

# Hunting Values

- "A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his acts, they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this fact."

Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*

- “One does not hunt in order to kill; on the contrary, one kills in order to have hunted...If one were to present the sportsman with the death of the animal as a gift he would refuse it. What he is after is having to win it, to conquer the surly brute through his own effort and skill with all the extras that this carries with it: the immersion in the countryside, the healthfulness of the exercise, the distraction from his job.”

Jose Ortega y Gasset, *Meditations on Hunting*.

- "Whack 'em, stack 'em and pack 'em."  
Ted Nugent, rock star.

- "It is very strange, and very melancholy, that the paucity of human pleasures should persuade us ever to call hunting one of them."

Samuel Johnson (1709-84), *Anecdotes of Samuel Johnson*.

- "One knows so well the popular idea of health. The English country gentleman galloping after a fox -- the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable."  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), *A Woman of No Importance*, act 1.

- "All animals will not only be not shot, they will be protected -- not only from people but as much as possible from each other. Prey will be separated from predator, and there will be no overpopulation or starvation because all will be controlled by sterilization or implant."  
Cleveland Amory, founder of The Fund For Animals, describing his ideal world, in *Sierra*, June 1992.

- "The true trophy hunter is a self-disciplined perfectionist seeking a single animal, the ancient patriarch well past his prime that is often an outcast from his own kind... If successful, he will enshrine the trophy in a place of honor. This is a more noble and fitting end than dying on some lost and lonely ledge where the scavengers will pick his bones, and his magnificent horns will weather away and be lost forever."

Elgin Gates, *Trophy Hunter in Asia*

- “Michigan children are nearly three times as likely to be neglected and are twice as likely to be physically abused or sexually assaulted if they live in a county with either an above average or above median rate of hunting participation.”  
*Animal People*, October 1995



Walt Disney's  
**Bambi**

**TABLE I**

Attitudes toward three types of hunting among the general population of the United States in 1978 and 1995 and Sweden in 1997

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Attitudes envers trois modes de chasse (traditionnelle ou de subsistance, de loisir ou pour la viande, de loisir ou pour le sport) parmi le grand public aux Etats-Unis en 1978 et 1995 et en Suede en 1997.

Attitude	Survey	Favor	Oppose
Traditional native Subsistence hunting	U.S. 1978*	85% (2016)	15% (363)
	U.S. 1995	91% (673)	9% (66)
	Sweden 1997	92% (739)	8% (63)
Hunting for recreation and meat	U.S. 1978*	67% (1579)	33% (778)
	U.S. 1995	73% (552)	27% (209)
	Sweden 1997**	81% (652)	19% (155)
Hunting for recreation and sport	U.S. 1978*	37% (898)	63% (1519)
	U.S. 1995	40% (303)	60% (460)
	Sweden 1997	33% (266)	67% (551)