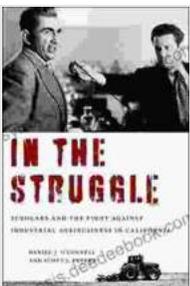


# Scholars and the Fight Against Industrial Agribusiness in California: A Long and Arduous Battle

The fight against industrial agribusiness in California has been a long and arduous battle, with scholars playing a key role in raising awareness of the issue and advocating for change. From researching the environmental and health impacts of industrial agriculture to organizing protests and lobbying policymakers, scholars have been instrumental in the fight for a more sustainable and just food system.



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## Researching the Impacts of Industrial Agriculture

One of the most important contributions of scholars to the anti-industrial agribusiness movement in California has been their research on the environmental and health impacts of industrial agriculture. This research has documented the negative impacts of industrial agriculture on air and

water quality, soil health, and biodiversity. It has also shown that industrial agriculture is a major contributor to climate change, as well as to a number of chronic diseases, including cancer, heart disease, and diabetes.

The research of scholars has been essential in raising awareness of the true costs of industrial agriculture. This research has helped to shift the public debate away from the narrow focus on food prices and toward a more comprehensive understanding of the social and environmental costs of industrial agriculture.

### **Activism and Advocacy**

In addition to their research, scholars have also been actively involved in the fight against industrial agribusiness. They have organized protests, lobbied policymakers, and testified before legislative committees. They have also worked with community groups and other organizations to raise awareness of the issue and build support for change.

The activism and advocacy of scholars has been essential in bringing about policy changes that have reduced the environmental and health impacts of industrial agriculture. For example, scholars played a key role in the passage of the California Sustainable Food and Farm Act of 2012, which established a number of programs to support sustainable agriculture and reduce the environmental impacts of industrial agriculture.

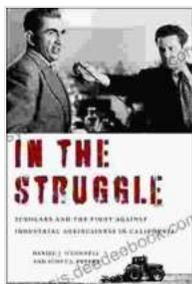
### **Challenges Faced by Scholars**

The fight against industrial agribusiness is not without its challenges for scholars. Scholars who are critical of industrial agriculture often face threats to their academic freedom and funding. For example, in 2019, the University of California, Davis, withdrew its support for a research project

on the health impacts of pesticides after pressure from the agricultural industry.

Despite these challenges, scholars continue to play a vital role in the fight against industrial agribusiness. Their research, activism, and advocacy are essential to raising awareness of the issue and building support for change. The fight for a more sustainable and just food system is a long and arduous one, but scholars are committed to continuing the fight.

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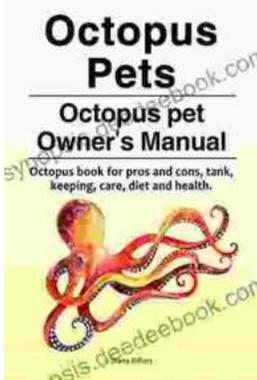
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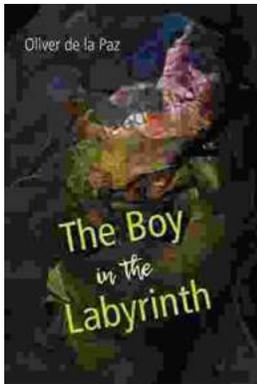
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