

The Social Ethics Of Lab-grown Meat

A close-up photograph of a petri dish containing a dense, red, fibrous culture, likely lab-grown meat. The culture is spread across the surface of the dish and has a textured, almost meat-like appearance. The lighting is soft, highlighting the color and texture of the culture.

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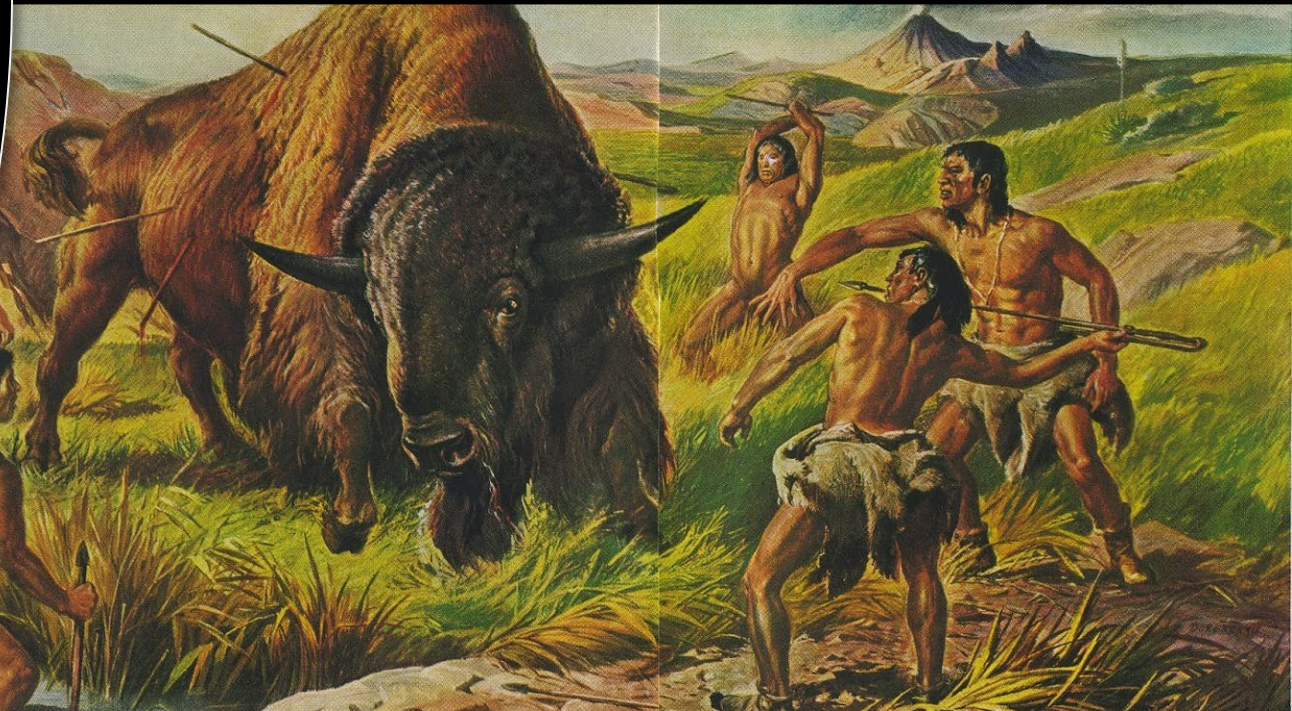
Topic:

- How lab-grown meat has changed and shifted how we see, understand, and value meat.
- Lab-grown meat provides a new perspective for us in different aspects, shaping our values and changing our old attitude toward meat.



From hunting to farming to lab grown meat

- Evolution: Meat as a source of nutrition sources-protein
- As time passes, meat gains meaning and cultural value(reflects our social hierarchy, to the symbolic meaning)
- Potential future diet-lab-grown meat (one that not merely conserves resources, but that also satisfies the human desire for meat-which holds a lot of cultural value and meaning)

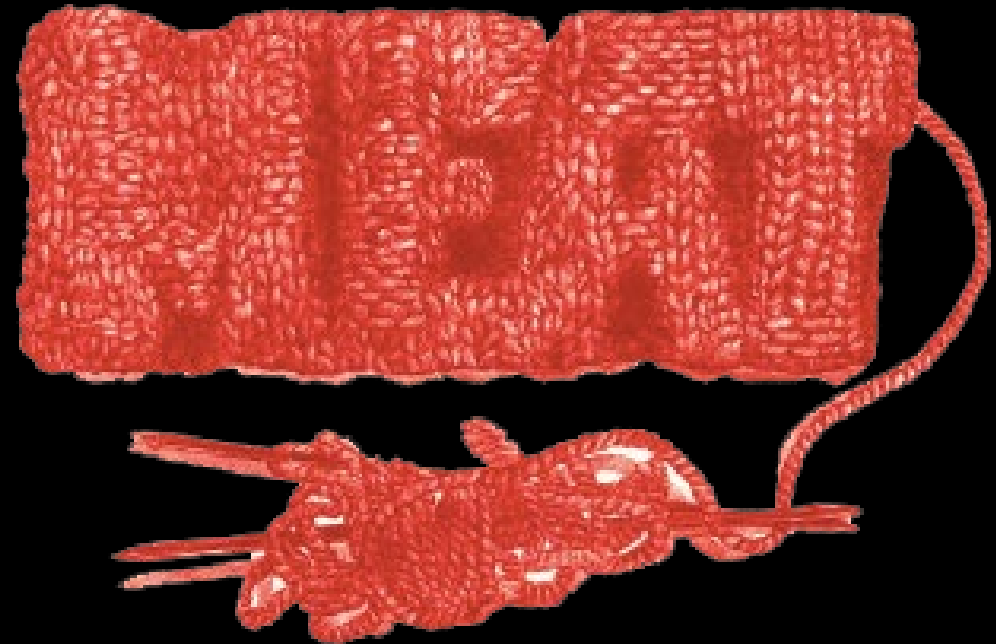
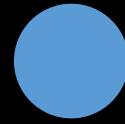


The naming of lab-grown meat

- Many terms to refer to lab-grown meat:

Cultured meat, In-vitro meat, Clean meat, Victimless meat, Synthetic, Fake and engineered meat...

- Each of these terms reveals people's changing attitude towards lab-grown meat.



Lab-grown meat and meat-alternatives diets

- Class affects choice of diet
 - Class affects their choices
- Belief affects diet
 - Ethical vegetarians
- Culture affects choice of diet choice
 - Insect protein
- The benefits of Lab-grown meat



Associated symbolic meaning and status in meat



- Language surrounding meat
Hierarchy embedded into the meaning of meat.

Meal>>plant-base food>>flesh of animal>>property

- Meat is embedded with gender qualities.
- Lab-grown meat as the middle of them (meat and plants) which is ambiguous, can alleviate the social inequalities brought by previous meat-eating society.
- “meat” would no longer be associated with wealth, status, or male power but it would merely be a form of protein.

Lab-grown meat and Vegetarianism

- The reason why they think eating meat is an ethical act.
- The reasons why some people follow a vegetarian diet.
- The position of vegetarian might become less radical since they could eat lab-grown meat while still saving animals' lives.



Influence of lab-grown meat in religion

- Lab grown meat could influence religious based vegetarian diets, such as Judaism's Kosher diet and Islam's Halal foods.
- How they define the source of the original cells from lab-grown meat (animal species and cell type) are important to their original religious rules.
- Lab-grown meat also provides more options diets for Eastern religions.





Policy of lab grown meat

- Lab-grown meat is not covered by food, food additives, GMO, or NADA provisions which are decided by the FDA.
- How USDA decides to label cultured meat will influence citizens' attitudes, as well as the feasibility of an alternative meat market.
- The controversy is over whether lab-grown meat can be identified as organic or natural remains. It is also a question of whether lab-grown meat can be readily be used to substitute what is currently .
- If lab-grown meat were labelled as “meat”, the boundary between Lab-grown meat, non-meat alternatives and meat itself, would become ambiguous, disintegrating the politics being played out in the history of flesh.

Conclusion

- Viewing different terms used to refer to lab-grown meat, it conveys the shifting values associated with "meat". It would be not only be related to the symbol of clean and pure, but also it is real meat in a sense, appealing to many people without changing our meat-eating habits.
- There is a lot of potential for experimenting with lab-grown meat, such as making it suitable for eating or producing in space or altering the nutritional value of the meat based on needs.
- If lab-grown meat were labelled as "meat", their difference between the types of meat would become meaningless and eventually they would all be seen merely as sources of protein, free from the sexual politics of its past.

Thank you!