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<https://staging.faculti.net/animal-rights-activism-and-the-constitution-are-ag-gag-laws-justifiable-limits/>

This video is a transcription of a conversation focused on animal rights activism, animal law, and constitutional issues in Canada, particularly concerning "ag gag" laws. The speaker, Jody, discusses their academic background in animal law and family law, explaining their motivation to merge these fields. They highlight the rising attention to animal rights in Canada and the recently enacted ag gag laws, which restrict individuals from recording activities on industrial farms.

The conversation touches on the legal framework surrounding these laws, referencing the Oaks test from Canadian constitutional law, which assesses whether laws that limit constitutional freedoms are justifiable in a democratic society. Jody critiques the ag gag laws, arguing that they fail to serve legitimate objectives such as protecting mental health or biosecurity and do not rationally connect to their stated goals.

Furthermore, the speaker suggests that the enactment of ag gag laws has sparked discussions about animal treatment in agricultural settings, contributing to the discourse around animal rights. Jody concludes by advocating for the public's right to know about food production practices and hints at future work that may explore the implications of property law on animal rights and advocacy.