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## Post: Digitarian consumption - ethical pros/cons



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Digitarianism is (I know, I'm going to urban dictionary of all ones): "Someone who does not purchase consumer content on [physical media](#). [They prefer to be a consumer of digital content instead]" <https://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=digitarian> here's another website that talks about it: <https://randyapuzzo.com/blog/opinions/generation-z-the-digitarians/>

What does that mean in terms of eating? That means instead of eating real food, one consumes food digitally, be it pictures, video (like Youtube mukbangs), video games, VR restauranting and cooking, etc.

What does that mean for veganism? Instead of consuming animal products directly, they may indirectly enjoy what already existed physically in a virtual sense. So they may view pictures of plates of meat or have a projector show fur on them, maybe view non-vegan recipes. However, they may be vegan in real life.

Pros:

- may help with transitioning to veganism without having to miss out
- people can continue their non-vegan life as a vegan without having to know they compromised in real life, as they mentally didn't compromise
- vegans trying to craft vegan items to replicate animal products can utilize digital media instead of real animals for experimentation in comparisons

Cons:

- it's not truly vegan to consume animal-related content in a non-vegan way, even digitally
- real animals may unfortunately be used to create such pictures, which isn't vegan

Conclusion: digitarian consumption can be vegan in some ways and not in others depending on how the data's collected and used.

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