Over the past thirty years, as Wesley J. Smith details in his latest book, the concept of animal rights has been seeping into the very fabric of American culture. This is a fact that is generally not understood by the general public. Animal rights is not the same as human rights. The right to life, for example, does not apply to animals. Animals cannot be given rights as they are not moral agents. What they can be given is the protection of laws that will prevent their mistreatment (like the laws that prevent their abuse by human beings) and the right to a healthy environment in which to live.

Animals are an essential part of human lives and as omnivores, are needed as well. They kill local wildlife, die of starvation, or are hunted down by man. Animals are not moral agents and cannot be given rights. The AGENDA of animal rights has been to strip animal owners of their animals and euthanized them prior to their death. PETA killed 96% of the animals it took in last year while the local shelter euthanized 92% of its intake. Abusing animals means simply being nicer to animals. But although animal rights groups do sometimes focus their activism on promoting animal rights, their true agenda is to replace the Judeo-Christian ethic with a new religion. Their fundamentalism is repugnant to our very culture and life. This book is a must read for anyone who wants to understand the Tea Party.

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This is a political book and a very good one at that. It reviews the history of the animal rights movement and discusses the moral issues involved. It explains how animals have benefited humans and how adoption of the AR beliefs, if taken to the logical extreme, will diminish humanity. Of particular note, is his careful analysis of the judicial system in a take-no-prisoners attempt to implement their AR agenda. Those who are sympathetic to the AR agenda, should read this book, and carefully consider the implications of AR beliefs, before they cast their vote for anyone who supports this agenda. This book is packed with information and is a very good read.