

## Those in glass houses shouldn't throw stones

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Canadians are not slaughtering 23,000 dolphins and porpoises each year, as the Japanese do in Taiji [[“Taiji’s terrible secret cove”](#), August 13-20]. But I found it paradoxical that the only reference Charlie Smith made to Canada’s seal hunt in his article about the documentary *The Cove* was to say that while news crews are prevented from filming the dolphin killings, Canada’s seal hunt is “broadcast to the world”.

I fail to see how the Canadian massacre (to steal language from Smith’s article) of hundreds of thousands of seals to feed an international demand for pelts is nobler than killing dolphins to feed a national demand for whale meat. Both are shameful uses of marine mammals, but it seems the *Straight*—and probably Canada as a whole—would prefer to focus on the shame Japan should feel for its killings.

Maybe someday Japan will make a film on the seal hunt and run cover stories titled “Canada’s Shame”. Maybe then Canada will lay down its clubs and withdraw its recent WTO complaint about the recent EU ban on seal products.

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