or leave the house without something bothering me. And I'm relatively sure it's not just me. Fairly sure.

This year, while Chrissmas shopping, while in Boston Store where I bought nothing, I was walking through the store past the jewelry department behind a woman pushing a stroller. She suddenly saw something that piqued her interest and let go of her stroller and went to the counter. The stroller continued to roll for a couple feet and as it slowed, it began to curve slightly more towards the middle of the aisle. As I walked past I thought of pushing the stroller without breaking a stride and waiting to see how far I could get before the bargain huntress noticed. I passed by the stroller and saw the kid inside with a "What the fuck" look on his face. Sorry, son, your mom's an idiot. Nothing can be done about it. Hopefully you can get famous and emancipate yourself after she steals from you.

Everyone has a cause. Everyone has their own cause. Each person thinks their cause is the most important thing affecting the world.

Terrorism is the most important problem. The Supreme Court staying conservative is the most important issue. Not legalizing gay marriage is critical to the strength of the US. Making the entertainment industry clean and wholesome is so fucking important, I just shit myself!

There are some people who think that animal rights are a primary concern. I've noticed that a lot of people get very creepy-upset when you just mention something about an animal getting hurt. In the Michael Moore movie "Roger & Me" there's one scene where he's talking to a woman who lost her job when the GM plants in Flint, Michigan closed and she was telling him about how she was affected while killing and skinning a rabbit. To kill it, she bashed it in the head with something. I was telling this to a couple people at work and the receptionist, who has a pet rabbit named Cinnamon (aaaaw), became upset. Although, I honestly can't tell when people are truly that upset or are just overreacting to make you think they care because they think they're supposed to care.

In China millions of cats and dogs are killed each year for their fur and meat. The terrorist organization PETA, which believes in ending the killing, medical experimentation and incarceration of *all* animals, was on CNN recently trying to bring public attention to this way of Chinese life. Dirt poor people in China should starve and freeze to death because PETA holds animal life above human life.

PETA wants to end the incarceration of all animals, which means closing down all zoos, animal laboratories, animal shelters and for those of you with pets, you won't have a pet anymore. PETA thinks that pets are akin to slaves and they should be released into the wild, or more

appropriate to PETA's shortsightedness, into the city streets.

When "The Passion of the Christ" came out Jews protested saying that it depicted Jews in a negative way, blacks protested saying that the treatment of Jesus was like the treatment of slaves in America, and PETA protested saying that the treatment of Jesus was like the treatment of animals in medial labs.

If you tell the person who cringed at the bunny bashing story the same story, but replace the bunny with a man, there will be no reaction. They'll probably want to see the movie. People care more about animals than they do about other people because they personify animals and then look at animals they way they would look at a retarded person, except probably cuter. Animals need constant attention and care, they need to be fed and cleaned up after, and you can never even joke about any harm coming to them.

It sounds like a good thing to end the suffering of animals in laboratories and to close zoos, but zoos help bring animals back from the brink of extinction and provide excellent opportunities to study animals, not to mention the joy they bring to those who visit. Labs that test on animals have pioneered many medical procedures and medicines that save lives every day in hospitals. I would agree that testing cosmetics on pigs is not a good use of animal testing, but that's not done anymore thanks to the petitioning of PETA or like organizations. But PETA gained a little success and notoriety from actually doing a positive thing and now are just out of control and delusional.

Just because you can teach a monkey to smoke a cigarette and ride a tricycle does not mean that you've made a little person. Monkeys will still throw their shit

at you. If a person did that, you'd stick them down in that crazy dungeon jail from "The Silence of the Lambs."

I can't eat meat? Fuck you. I'll eat a burger with two kinds of animals on it just because you said I can't. I'll step on bugs whenever I get the chance; I'll cross the street so I can step on a June bug. I'll go around picking up stray dogs and cats just so I can deliver them to the Humane Society who will kill them after three weeks of non-adoption.

The people who belong to PETA have got to be the most Godless ever, or the most moronic, or both. Meat and dairy are important parts of the human diet. Maybe brontosaurus can be a vegetarian, but the flesh-tearing teeth in our mouths seem to at least imply that we are a meat-eating species. We have the choice not to eat meat, certainly. But isn't the real problem that vegetarians and vegans feel ostracized because they don't eat meat and they feel strange going to the Texas Roadhouse and ordering a salad? So they're trying to change everyone's mind about eating meat so they can feel better when everything on the menu is meat-free.

If I go to a vegetarian restaurant and order a steak, not only will I not get my steak, I'll get a speech. If a vegetarian goes to Ponderosa and orders a salad, they'll get their salad with the restaurant's thanks. So, who's being discriminated against? "Sir, this is a vegetarian restaurant. We don't serve any... flesh. Perhaps you would care to visit the slaughterhouse and pick out a piece of flesh yourself. You can watch them butcher cows by shooting a bolt into their heads, then watch as the intestines are spilled all over the floor."

I understand vegetarianism both for people that don't want to harm animals and for those who want to be healthier. I also get it if meat grosses you out. Fine. I don't eat pecans because they're nasty. I will never

understand someone who eats nothing from an animal and will only eat plants, or even closer to Pluto, someone who will only eat foods that have naturally fallen from trees. People are stupid, it shows. It shows.

I've tried ostrich. It's okay, a little gamy, but it'll do. I haven't eaten a lot of exotic meats. It's not that I don't want to, it's just that chicken and cow and pig are so good and come in so many different varieties that I don't feel a need to try bear or Gila monster.

There are so many things that are important. People get on the side of something they think is so important, they put their time and effort into making others aware. And everyone needs a cause, don't they? Some people choose animal rights. If we got a committee together to rank causes from most important to least important, I don't know what they would come up with as the most important, but I am sure animal rights would be pretty far down on the list.

It bugs me that if I was hanging off a cliff and to my right a bull mastiff was hanging off the same cliff, a good number of people would choose to pull the dog up before me. To be honest, I'd probably choose the dog over you, too.

Keep them partly in the dark until the very end, the climax, when you lay out the final shard of surprise. Make it ambiguous. Leave them with a lasting impression, wanting more.

John

Favorite song today:

"Mary's in India" ~ Dido