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LEVERAGING SCIENCE DIPLOMACY FOR SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT ACROSS NATIONS

Abstract: The present paper interrogates how the EU-Morocco's Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreements (DCFTAs), which is being currently negotiated between the two actors, is going to shape the sectorial competitiveness of the EU Mediterranean countries trading with Morocco, with a particular focus on agricultural sector. Taking a cue from the elements that contribute to the definition of the liberalization measures in the trade of agricultural product between the EU and the Kingdom of Morocco, one wonders what are currently the key elements, which characterize the agricultural trade between EU and Morocco, especially in light of the DCFTAs. On this ground, the objective is to determine whether the socio-economic agents involved in the vigorous trade negotiations have reason to be concerned about the significant divergences over the new DCFTA agreement, given the protests in many southern European regions that already drew fire on the 2012 EU-Morocco agreement that liberalized trade in agriculture and fisheries and lowered the quotas for zero or low duty imports between the two.

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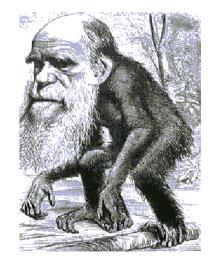


why did the chicken cross the road?





Chickens, over great
periods of time, have been
naturally selected in such a
way that they are now
genetically disposed to
cross roads.



A. Badre 2

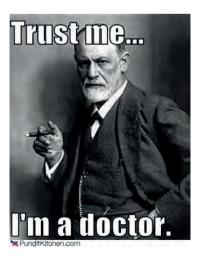


Who cares why? The end of crossing the road justifies whatever motive there was.



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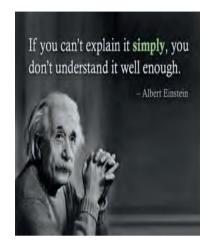


The fact that you are at all concerned that the chicken crossed the road reveals your underlying sexual insecurity

A. Badre 4



Whether the chicken crossed the road or the road moved beneath the chicken is a matter of relativity.



A. Badre 5



We don't really care why the chicken crossed the road. We just want to know if the chicken is on our side of the road, or not. The chicken is either against us, or for us. There is no middle ground here!!!



A. Badre 6



I did not cross the road with that chick-en.



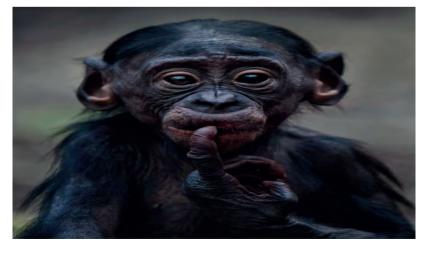


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Really...?!



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