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Title: Exploitation of Poultry Employees and Broiler Chickens: How Mutual Oppression Necessitates Mutual Liberation

Abstract:
The United States chicken industry is mutually oppressive, slaughtering billions of silenced birds annually and intentionally employing marginalized groups. The industry is detrimental to the health and welfare of the chickens it slaughters and the workers it employs, along with the externalities it inflicts on surrounding populations and the environment. Through an archival review, current news stories surrounding the industry, an analysis of methods of oppression and politics of sight, and a look at modern methods of transitional farming, this paper explores how the chicken industry was built, grew, and can one day hopefully be transformed into a more ethical model of production. The chicken industry has an overlooked intentionality to its practice, and through the normalization of meat consumption and the distance we have from the act of slaughter, we allow these atrocities to occur unchecked. The chicken industry is mutually oppressing its employees and birds, and reform will require mutual liberation of these exploited marginalized groups that the industry has profited from since its inception.