

Killing contests are turning the public at large against hunting altogether. These contests have nothing to do with fair chase, the animals are not used for food, most of the time are dumped in landfills, nor are the animals are not respected or honored in any way. They serve no role in conservation or preservation of ecosystems. The only thing these contests do is appeal to the worst of man's nature and disgust everyone else.

A society that condones unlimited killing of any species for fun and prizes is morally bankrupt, said David R. Parsons, M.S. in wildlife ecology from Oregon State University, retired from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Alternatively, if communities collectively teach children to love, respect and value animals' lives, how would one expect them to treat fellow human beings? The former executive director of the International Hunter Education Association said, We don't like anything that smacks of commercialization with money or prizes. Anything that doesn't honor the animal grates on us and seems inherently wrong. These contests create very poor PR for hunters. The author of *Beyond Fair Chase: The Ethic and Tradition of Hunting*, Jim Posewitz, said that, Competitive killing seems to lack the appreciation of and the respect for wildlife fundamental to any current definition of an ethical hunter. And Ted Chu, former wildlife manager with Idaho Fish and Game, said, Hunting is not a contest and it should never be a competitive activity about who can kill the most or the biggest animals.