

Primate Experimentation in the United States

Stanford and the University of California, Davis

The National Death Toll

Primate experimentation in the United States is out of control. In the last ten years the number of primate experiments funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has increased by 76%. Statistics based on data published by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reveal that primate experimentation in the U.S. has reached an all time high with 60,000 of our closest relatives suffering & dying in laboratory experiments every year.

Government Waste

Repetition is rampant among NIH-funded projects. There are currently 170 NIH projects that study neural information processing in macaque monkeys. These useless experiments waste over \$49.5 million in federal tax dollars every year. Many of these projects continue on for decades wasting millions of tax dollars each and victimizing primates for an entire lifetime.

The University of California, Davis

In Dr. Kenneth Britten's project at University of California, Davis (UCD) restraining devices are bolted to the heads of rhesus monkeys. Coils are implanted into their eyes, and electrodes are placed into their brains. They are isolated in restraint chairs for hours at a time. Dr Britten's grant brings over \$220,000 to the University of California, Davis every year.

Primates at UCD are dying from many diseases including: meningitis, hepatitis, enteritis, pneumonia, and bacteremia. Many animals are allowed to reach extreme conditions of emaciation and dehydration. Gangrene has even occurred.

Stanford University

William Newsome has experimented on macaque monkeys at Stanford University since 1985. In experiments that closely resemble the Britten project listed above, restraining bars are implanted into the heads of macaque monkeys. The monkey also is also implanted with eye coils and confined to a restraint chair. Recording cylinders are attached to the primate's skull to allow electrodes to be fed into the brain. Newsome's project brings over \$135,000 to Stanford every year.

Other researchers at Stanford perform similar experiments on macaque monkeys. Jennifer Raymond receives over \$290,000 for her monkey experiments and Daniel Salzman receives over \$160,000. These experiments demonstrate the redundancy and duplication that is common among National Institutes of Health projects.



What you can do to help:

1. Read, copy, and distribute this fact sheet.
2. Write to your federal legislators to request a General Accounting Office (GAO) investigation of National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded primate experimentation.

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