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In this article by Harris discusses the reader is able to find out the intense loathing for a of pigs in certain religions. In the Muslim and Jewish religion the pig is seen as the most unclean and despised animal. Harris digs in further to discover the reasons behind the abomination of the pig (this is an odd use of the word abomination). In this article we find many reasons to this hate and learning contradictions as well sentence does not make sense; reword. The way in which this animal is looked upon can be puzzling but looking further into the cultural context and the Old Testament can give people answers.

In the Old Testament it states “Of their flesh you shall not eat and their carcasses you shall not touch; they are unclean to you…” everyone who touches them shall be unclean.” This quote from the Old Testament is referring to the pig. The pig can do many things that us humans may find distasteful. Such as eating its own feces and urinating on its stuff ?? what stuff?? to regulate body temperature. The pig does not have a sweat gland and therefore it must try cooling itself down to not become overheated. Pertaining to the pig eating its own feces, Harris brings up another unique point to think about. Pigs are not the only animals that have this certain habit. Chickens and goats do this trait as well but are not looked as abhorrent. What is remarkable about this article is the comparisons of the pig to the camel. The pig has no mobile proposes. Sentence does not make sense. The camel on the other hand can store water and adapt to harsh weather conditions of the desert. The pig has plenty of skills that they lack. Therefore they are unbenefficial for agricultural purposes. I’ve read this classic article but your summary is very confusing still.

Harris also brings up notes that because the pig is unhealthy to eat maybe a contributing reason behind the loathing (this sentence is not grammatical and needs rewording). In 1859 if the pig was is undercooked you are eaters were prone to many diseases. Although this is true from that time being pigs have been labeled as a dangerous unhealthy food. This doesn’t really make sense although I think I know what you are trying to say. Harris states that this applies to other animals as well but pork is written on the “bad to eat list”.

During this article we also are able to compare this to countries. I think you mean “In this article Harris compares various countries”. He uses countries such as Egypt and Islam (Islam is a religion not a country). Egypt is another country that has the same view of pigs as well (the same as what?? I’m utterly confused). Harris states that if a person even touches a pig they would immediately have to wash their bodies off. This indicates that the Egyptians saw the pig as filthy and hated it just the same (the same as what? who? I’m lost). In Islam we find out that the pig is absent in farming and not seen as part of agriculture. It is quite amazing how pigs are seen through different eyes. But Egypt is largely an Islamic country so where is the difference--I can’t follow your argument/summary. We may see the pig as a food source but in other countries it is significantly disliked.

Muslim and Judaism sentence fragment The two main religions that loathe pigs add an interesting perspective to the reasons behind it. When we look further into other details we discover the reasons behind it. repetition of preceding sentence Harris does a great job in uncovering this taboo subject. Pigs are filthy and they cannot be a useful source and because of that it is a highly contributing factor to the reasons for this abomination. Sentence does not really make sense.

This is a famous article so a very good choice for this assignment but your writing often obscures the points you are trying to make. As you can see I got hopelessly lost in your summary and I’ve read the article before. Please consider visiting the writing learning center.