

There is a system of
Morality we aspire to

Assuming this...

Animals are included
In the system

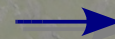
We argue this

And conclude this.

We should not kill
And eat animals

The Logical Vegetarian

Key



Supports

Key argument

Consistent Assumption

There is a system of Morality we aspire to

Animals have no souls

Animals have No power to Force us to behave morally

Religious texts support Animal exploitation

These arguments Justify treating animals As inferior and not part Of the ethical system

Morality is a social Agreement: animals aren't moral to us

Animals are included In the system

Animals don't have emotions

Toolmaking

We are superior To animals

Planning

Language

Culture

Arguments against vegetarianism

We should not kill And eat animals

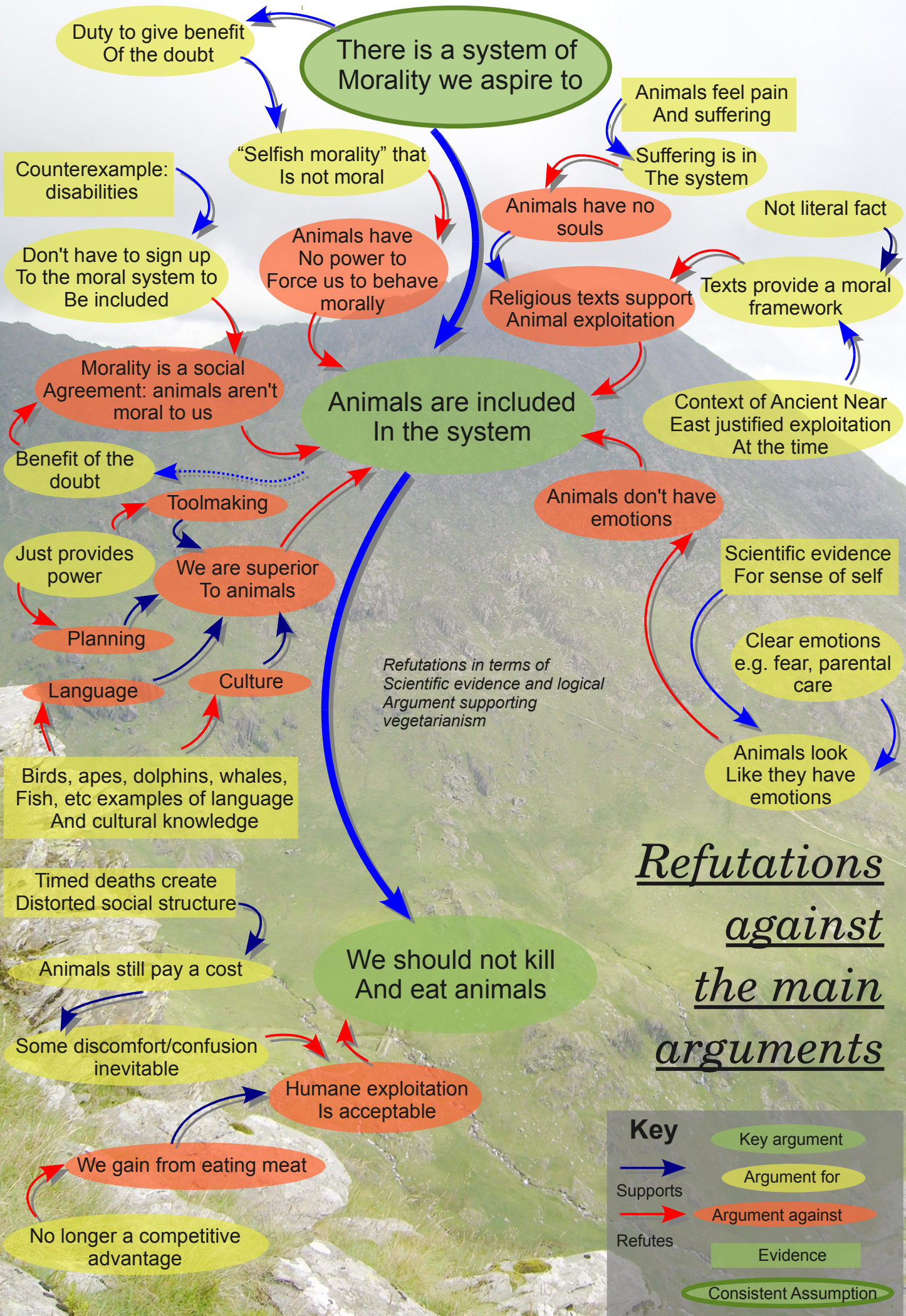
These arguments are for Ethical treatment of Animals but still eating them

Humane exploitation Is acceptable

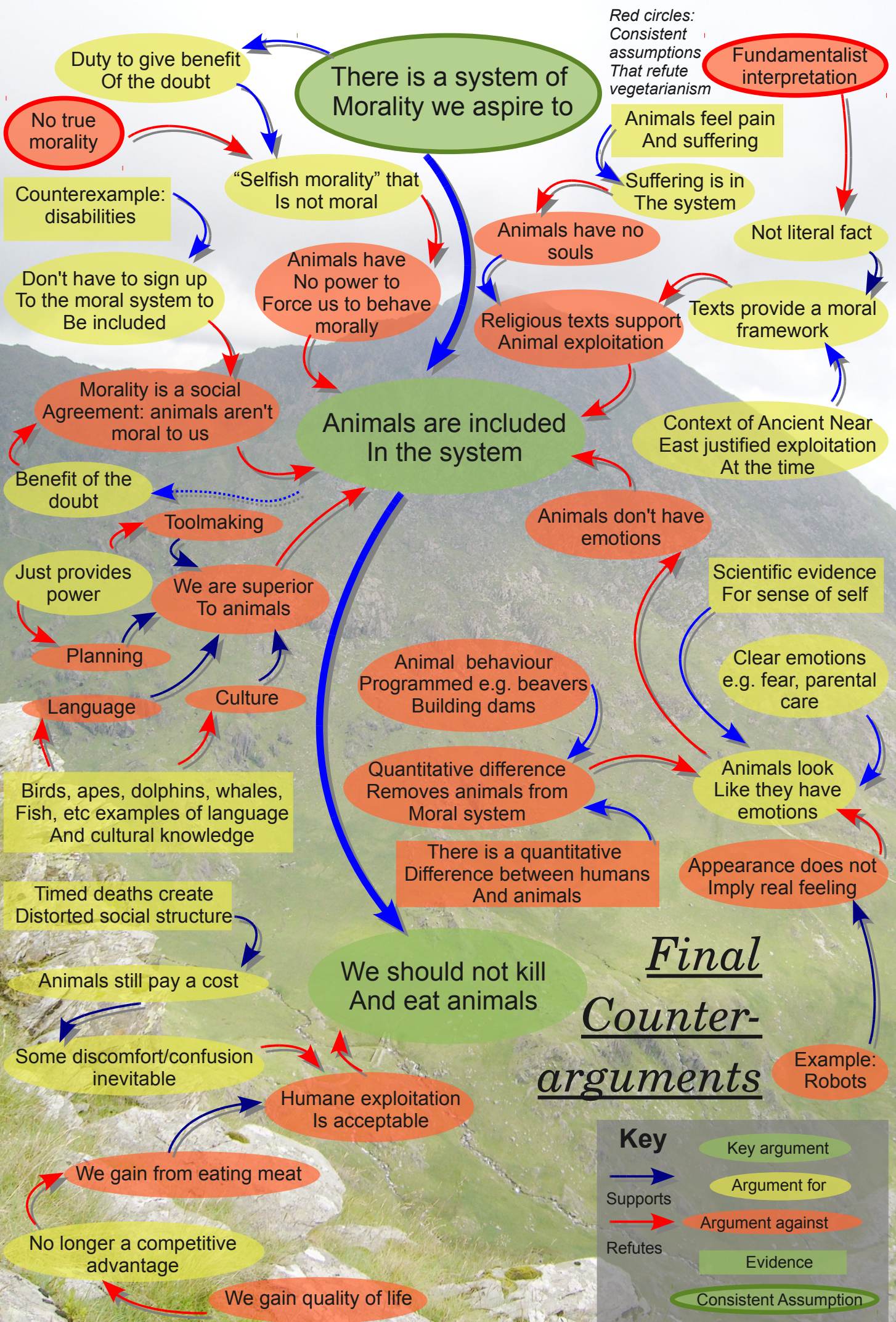
We gain from eating meat

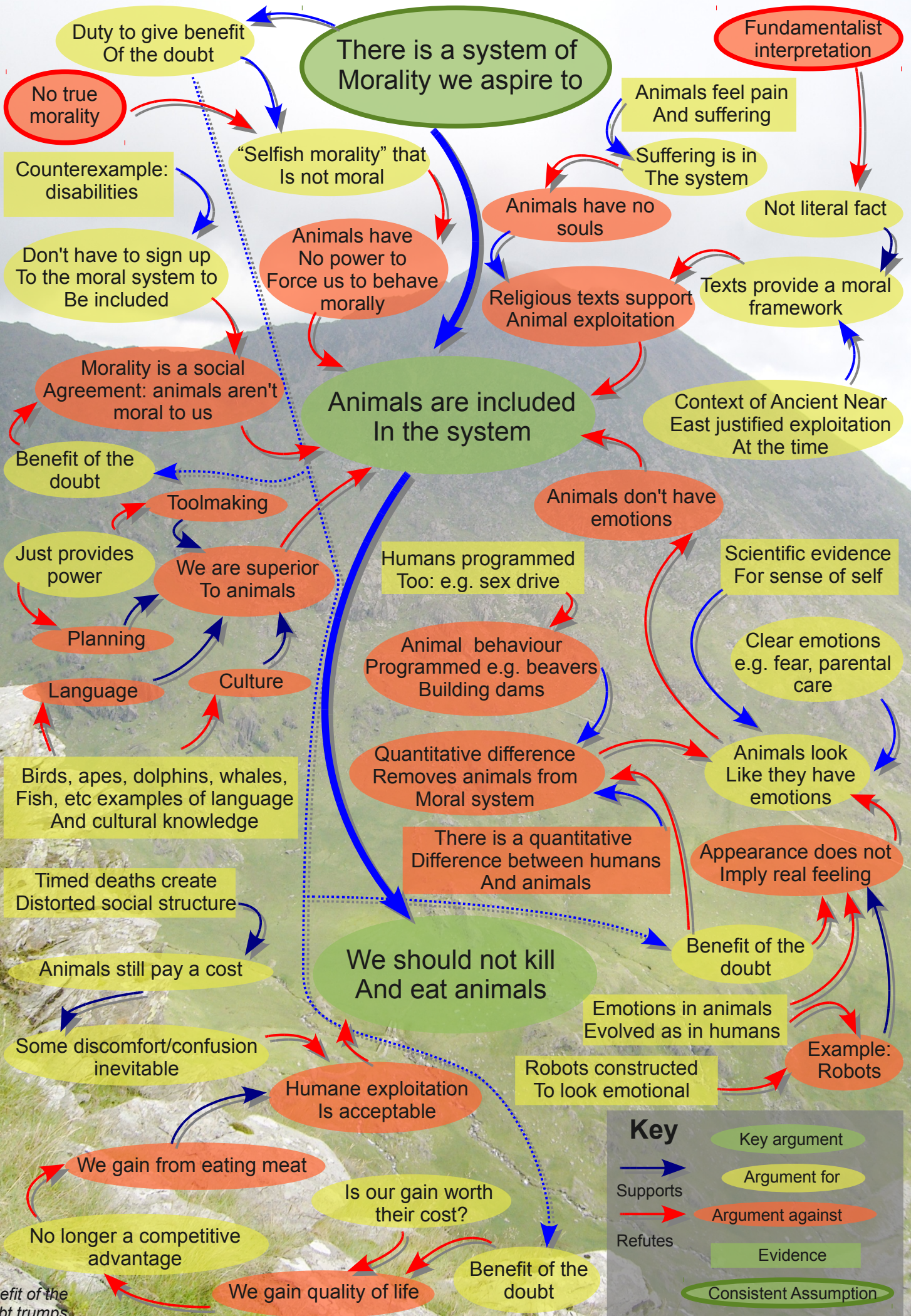
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- Supports (blue arrow)
- Argument against (orange oval)
- Refutes (red arrow)
- Consistent Assumption (green oval)



Refutations
against
the main
arguments





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Fundamentalist interpretation

No true morality

Counterexample: disabilities

Don't have to sign up To the moral system to Be included

"Selfish morality" that Is not moral

Animals feel pain And suffering

Suffering is in The system

Not literal fact

Animals have No power to Force us to behave morally

Animals have no souls

Religious texts support Animal exploitation

Texts provide a moral framework

Animals are included In the system

Context of Ancient Near East justified exploitation At the time

Morality is a social Agreement: animals aren't moral to us

Benefit of the doubt

Toolmaking

Just provides power

We are superior To animals

Humans programmed Too: e.g. sex drive

Animals don't have emotions

Scientific evidence For sense of self

Planning

Animal behaviour Programmed e.g. beavers Building dams

Clear emotions e.g. fear, parental care

Language

Culture

Birds, apes, dolphins, whales, Fish, etc examples of language And cultural knowledge

Quantitative difference Removes animals from Moral system

Animals look Like they have emotions

Timed deaths create Distorted social structure

There is a quantitative Difference between humans And animals

Appearance does not Imply real feeling

We should not kill And eat animals

Benefit of the doubt

Animals still pay a cost

Emotions in animals Evolved as in humans

Some discomfort/confusion inevitable

Humane exploitation Is acceptable

Robots constructed To look emotional

Example: Robots

We gain from eating meat

Is our gain worth their cost?

No longer a competitive advantage

Benefit of the doubt

We gain quality of life

Benefit of the doubt trumps all remaining refutations