Anthropology of Food Week 13

The Language of Food

Video Exploration:
The End of the Line

The Big Three This week . . .

1. Easter / Passover
2. The End of the Line
3. Presentations

(Next Week: Term Paper)
Next week in Anthropology of Food we’ll ask you about how you celebrated this week and/or next with food, (or, if you’re not observing Passover or Easter, how you expect to celebrate your next Spring Festival). If you are observing Passover, Easter, or other special Spring events this week and/or next week (Eastern Rite Easter is “late” this year, Sunday, 28 April 2019) take notes on your Passover / Easter / spring holiday dinner for the “Discussion” Post due next week, Saturday, 27 April 2019.

And have a look at

*The End of the Line: How Overfishing Is Changing the World And What We Eat.*

Next Week we’ll have a look at the Oscar winning film, *The Cove.*
The international politics of dead fish stink.

You’ll see that on-line this week in *The End of the Line: How Overfishing Is Changing the World And What We Eat*, and earlier in Week 7 in the “Fishing Yesterday and Fishing Today” segment of *We Feed the World*. And you will also see that next week in the American Indian Fishing and Whaling Rights, and Inuit Seal-Trading Rights “Discussion.”

Some argue that food politics in general stink.

In the U.S.A. we have lots of freedoms, except, in practice, for most, the freedom to know what’s in the foods we eat, and thus the freedom to choose to then eat those particular foods or not. (You can argue, of course, that one can always grow their own non-GM foods, that is if you can find seeds uncontaminated by GM crops grown in neighboring fields.)

Some argue that in the U.S.A. the question of who chooses what we can eat is itself one of the major questions involved in Food Politics.

You should have been able to detect the influence of food politics in presentations last week, and in the materials on production in industrial societies earlier in the semester.

Food politics is everywhere. You can’t escape it. You can’t miss it, regardless of the Unit of Analysis that you’re looking at—
global, international, regional, national, state/provincial, local, and even down to the neighborhood “food deserts” of American (U.S.A.) inner cities (remember “units of analysis” from Weeks 1-2?). Our focus this week is on the state/provincial and national levels.

For a fair, objective, and comprehensive presentation of Food Politics, have a look at . . .


- Blog and Website
- book information from the University of California Press
- "Food Politics: Personal Responsibility vs. Social Responsibility" (video archive)—keynote address of the 2010 Nobel "Making Food Good Conference," Gustavus Adolphus College


And for a rebuttal, of sorts, have a look at . . .

"For a biased assessment of global food politics, Robert Paarlberg's *Food Politics* ought to be called on the carpet for its lack of transparency. The subtitle, *What Everyone Needs to Know*, alleges that the reader will be informed about the multiple dimensions of a complex global problem. Instead, the book leans heavily toward the perspective of large, industrialized agriculture. The author also fails to present his complete biography (found online in a quick Google search), which includes being a member of the Biotechnology Advisory Council to the CEO of the Monsanto Company. . . .” Sacramento Book Review—May 24, 2010.

**Class Fish WebPage**

And, at least focusing on the unit of analysis of “The Class,” this is also Ketchup week (even though nationally Ketchup Week is in December). **So work on your presentation and term paper, catch up on your readings, and think about the Final Exam.**

**REM: Your Presentation is due this week.**
REM: Optional Extra Credit Reports are due this week.

You may submit a maximum of two extra credit activities, one **Review** and one **Case Study**.

Extra credit will not be accepted later than the end of Week 13, Saturday, 20 April 2019.

REM: Your Term Paper is due next week

And also as usual, be sure to check the details of the activities and assignments of the week on your "Calendar" or "Assignments" pages.

Assignments and Events

... this week are listed on your "Calendar".
This Week’s "Calendar"

They are also listed on the “Syllabus” section of your canvas folder, if you prefer to have them in another form.

And the “Syllabus” version is found here:
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And for fun, a trivia question this week . . .

"Are you really what you eat?"

(Answer)
If you have any **questions** right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the [canvas Course “Chat”](#), or e-mail [troufs@d.umn.edu](mailto:troufs@d.umn.edu), or stop by Cina 215 [map].

Best Regards,

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