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Pigs are the villains in George Orwell’s “Animal Farm”. KEN RUINARD/ USA TODAY NETWORK VIA IMAGN IMAGES

## George Orwell’s ‘Animal Farm’ turns 80

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A fifth grader, assigned to read “Animal Farm” years ago, was asked by his teacher what he thought it was “about.” • “The American revolution,” replied the 11-year-old promptly. • “No, no, no.” The teacher was horrified. It’s about the Russian revolution, he insisted. Rightly, of course. • Or was he so right?

### Big picture

“It’s really a satire on much broader issues,” said John Rodden, author of “Becoming George Orwell: Life and Letters, Legend and Legacy,” and an acknowledged authority on a much-admired author that everyone — liberal and conservative — wants a piece of.

Like the even more celebrated “Nineteen Eighty-Four”(1949), Orwell’s “Animal Farm” —

marking its 80th anniversary this month — is a political broadside.

This fable about barnyard animals who revolt against an oppressive farmer, and set up a free-and-equal society that eventually backslides into an autocracy where “some animals are more equal than others,” is about the Soviet Union. Of course it is.

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## Is it illegal to drive with car interior lights on?

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Virtually everyone has a childhood memory of being scolded for turning on a light inside the family car while it was in motion.

Some parents, perhaps in attempting to control their fidgety kids, may have even told them that driving with the light on was illegal. But that is not true, at least under New Jersey law.

Still, traffic safety experts advise against motorists using the light while on the road. Doing so can be distracting and may lead to other activities which are explicitly not allowed.

Here is what to know about the use of interior car lights from a legal perspective.

Most states do not have any laws about turning on lights inside the car. Quality Automotive, an auto repair company in Blairstown, confirmed on its website that New Jersey is among the states without any such guidance.

However, the reason for needing to use the light may fall under the category of “distracted driving,” according to the insurance agency Policygenius. A driver who turns the light on for another task risks getting a ticket for not paying attention behind the wheel.

“If a police officer sees you driving with your interior lights on and you seem to be rummaging around for something, or looking down from the view ahead of you, they may pull you over because you’re clearly not focused on the road,” the website reads.

Distracted driving is potentially dangerous for all occupants of the vehicle, as well as other drivers and pedestrians in the area. A University of Michigan study specifically on interior lighting systems found that turning them on could “reduce forward sight distance” by up to 20%.

“So while the interior lights aren’t *technically* illegal, the reason you turned them on may be,” according to Policygenius.

In other words, your parents may have lied to you, or at least been unfamiliar with the law, when ordering you to stop playing with the car light as a child. But by doing so, they were simply following proper safety protocols.

## ‘Happy Gilmore 2’ spent record \$152.5M to film in NJ

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“Happy Gilmore 2” broke a spending record for filming in New Jersey over a period of more than two months, state officials said.

The Adam Sandler-led movie spent \$152.5 million during 64 days of filming in the Garden State, said the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission. The total is the most of any production filmed in the state since 2018, when Gov. Phil Murphy reinstated the Film and Digital Media Tax Credit Program.

“Happy Gilmore 2’ showcases New Jersey’s exceptional versatility in doubling as a variety of locations,” said Jon M. Crowley, the commission’s executive director. “From golf courses and universities to airports, beaches and quintessential suburban neighborhoods, New Jersey has everything a production company desires. We look forward to welcoming more and more productions to the Garden State.”

The movie, a sequel to the 1996 film starring Sandler as a hockey player-turned-golfer, filmed in 31 New Jersey municipalities and nine counties. Among the North Jersey golf venues shown in the film are Alpine

Country Club in Demarest, Farmview Golf Center in Hackettstown and Closter Golf Center.

Other public areas used for filming include Newark Airport, Fairleigh Dickinson University and Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange. Interior and exterior shots of Gilmore’s house were filmed at private homes in Belleville and Irvington, respectively.

Production crews spent an average of \$2.3 million per day while in the state, said the commission, part of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority. The

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