Animal experimentation

**Examples of research questions:**

How far do religious and non-religious groups agree on the use of animals for medical experimentation?

To what extent do non-religious, Abrahamic and dharmic faiths (Sikhi, Hinduism, Buddhism) have different views on the use of animals for experimentation?

**The issue and why it is controversial:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/animals/using/experiments_1.shtml>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/aug/19/hundreds-of-uk-and-eu-cosmetics-products-contain-ingredients-tested-on-animals>

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2021/aug/11/uk-could-allow-animal-tests-for-cosmetic-ingredients-for-first-time-since-1998>

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/laboratory/reducingsuffering>

<https://www.reonline.org.uk/knowledge/16-ethics/animal-experimentation/>

**Christian views (remember you can use your notes too!):**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/christianethics/animals_1.shtml>

**Islamic views**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/islamethics/animals\_1.shtml#:~:text=Experiments%20on%20animals,be%20judged%20according%20to%20intention**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/islamethics/animals_1.shtml#:~:text=Experiments%20on%20animals,be%20judged%20according%20to%20intention)**.**

**Jewish views:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/jewishethics/animals_1.shtml>

**Hindu views:**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/hinduism/hinduethics/animal.shtml**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/hinduism/hinduethics/animal.shtml)

**Buddhist views:**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/buddhism/buddhistethics/animals.shtml#:~:text=Experimenting%20on%20animals,may%20have%20for%20human%20health**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/buddhism/buddhistethics/animals.shtml#:~:text=Experimenting%20on%20animals,may%20have%20for%20human%20health)**.**

**Sikhi views**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zppykqt/revision/5#:~:text=Sikhs%20do%20not%20believe%20that,a%20part%20of%20God's%20creation%20.&text=Sikhs%20believe%20they%20live%20many,every%20person's%20and%20animal's%20soul**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zppykqt/revision/5#:~:text=Sikhs%20do%20not%20believe%20that,a%20part%20of%20God's%20creation%20.&text=Sikhs%20believe%20they%20live%20many,every%20person's%20and%20animal's%20soul)**.**

**Non-religious views (don’t forget you can use some of the philosophers we have already looked at!)**

[**https://humanists.uk/campaigns/public-ethical-issues/animal-welfare/**](https://humanists.uk/campaigns/public-ethical-issues/animal-welfare/)

Using animals for food

**Examples of research questions:**

Why might religious and non-religious groups have different views about using animals for food?

To what extent do religious and non-religious groups agree on the use of animals for food?

**The issue and why it is controversial:**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/animals/using/eating\_1.shtml#:~:text=If%20you%20accept%20that%20animals,as%20an%20end%20in%20itself**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/animals/using/eating_1.shtml#:~:text=If%20you%20accept%20that%20animals,as%20an%20end%20in%20itself)**.**

[**https://www.theguardian.com/news/2019/jan/28/can-we-ditch-intensive-farming-and-still-feed-the-world**](https://www.theguardian.com/news/2019/jan/28/can-we-ditch-intensive-farming-and-still-feed-the-world)

[**https://www.animal-ethics.org/animals-used-food-introduction/**](https://www.animal-ethics.org/animals-used-food-introduction/)

**Christian views (remember you can use your notes too!):**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/christianethics/animals_1.shtml>

**Islamic views**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/islamethics/animals\_1.shtml#:~:text=Experiments%20on%20animals,be%20judged%20according%20to%20intention**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/islam/islamethics/animals_1.shtml#:~:text=Experiments%20on%20animals,be%20judged%20according%20to%20intention)**.**

**Judaism**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/jewishethics/animals\_1.shtml**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/jewishethics/animals_1.shtml)

**Hindu views:**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/hinduism/hinduethics/animal.shtml**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/hinduism/hinduethics/animal.shtml)

**Buddhist views:**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/buddhism/buddhistethics/animals.shtml#:~:text=Experimenting%20on%20animals,may%20have%20for%20human%20health**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/buddhism/buddhistethics/animals.shtml#:~:text=Experimenting%20on%20animals,may%20have%20for%20human%20health)**.**

**Sikhi views**

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zppykqt/revision/6#:~:text=Slaughter%20of%20animals&text=The%20Rahit%20Maryada%20forbids%20Sikhs,Halal%20meat%20is%20therefore%20forbidden**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zppykqt/revision/6#:~:text=Slaughter%20of%20animals&text=The%20Rahit%20Maryada%20forbids%20Sikhs,Halal%20meat%20is%20therefore%20forbidden)**.**

**Non-religious views (don’t forget you can use some of the philosophers we have already looked at!)**

<https://www.vox.com/2015/8/9/9122907/meat-ethics> - this article contains lots of different philosophical views!

Christine Korsgaard - <https://green.harvard.edu/news/ethics-eating-animals>

Climate change

**Examples of research questions:**

To what extent do religious and non-religious groups agree that we must prevent climate change?

How far do religious and non-religious people view the environment as something humans can control

Why might religious and non-religious people have different views about the environment?

**The issue and why it is controversial:**

**What is climate change -** [**https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/what-is-climate-change**](https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/what-is-climate-change)

**Migration due to climate change -** [**https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/06/climate-refugees-the-world-s-forgotten-victims/**](https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/06/climate-refugees-the-world-s-forgotten-victims/)

**The effects of climate change -** [**https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/climate-change/effects-of-climate-change**](https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/climate-change/effects-of-climate-change)

**Christian views (remember you can use your notes too!):**

<https://www.pewresearch.org/science/2015/10/22/religion-and-views-on-climate-and-energy-issues/>

<https://www.faithplans.org/post/prayer-for-the-day-during-cop26-christianity>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-59075041>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/science-environment-56001191>

**Islamic views**

[**https://theconversation.com/why-taking-action-on-climate-change-is-an-islamic-obligation-171111#:~:text=According%20to%20Islamic%20law%2C%20containing,Muslim%20people%2C%20organisations%20and%20governments**](https://theconversation.com/why-taking-action-on-climate-change-is-an-islamic-obligation-171111#:~:text=According%20to%20Islamic%20law%2C%20containing,Muslim%20people%2C%20organisations%20and%20governments)

[**https://www.islamic-relief.org.uk/6-climate-lessons-from-the-quran-and-hadith/**](https://www.islamic-relief.org.uk/6-climate-lessons-from-the-quran-and-hadith/)

[**https://www.abc.net.au/religion/islamic-environmental-ethic/10233070**](https://www.abc.net.au/religion/islamic-environmental-ethic/10233070)

**Judaism**

[**https://www.amacad.org/publication/nature-sources-judaism**](https://www.amacad.org/publication/nature-sources-judaism)

[**https://www.reformjudaism.org/jewish-views-environment**](https://www.reformjudaism.org/jewish-views-environment)

**Hindu views:**

[**https://www.interfaithsustain.com/hindu-faith-statement-on-the-environment/**](https://www.interfaithsustain.com/hindu-faith-statement-on-the-environment/)

[**https://www.huffpost.com/entry/10-hindu-environmental-te\_b\_846245**](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/10-hindu-environmental-te_b_846245)

**Buddhist views:**

[**https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/buddhism-and-climate-change/**](https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/buddhism-and-climate-change/)

**Sikhi views**

[**https://ecosikh.org/sikh-statement-on-climate-change/**](https://ecosikh.org/sikh-statement-on-climate-change/)

**Non-religious views (don’t forget you can use some of the philosophers we have already looked at!)**

[**https://humanists.uk/humanist-climate-action/why-humanist-climate-action/#:~:text=Humanist%20Climate%20Action%20seeks%20to,destruction%20of%20the%20natural%20environment**](https://humanists.uk/humanist-climate-action/why-humanist-climate-action/#:~:text=Humanist%20Climate%20Action%20seeks%20to,destruction%20of%20the%20natural%20environment)**.**

[**https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/nov/18/ten-ways-confront-climate-crisis-without-losing-hope-rebecca-solnit-reconstruction-after-covid**](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/nov/18/ten-ways-confront-climate-crisis-without-losing-hope-rebecca-solnit-reconstruction-after-covid)