

# THE BC BEAR SURVEY



## Final Results

**July 28, 2013**

***A Telephone Survey of British Columbians***  
***Sample Size: n=805***



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## SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Survey results are based on a random digit dial telephone poll of 805 British Columbia residents aged 18 years or older, fielded July 13-25, 2013, inclusive. Fieldwork interviews were conducted by an MRSA certified 'Gold Seal' call center, with the 805 interviews taking an average of 11 minutes 45 seconds.

Interview sample was randomly generated from local telephone exchanges, mobile phone numbers and residential directories.

The margin of error for results drawn from a sample of 805 would be better than  $\pm 3.5\%$  nineteen times out of twenty<sup>1</sup>.

Weighting was applied to the data. Weights were computed according to 2012 census figures on region, age and gender, and applied in order to correct for intentional oversampling in the North Coast region.

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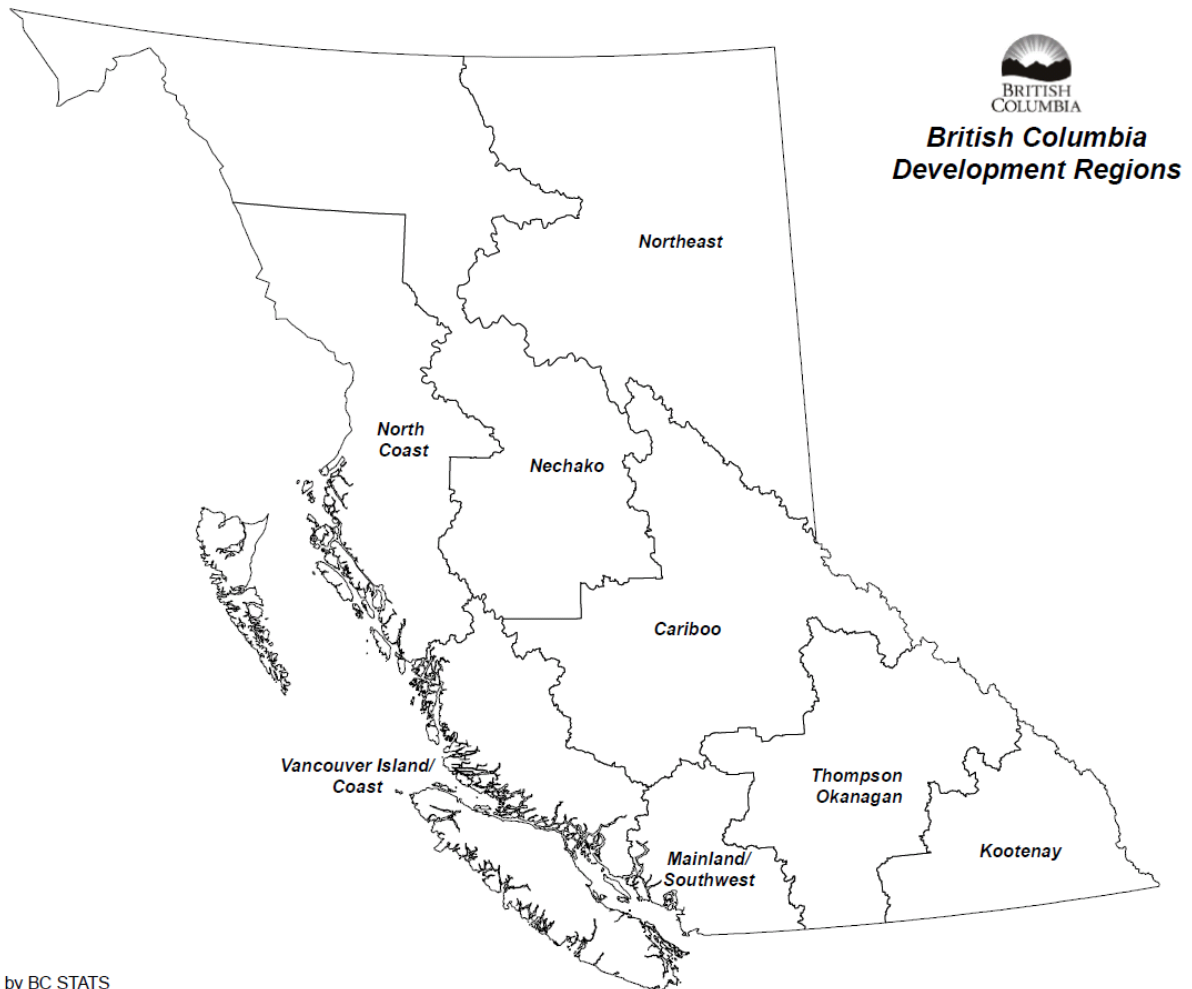
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<sup>1</sup>Although the convention is to report on margins of error at a 95% confidential level (19 times out of 20), for purposes of strategic assessment, it is useful to note that a random sample of 805 also has a margin of error of  $\pm 2.9\%$  nine times out of ten. Margins of error diminish (i.e., accuracy increases) for results that are further away from the halfway mark (i.e., 50%). Therefore, for example, a percentage finding of 25% would have a margin of error of  $\pm 2.5\%$  nine times out of ten, and  $\pm 2.97\%$  19 times out of 20.

## REGIONAL SAMPLE DISTRIBUTION

BC Development Regions	REGIONAL SAMPLE QUOTAS	18+ Pop	WEIGHTED SAMPLE
Lower Mainland/Southwest	399	2289235	488
Vancouver Island/South Coast	131	657113	140
Thompson Okanagan	103	445524	95
Kootenay	27	125050	27
Caribou	31	130059	28
North Coast	83	45280	10
Nechako	19	30970	7
Northeast	12	55136	12
<b>TOTAL SAMPLE</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>3,778,367</b>	<b>805</b>



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## RESEARCH FINDINGS

**Q1. When you think about what makes British Columbia a GREAT place to live, what is the FIRST thing that comes to mind? UNAIDED. ONE MENTION. PRE-CODES.**

	%
Beauty / Scenery / Landscape	25
Environment / Wilderness	25
Climate / Weather	15
Nature / Animals / Wildlife	11
Rivers / Lakes / Water	3
People / Friendly	3
Diversity / Multiculturalism	2
Outdoor recreation	2
Natural resources	2
Lifestyle / Quality of life	2
Clean air / water	1
Ocean / Coast	1
Health care	1
Freedom / Democracy	1
Home / Born here	1
Economy / Jobs	0.4
Safe	0.4
Low Crime Rates	0.3
Everything	0.2
Other	3
DK/NA	2
Nothing / Not a great place	1

**P1. Some people vote in elections, while others choose NOT to vote. In the next BC PROVINCIAL election will you be...**

	%
Definitely voting – ASK NEXT QUESTION	73
<b>TOTAL – LIKELY VOTERS</b>	<b>73</b>
Probably voting – ASK NEXT QUESTION	16
Probably NOT voting - SKIP NEXT QUESTION	6
Definitely NOT voting - SKIP NEXT QUESTION	4
<b>TOTAL – UNLIKELY AND NON-VOTERS</b>	<b>26</b>
Don't know - SKIP NEXT QUESTION	1
Refused - SKIP NEXT QUESTION	0.2

**P2. If a BC election was held today WHAT PROVINCIAL PARTY would you be MOST likely to support in your riding? *Would it be...* **AIDED. RANDOMIZED.****

	All possible voters	Decided voters	LIKELY DECIDED VOTERS
The BC Liberal Party	34.5	40.7	<b>43</b>
The BC NDP	34.7	40.9	<b>40</b>
The BC Green Party	9	11	<b>11</b>
The BC Conservative Party	6	6	<b>5</b>
Other Party	1	1	<b>1</b>
<b>RESPONDENT BASE</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>73%</b>
Don't know/UNDECIDED	10		
Refuse to answer	5		
<b>TOTAL - UNCOMMITTED</b>	<b>15</b>		

**Q2. I'm now going to ask you some questions about wildlife, specifically bears.**

**When you think of GRIZZLY BEARS in British Columbia what ONE WORD or PHRASE comes to mind?**

**UNAIDED. ONE MENTION.**

	%
<b>Dangerous / Scary</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Endangered</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Big / Large / Powerful</b>	<b>8</b>
Magnificent / Majestic	<b>7</b>
Beautiful	<b>6</b>
Awesome / Cool	5
Wild	5
Protect / Save	5
Backyard / Familiar	3
Brown / Black / Bear	3
Abundant / Not endangered	2
Northern / Interior / Far away	2
Leave them alone	2
Cute / Likeable	2
Precious / Unique	2
Forest / Wilderness	2
Habitat Loss / Conflict	1
Fish / Salmon / Starving	1
Run away	1
Exterminate / Shoot them	1
Natural resource	1
Tourism	0.5
Pest / Nuisance	0.3
Khutzeymateen	0.05
Other	2
NOTHING	3
DK/NA	3.0

**Q3. Please say if you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following descriptions of grizzly bears...**

**PROBE: Would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT? NONRANDOM. AIDED.**

	TOTAL AGREE	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither/ DK/NA	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	TOTAL DISAGREE
A worthy prize for any hunter	25	14	11	6	11	58	70
Best managed as an economic resource like timber and fish	31	16	15	9	17	44	60
A dangerous and aggressive predator	60	30	30	4	19	18	36
Endangered	66	40	27	15	11	8	19
Intelligent animals	93	67	26	2	3	1	5
Beautiful animals	96	81	15	0	2	1	3

**Q4. Please say if you have A LOT, SOME or LITTLE, or NO CONFIDENCE in the following groups...AS A SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON grizzly bears in BC. NONRANDOM. AIDED.**

	A lot	Some	Little	None	SUBTOTAL Little/None	Unsure
University scientists	47	35	7	6	13	5
The BC Wildlife Federation	45	38	8	3	11	6
Conservationists	35	38	14	6	20	7
BC government biologists	35	41	11	5	16	8
First Nations on the BC coast	34	37	13	10	24	5
Operators of grizzly bear viewing lodges	27	38	15	10	25	10
Grizzly bear hunting guides	19	27	24	22	47	7
Hunters	12	32	26	28	53	2



**Q5. Please say if you AGREE or DISAGREE with following statements about hunting ...**

**PROBE: Would that be STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT? NONRANDOM. AIDED.**

	TOTAL AGREE	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	DK/NA	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	TOTAL DISAGREE
Hunters should respect First Nations laws & customs when on First Nations territory.	92	74	17	2	3	3	7
You should NOT be hunting if you are NOT prepared to eat what you kill.	90	77	13	1	6	4	9
Most hunters have a deep respect for wildlife and nature.	63	23	40	3	19	14	34
Animal rights activists who oppose recreational hunting are unreasonable.	49	21	28	5	22	23	46
Many of my friends and family are hunters.	35	15	20	0	13	51	64
Killing a big game trophy animal is a testament to your skill as a hunter.	25	8	16	3	13	59	72

**Q6. Some people say that that the TROPHY HUNT for bears in BC is a GOOD IDEA and should CONTINUE. OTHERS SAY THAT the trophy hunt is BAD idea and should be BANNED.**

**At this point, what is your view on ...[READ ITEM]. Should it CONTINUE OR SHOULD IT BE BANNED?**  
**NONRANDOM. AIDED.**

	Total BAN	BAN Strong	BAN Somewhat	Neutral/ DK/NA	CONTINUE Somewhat	CONTINUE Strong	Total CONTINUE
<b>Trophy hunting for GRIZZLY BEARS in BC?</b>	<b>80</b>	65	14	6	9	5	<b>14</b>
<b>Trophy hunting for BLACK BEARS in BC?</b>	<b>75</b>	61	14	6	14	5	<b>19</b>
<b>Trophy hunting for BEARS in areas where First Nations OPPOSE THE TROPHY hunting of bears.</b>	<b>82</b>	72	11	4	8	5	<b>14</b>
<b>Trophy hunting for BEARS in the Great Bear Rainforest.</b>	<b>87</b>	78	8	7	4	2	<b>6</b>
<b>Trophy hunting for grizzly bears BY non-resident hunters like Americans and other foreigners.</b>	<b>85</b>	76	8	3	8	4	<b>12</b>

**Q7. I am now going to read a MIX of statements made by people who SUPPORT and people who OPPOSE hunting for grizzly bears in BC ... Please say how much you AGREE or DISAGREE with each of the following... NONRANDOM. AIDED.**

	TOTAL AGREE	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	DK/NA	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	TOTAL DISAGREE
The growing grizzly bear population in BC is a threat to livestock and humans.	23	4	19	6	29	41	70
The fees paid to trophy hunting operations by foreign non-resident hunters are needed to help the rural BC economy.	28	6	22	5	19	48	67
The trophy hunt for grizzlies is part of responsible science-based management of BC's natural resources.	28	10	18	7	16	49	65
The growing grizzly bear population in BC needs to be kept in check by hunting.	29	13	17	7	19	44	63
Trophy hunting for grizzly bears should be INTEGRATED with bear watching and other ecotourism activities in the SAME area.	30	12	18	5	15	51	65
BC is one of the last places on earth where the grizzly bear has a chance at survival.	72	47	24	11	10	6	17
Eco-tourism lodges for viewing bears MAKE FAR MORE economic sense than shooting bears for trophies.	85	59	25	4	6	5	11
Shooting bears for TROPHIES is simply wrong.	85	71	14	2	6	8	13
First Nations in BC should have the right PROHIBIT trophy hunting on First Nations territories.	87	69	17	1	5	8	13

**Q8a. So just to confirm, overall do you think that the BC government should... ROTATE.**

	%
<b>BAN the trophy hunt for grizzlies</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>ALLOW the trophy hunt for grizzlies to continue...</b>	<b>15</b>
NEUTRAL / UNDECIDED	3
DEPENDS	1
DK/NA	2

**Q8b. And what is the main reason you say that?** *SKIP IF Q14 is DK/NA.*

### Reasons to OPPOSE HUNT (79%)

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### Reasons to SUPPORT HUNT(15%)

<http://www.sayzu.com/share/?i=4416&u=144&q=144>



**D1. Do you, or anyone in your household hunt, or hold a hunting licence?**

**NONRANDOM.**

	%
No hunting licence	82
Yes, respondent does / has in the past	8
Yes, household member currently does / has in the past	8
Future hunter / Plans to hunt	1
DK/NA	0.4

**D2. What is the highest level of formal education you have completed...? DO NOT READ.**

	%
Currently less than high school	4
Completed high school	20
Completed college or trade school	16
Some university / college / trade school	16
Completed a university degree	31
Completed graduate degree (Masters, Phd)	12
OTHER	0.2
Don't know/Refused	1

**D3. AGE (CALCULATED FROM YEAR OF BIRTH)**

	%
18-34 years	28
35-54 years	35
55+	37

**D4. Finally - in your opinion, was the questions in this survey BIASED AGAINST TROPHY HUNTING, BIASED IN FAVOUR OF TROPHY HUNTING OR GENERALLY FAIR...**

**IF BIASED PROBE: STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?**

	%
Biased AGAINST trophy hunting - strongly	7
Biased AGAINST trophy hunting - somewhat	10
<b>TOTAL BIASED AGAINST TROPHY HUNTING</b>	<b>17</b>
Biased IN FAVOUR of trophy hunting - somewhat	4
Biased IN FAVOUR of trophy hunting - strongly	2
<b>TOTAL BIASED IN FAVOUR OF TROPHY HUNTING</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>GENERALLY FAIR?</b>	<b>75</b>
Biased both for AND against	0.2
Other	0.1
DK/NA / Unsure	2.4
<b>TOTAL FAIR / BALANCED / NO OBVIOUS BIASED</b>	<b>78</b>

**D5. CONFIRM GENDER (DO NOT READ)**

	%
Male	51
Female	49

**D6. REGION OF RESIDENCE (BASED ON TELEPHONE EXCHANGE)**

<b>DEVELOPMENT REGIONS</b>	%
Lower Mainland/SW (Metro Van)	60.6
Van Island/South Coast	17.4
Thompson Okanagan	11.8
Kootenay	3.3
Caribou	3.4
North Coast	1.2
Nechako	.8
Northeast	1.5
<b>METRO REGION</b>	
Metro Vancouver	48
Outside Metro Vancouver	52

## APPENDIX: VERBATIM REASONS FOR SUPPORT/ OPPOSITION TO TROPHY HUNT

Q9b. REASONS FOR BEING: OPPOSED TO GRIZZLY TROPHY HUNT BAN
Allow the people to make a living, some people depend on it.
Allow until there is a problem then to stop it.
Animal control.
As long as it is managed properly and we're making good dollars for it.
Banning is too extreme and would cause worse consequences and perhaps erase some of the cultural heritage tradition of First Nations.
Because environmentalists always go overboard. Environmentalists always exaggerate everything.
Because I do not know enough about it to give an informed opinion
Because I want to hunt grizzly too.
Because if they do that then it will keep them under control
Because it doesn't bother me.
Because it's economic activity, it's money!
Because of the economy in the area where they are it is not good. There are not many jobs in the area. I have been a hunter all my life but for meat I do not trophy hunt.
Because of the economy.
Because of the location - I live close to the area where grizzly bears are.
Because of the rights of hunters.
Because so far, as far as I know it's a Sustainable thing. I'm a hunter, and we shoot things that we want to eat. I don't want to eat a bear but I have friends who have gone bear hunting and I don't condemn them. I would disagree with hunting bears if we thought we could keep no more grizzly bears. I have worked in forest industries and isolated places and there are just tons of bears and I don't believe personally that we are wiping them out. That's why I think universities should go out and tell me facts about whether they are running out.
Because we have too many, they get too big and they come in to the people.
Because, I said earlier, the continued popularity of BC as a place for people to come to. The population pressures are going to impact the grizzly bear habitat, and will continue to do so. So you have to do something to manage the population of grizzlies without losing them all. It's the people observation that's getting covered right now. It's a manageable thing, conducted appropriately.
Brings in economy. It helps the bear population.
Don't know.
Economic reasons.
Everything is sustained and well looked after and none of the animal is wasted.
For economic gain.
For the tourist industry.
Good for economy but limited.
Helps manage the stock and benefit.
Hunting is part of human activity.
I am a hunter I have spent a lot of time in the bush. They say grizzly bears are endangered but there is way more bears than they say. So we have to hunt to manage the population.
I am expecting government and responsible people to maintain sustainability of the bears and report on the number of bears.
I do think that some kind of hunting keeps the population controlled
I don't have a problem with people doing trophy hunting, they should just be maintained, it shouldn't be a free flow.
I just don't know if it's going to get rid of them completely.
I never got my bear yet.
I think controlled grizzly hunt is not something bad.
I think it can be managed
I think it should be allowed but limited licenses and in a particular area only and with a conservation is not a concern and with a huge hunting fee.
I think it should be based on available scientific data not on opinion. I don't have information to make a judgment, the government should make this decision based on that information, not preconceptions.
I think it's good for the economy and tourism.
I think that it needs to be done just to keep the populations in check.
I'm not opposed to hunting. So as long as it doesn't wipe out the population it should be permitted and regulated.

Q9b. REASONS FOR BEING: OPPOSED TO GRIZZLY TROPHY HUNT BAN
I'm of the opinion that because of the economics, they must have strict regulations.
If it's over populated, then they should control it. If its not overpopulated then they should leave them alone. Let them recover.
If none of them die, it is pre-regulated. It's not like they're going to die off if they continue.
If people are going to allow some sort of hunting, you have to control and manage it to some degree so it's reasonably fair for both the hunters and the animals.
If there is people who make a living because of this then it should continue.
If they started to overkill the bears, the government should put limitations on them, but that hasn't happened yet.
If they want it for their sport, let them go ahead as long as it's properly managed and supervised.
If we don't continue it we will be over-run with grizzly bears.
If you want to hunt and its your thing, then by all means you should do it and not let anyone say no to you.
In BC I don't think they kill that many.
In reason with rules
In spite of everyone going extinct, I have seen more grizzlies in the last years in all my life.
It is a relatively minor issue.
It is a resource. It is an economic benefit to the province but it should be managed, it should be controlled.
It should be allowed within reason simply because there are markets for bears that the rural economy needs as well, and if it was banned than people would be employed. In short, it should be managed.
It's because I can see the pros and cons in both aspects, population is increasing and the province can sustain it.
It's just something that's a part of the culture out here. If they take that away where are you going to get your meat from.
It's too much of an attraction to bring people in from other countries. It makes too much money but it does need to be regulated strongly.
Just feel it should continue.
Just should.
Just to manage to control the population.
Keeping the business alive.
Like any other industry, it has its merits.
Lots of people use the animal as well instead of just trophies. Also, if we're just hunting deer and moose, there will be an imbalance in predator and prey.
Management required.
Most of the bears are getting out of hand and humans are getting dumb and dumber and our government and because people are dumb and dumber. There has to be hunting of these animals.
Not enough jobs.
Only in areas where there are large populations because they need to be slimmed down slightly. Grizzly bears interrupting hunters hunting other animals.
People can keep it as hunt but they should keep the meat and everything else like the skin and the fur. The meat can be used to help food agencies or to feed themselves.
Personal bear encounters, I mean if people are never around bears they seem like wonderful majestic creatures, but they are predators and need to be managed as predators. I do not think we should wipe them out either.
Probably because i consider that there is an overabundance of grizzlies in some areas.
Sounds to me that there's to many of them.
The bear hunt should be controlled but still allowed.
The bears have to be controlled and it's fun for Americans and Europeans
The grizzlies can be managed just like the rest of the animals by the conservationists, on a quota system, they manage deer hunting but they don't manage the wolf populations.
The grizzly bear population has grown to much that it is a danger to us.
The number of bears hunted are a small fraction of the actual population.
The reason I say that is because I'm out in the bush for many parts of the year and seen grizzlies that are in plentiful in accessible, you have to hunt down these bears to keep them in check. It won't happen if the wildlife federation to take over
There are a lot of grizzlies in the bush.
There are far more grizzlies than activists and the amount they killed this year does not affect much and brings in a lot more money when foreigners come to our country and shoot.
There is a growing number of grizzlies



Q9b. REASONS FOR BEING: OPPOSED TO GRIZZLY TROPHY HUNT BAN
There is no shortage of grizzly bears. I live in the bush they are everywhere. Most politicians have never seen a grizzly bear, they don't want the hunt to continue as it is a beautiful animal which I agree with. Everybody wants to ban the hunt as they are a beautiful animal. I think they are misinformed about the number of bears that are out there. Where they do there studies about bear counting is a more populated area. They should do it in a secluded place. There are lots of animals everywhere.
There should be a procedure to control the population of grizzlies. There are also bigger problems out there.
There's allot of grizzlies in BC and completely banning doesn't make sense
There's lots of bears out there and it keeps them controlled... you have to be able to go hunt, it's part of our constitutional right.
They are like any species, they need their population to be kept in check. And there's no reason to ban it. If there is economic opportunity then yes.
They have become overpopulated. I have watched animals starve to death as there is not enough feed in the area. It needs to be controlled.
They have strict policies and they are regulating them properly and they bring revenue to BC.
They should allow it to a certain degree.
They should allow trophy hunting for grizzlies to continue because in certain area there is an abundance of them and some there is little of them there. So it should be allowed in certain places, but they shouldn't over harvest them either.
They're dangerous to people.
To help to control the number of grizzly bears
To keep the bears in check and bring revenue to BC.
Valuable to the local economy.
We are all part of the nation, whether you are First Nations or not. My community is 60 percent First Nations, and I do understand the wildlife and people living in the cities should not conduct surveys like this to promote First Nations and help them.
We are hunters, we have always hunted. There is no reason to stop hunting.
We had a bad run. Just because I'm mad at them.
We have a healthy population of bears. We kill sustainably. it is good for the economy, creates employment.
We live in the heart of the grizzly bears' area and they are a danger to livestock and to humans also can be an economical benefit to some in the area.
We need to get rid of more bears.
We need to live with all the wildlife
Well I just believe that people that want to do it should have the right to do it.
Well if you want to start banning hunting, you need to start banning the air. It is a huge money grab, people pay a lot of money to be able to go and hunt so if they are worried about cash there is the cash and you also need skill. So if the trophy hunters would use the meat and the fur, I agree with them.
Well it gives you a better opportunity to go and do it. There's not many people who do hunt bears and the grizzly bear population is growing. They're even on Vancouver Island now and that's never happened before.
Well it just depends, I do not know exactly the numbers but it could help the economy in general and help pay fees and stuff like that as long as they are not endangered. I would not encourage killing them but more observing them. But I think you can necessarily out right them.
Well it's a good source of income and as long as every part of the bear is used, I think it's a good way of earning income.
Well there's just way too many of them, all over BC. It's not safe for some hunters to go out.
When a population takes off, there's going to be an integration with man and that's when accidents happen. They have to be managed.
Why not, there's a lot of them around it's the same as fishing.
Within reason as long it doesn't get too much.

Q9b. REASONS FOR BEING: IN FAVOUR OF GRIZZLY TROPHY HUNT BAN
Again I've hunted myself, and it was more to prove myself, and after that I can see that if you're not shooting them to eat it's just a childish thing.
Against it.
All animals, wherever they live, have a right to live a natural life without being shot and stuffed or taken to a taxidermist
All my life I've been from a family of hunters, its a matter of if it's a fish I catch I eat it, theres no need to trophy hunt. About 9 years ago one of the members of government he issued hunting white bears because of his position, they're preyed on by the Americans. I disagree.
All the questions I just answered. We should not go killing animals for the fun of it.

Q9b. REASONS FOR BEING: IN FAVOUR OF GRIZZLY TROPHY HUNT BAN
Animals are like humans.
Animals have the right to live too.
Animals have the right to live.
Animals should not be killed just for trophies.
Any hunting for trophies, it should be banned. Recreational hunting should be opposed.
Anything that you are hunting should be for food and not just for game.
As a First Nations person we look after our animals and we know how to control them and we think they can be relocated.
As trophies I think it's ridiculous. If they need it for meat that's one thing, but trophies is another.
Bad idea to kill species at the top of the food chain.
Basically I don't believe that human beings at this point, at this stage in the way we are affecting animal population... I don't think there should be trophy hunting. I don't think we should be hunting any big mammals for trophies. We need to be looking forward in a more humane way of coexisting with the animals in the world. If we need them for food that's one thing, but for trophies it is ridiculous. There should be an overall plan for managing animal population.
Basically I'm an environmentalist, I vote for the green party.
Bears are animals, and humans are animals, so what gives me the right to take another animal's life.
Bears are endangered and there are better ways to manage them.
Bears are not harmful and should be left alone.
Bears have a right to live. There has been poaching on this territory for years.
Bears were here first. If they are managed correctly it's not a problem.
Because any trophy hunting is wrong.
Because grizzly bears need to be protected.
Because hunting is stupid. Take away the guns.
Because I am an animal lover. I see these things in the wild and they are pretty amazing.
Because I am morally opposed to trophy hunting.
Because I believe animals have a right to life. Killing an animal to put on your wall is totally wrong
Because I believe in hunting for food and necessities and not for fun.
Because I can see absolutely no sense in shooting anything for a trophy.
Because I dislike hunting, and bears are wonderful - and if you're not going to eat it, why are you hunting?
Because I do not believe anyone with a gun should kill a living creature. They will all get extinct.
Because I do not think they are a commodity and I do not think we should sell bears. I grew up in a place where there are a lot of grizzlies and if you stay out of their way you will be fine.
Because I don't agree that trophy hunting should exist. They only should be hunted for food.
Because I don't agree with hunting bears for trophies. They will be endangered.
Because I don't agree with hunting especially if it's not for food.
Because I don't agree with it. I think they shouldn't kill it for a trophy.
Because I don't agree with trophy hunting. It is not hunting for food and I don't believe it is an asset for the province.
Because I don't believe in hunting for trophies. If it is for food it is fine but not for fun.
Because I don't believe in trophy hunting - trophy hunting for any species is wrong and should be banned.
Because I don't believe in trophy hunting for bears and don't believe the government should be allowing it.
Because I don't feel that there is an overpopulation of bears in my area. However, the older bears go after pets and other things in desperation for food. I feel there should be a kill for problem bears but other than that they should be left alone.
Because I don't like to shoot animals.
Because I don't think it is necessary. It doesn't need to be killed.
Because I don't think it's right, and it's not appropriate.
Because I don't think they should come out here. They could shoot someone who is hunting a deer.
Because I don't think the BC government are the best judges of our natural resources especially wild life.
Because I feel that the government can't control themselves so how do they expect to control wildlife. All First Nations were not consulted on how to manage grizzly bears or how natives managed grizzly bears before contact.
Because I just do not think it is appropriate to go in the woods and hunt and put a big head on your wall. To feed your family it is okay. I think we think to learn more than we need to destroy.
Because I just don't agree with it.
Because I just don't believe in killing animals to have them hanging in your living room.
Because I just don't agree with trophy hunting period. I find it disgusting.
Because I just think that the bears are a natural part of our environment, and we've already built in their territory and that's why they come into town to look for garbage and stuff to eat. We've messed up with the natural selection of wildlife. It's not natural

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for us to put a bullet in their head and hang their head on the wall.
Because I think all hunting should be done for food.
Because I think it is disgusting and if bears have to be a part of total strategy of management for animals trophy hunting should not be a part of that strategy and I think it is ethically repugnant.
Because I think it's disgusting.
Because I think people should eat what they kill.
Because I think that anybody who has a desire to go out and shoot something is totally off the wall.
Because I think that our natural resources are facing problems more and more.
Because I think that the value of grizzly bears for viewing purposes is greater than for hunting. Alaska proves it. So, that's a known statement.
Because I think that we are already infringing in their territories with our technologies.... they should be allowed to survive without someone trying to make money off their private parts and heads.
Because I think that we should be more respectful of the endangered species.
Because I think the animals have their place on earth too beside us.
Because I think the grizzlies are the top of the food chain, and I think we need to protect something that's British Columbian and that deserves to live as much as anything else.
Because I think the population is too low. I don't think we should kill off an animal just for trophies
Because I think they are magnificent animals and there is very little need to hunt them and the conservationists do a great job and there is no need to kill something that isn't trying to kill me.
Because I think we should leave wild life alone, there is a reason for it to be there.
Because I think you're telling them not to eat them. It's not a food source, it's completely political. There are people who are coming here and have nothing but money and they just want to shoot the bear and get other people to clean them. They are going to go and tell their friends while smoking a cigar that "hey I shot that bear" while they had other people do all the work and they just shot the bullet.
Because I want to protect the grizzly bears for the next generations.
Because I'm a wildlife fan.
Because I'm against trophy hunting. I'm not against hunting when it's for food, but I'm against for its sake, for the hunt. It shouldn't be based on the population of the bears, it should be based on the ethics.
Because I'm First Nations and I have really strong opinions on how paving the forest screws everything up.
Because if they keep trophy hunting and stuff like that then we lose our total overall population and they become extinct and that's not good because they all contribute to the overall ecosystem of the forest.
Because in time there won't be grizzlies. Everything's on the earth for a reason.
Because it is a cruelty to animals to hunt for just fun
Because it is a despicable way to try and manage wildlife.
Because it is a resource, that ecotourism is a much better industry. I disagree with killing animals if it isn't for food or if there isn't an overpopulation.
Because it is a trophy, it's nothing more than that. It's glorifying a dead animal. They're beautiful animals.
Because it is an animal that deserves protection.
Because it is brutal. It is like hockey, I do not understand hockey. I am ashamed to say I am Canadian for that one reason. If that is what we are known for then that is pretty sad say to represent our country.
Because it is cruel and unusual punishment.
Because it is disgusting. Hunting animals for trophies is spineless and wrong.
Because it is fundamentally, ecologically wrong.
Because it is inhumane to kill animals for trophies.
Because it is needless and senseless and they're going to be gone, we need these animals here and we don't need Americans coming here and doing it.
Because it is ridiculous to put an animal on the wall.
Because it is vile. There is no reason for it.
Because it's a beautiful bear and I don't think we should be killing it
Because it's a money grab. I think that bears are an important part of our ecology and will be around for many years.
Because it's just for the trophy and I don't think we need them on the wall.
Because it's, I don't know I'm not a trophy hunter and they shouldn't shoot the biggest one out there if they need to retain them for stock - it allows for a strong... healthy population especially the old big ones.
Because its unnecessary, I find it cruel.
Because no animal should be shot for a trophy, I don't care what animal, I don't care if it's a beaver. If you're going to shoot an

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animal eat it, use its fur or eat it don't just shoot it for the gallbladder and take it to china or something, you don't just shoot a big animal as a trophy.
Because of the endangerment to the grizzly bear population.
Because of the threat of extinction of the grizzly bear.
Because of the wastefulness of it.
Because the animals are part of the province, people are just going to pay all the money and we won't have all the animals anymore.
Because the animals have the right to life.
Because the hunters go in, they shoot and take what they want and leave the rest. It is a waste.
Because the wildlife should be worshipped, not killed.
Because there are a few grizzly bears left and we are running out of space from logging.
Because there aren't many of them left.
Because there aren't very many grizzlies left and they just want to take the head and fur and leave the meat to rot.
Because there shouldn't be any trophy hunting.
Because there's no point in killing an animal if it doesn't need to be killed
Because there's no useful purpose for it. If it's for food or because there's too many that's understandable, but just for the thrill of it no.
Because they are a natural thing of mother nature and we have to honour their lives.
Because they are a threatened species, should be protected and not hunted.
Because they are almost extinct.
Because they are doing it for sheer pleasure.
Because they are dying out and we are pushing them out. We are getting to the point where in the parks you can't see them anymore. It is very rare to see, but before there were a lot of them in the park. The parks have also become less rural. If you want to see grizzlies, you should go to the mountains to see them.
Because they are endangered animals.
Because they are endangered.
Because they are extinct, and they kill them for trophies for no reason.
Because they are god's creatures, there's not enough of them, and they should be left for food.
Because they are harvesting some of their organs.
Because they are living animals and we should keep them were here and so should they - it's part of the ecosystem.
Because they are wildlife and you should not kill animals, especially just to hang them on your wall. It makes me sick when I see that in people's houses.
Because they don't cause anyone any harm so why shoot them for nothing.
Because they don't need it. It's a waste.
Because they don't shoot them for meat but just for trophies. It's just not very kind to do that for skin on the wall - it's different if it's for meat.
Because they have been here for a long time, they are huge in our culture, I would not support that. They are citizens of the continent. We have to speak for animals when they can't speak for themselves.
Because they have the right to live unencumbered by what man wants.
Because they should be preserved to provide something that is unique for the future generations
Because they should just leave the things alone. The government gets involved and just screws everything up. If they just get out of it altogether, we would be better off.
Because they will be extinct and they are beautiful animals.
Because they'll become extinct and it is wrong.
Because they're not doing the proper maintenance of the lands so that the bears have food and they're not wandering into, and they're allowing too much progress, allow people to go to places where it is not needed and wanted and that's why bears come to us places, because we're going into their natural habitat. Also goes to the whales and other animals out there, and I am very much in favour of animals and people. We've done enough to ruin the natural habitat of the poor animals, lets stop now.
Because they're such a gracious and beautiful animal. If everyone had the chance to see them you wouldn't want to shoot them.
Because those bears lived in this area for centuries and we take their habitat.
Because to kill an animal for a trophy is completely immoral.
Because trophy hunting for bears is not a good thing. You go hunting and whatever you kill, and you should only kill a bear if it's aggressive or comes close to your family
Because we as human beings have a right to go around killing other species, especially for trophies. I can see if we need food, but not for trophy hunting. And it's people with money that can do that.

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Because we're running out of them, there's not enough left.
Because we're threatening them by taking their habitat from them. Habitat loss.
Because you continue to knock them off, they will not always be here. A catastrophic event could just knock off the bears to extinction.
Because, first thing, that Campbell did was to reinstate the grizzly trophy hunting.
Because, Why? There is no good reason to shoot a grizzly bear and put a rug in your living room. It means nothing, unless the government makes money for each tag. But it makes no sense.
Black and white policy changes don't work.
Cause I like grizzlies, the blacks and the three little bears. They're families and they live in a forest, and that's their home. We go in with machines, guns, cars etc. to get them. That is so bad, so immoral, so wrong.
Causes conflict between everybody, the whole world.
Common sense.
Conservation.
Dangerous.
Doesn't make sense to killing animals for trophy is wrong we can find somewhere else the revenue
Don't agree with trophy hunt.
Don't believe in it.
Don't kill if you're not going to eat them.
Don't like killing animals, especially for pleasure.
Don't think it should be done by people generally to display it, other than Aboriginals who eat the animal and use it properly.
Environmentalists want to conserve them so they are not hunted to extinction.
Every creature has its reason and purpose for existence.
First Nations have other means of employment.
For one thing, trophy is ridiculous. We keep encroaching on their property all the time, and pushing them farther and farther, and keep on shooting them for trophies. We should be able to leave the animals alone and give them a big range to live in. The government should not be responsible to manage the wildlife, as it is not their duty.
For trophies, it is stupid to have the head or have a bear rug on the floor.
Grizzly bears are getting more rare.
Hardly anything left in the world and would like to have BC not be destroyed.
Humanity is screwing with nature enough, leave it alone.
Humans are encroaching on bear habitat, it's not the other way around. There is no justification for trophy hunting in my mind. I don't care if it's bears, elephants or grouse.
Hunters should get a job and find better things to do with time.
Hunting for animals is not right and not a good thing to do.
Hunting for food is okay, but trophy hunting I disagree with that.
Hunting for trophies is not right but hunting for meat is okay. Animals are not trophies.
Hunting should be for food and not simply taking an animal's life and mounting it.
Hunting should be for food, otherwise it's wasteful and disrespectful.
Hunting should be for resources not for trophies.
Hunting them is not good and there are only a little of them left. To kill an animal for a trophy is just wrong.
I am a photographer and I like to take pictures. I've seen some horrible things.
I am against hunting.
I am against hunting. I think we as a species have corrupted this planet. We think we have an automatic right to kill other species and I am against that.
I am against killing animals.
I am an environmentalist vegetarian and I don't believe in killing animals at any time unless you absolutely have to. We have to protect what's left - the government should be working more with conservationist societies.
I am I First Nations person, and if you're hunting for something like that, you should be able to make use of it. If I did something like that in order to survive, I would do that.
I am interested in the fact that we need to look at all species of animal that we are endangering and we have no right to do that.
I believe bears need to be protected.
I believe that maybe we have to hunt to control the population and is reasonable, but not for trophies. It's not an entertainment.
I believe that the bear is a creature in this universe to live and not get killed. That is not right.
I believe they are endangered or are going to be. I believe they have a right to live in their wilderness. I don't believe in hunting or killing things. I respect the First Nations regard and knowledge for nature.

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I believe they're threatened, and tend to disagree with trophy hunting anyways.
I believe we should allow mother earth to heal herself and the first way to do that is keep away from touching the animals. I don't think we should start decimating wildlife. I believe they should be introduced into other environments that could support them and that way BC won't be the only place to find the grizzly or black bear.
I disagree with hunting any large animal anywhere in the world.
I disagree with hunting just for trophies. If you're going to use what you kill then fine, but not if you're hunting for trophies.
I disagree with hunting, except for consumption like the meat or management.
I disagree with trophy hunting. I disagree with hunting, the only time it is acceptable is in extreme situations where there's nothing to eat.
I disagree with trophy hunting. If there needs to be a cull because of over-population or danger to livestock or people that's different. I disagree with trophy hunting because it's not respectful of living creatures. It's abhorrent.
I do not think people should kill a bear to put it on the wall
I do not think that animals in general should be hunted and shot for trophy purposes. I think that is animal cruelty.
I don't agree with hunting animals unless it is for food or you need it for survival. It is wrong.
I don't agree with hunting at all, unless it's for people to eat.
I don't agree with hunting for trophies.
I don't agree with hunting of anything, and especially for trophy hunting.
I don't agree with it.
I don't agree with killing an animal for a trophy.
I don't agree with killing any wildlife animal.
I don't agree with killing just for the sake of killing. I think it is okay to kill for food but not otherwise.
I don't agree with the idea of a trophy hunt.
I don't agree with trophy hunting for any animals, I think hunting is feeding a family - that's fine, but hunting for trophies is terrible.
I don't agree with trophy hunting for any wild animals. The only justifications for hunting an animal is to use it for food.
I don't agree with trophy hunting. If they are not going to eat it, they shouldn't shoot it unless it happens to be a hazard.
I don't agree with trophy hunting. I think if they are going to use all parts of the animal it is fine, but if not you shouldn't be killing it. We need the bears to procreate.
I don't agree with trophy hunting. If you're going to hunt, you have to eat it. I just don't agree with putting things on walls, it's just so wrong and they become endangered.
I don't believe any animal should be hunted for trophies.
I don't believe any animals should be hunted for trophies. People only should be hunting if humans are threatened or for food.
I don't believe in any animals to be trophy hunted.
I don't believe in going to wilderness areas and killing them, but it makes more sense if they were killed if there was a threat involved.
I don't believe in guns. So, I think that all the bears that are coming out to all the people is because of their garbage. There should be a fine for keeping your garbage outside because that will only attract animals.
I don't believe in hunting and killing. I think the animals that are being hunted should just have their lives and to live them.
I don't believe in hunting animals for trophies.
I don't believe in hunting other than for food. First Nation hunting should be allowed others should not.
I don't believe in hunting.
I don't believe in it, I used to be a hunter years ago and I never shot anything that wasn't for food.
I don't believe in killing animals for fun.
I don't believe in killing animals for trophies.
I don't believe in killing animals just for sport.
I don't believe in killing animals like that.
I don't believe in killing animals.
I don't believe in killing anything for no good reason, don't need a grizzly bear for trophy, I am a vegetarian.
I don't believe in killing for fun.
I don't believe in killing for no reason.
I don't believe in that type of hunting.
I don't believe in trophy hunting at all. If you don't eat it don't kill it.
I don't believe in trophy hunting period. They should hunt for food not trophies.
I don't believe in trophy hunting. If you are going to kill an animal you should make sure you eat it. I don't think you should shoot an animal as a trophy.

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I don't believe in trophy hunting. If you shoot an animal you should be prepared to use as much of it as you can. Eat it yourself or give it away to people who need it or give it to natives for their ceremonial purposes. An animal's life should not be wasted just because you want a trophy. Having a trophy does not make you a good hunter. Obeying the rules and practices of good hunting and respecting nature makes you a better hunter.
I don't believe in trophy hunting. If you're shooting or killing something then it should be for feeding your family, not to prove your wealth.
I don't believe they should be killing animals other than for food.
I don't have a reason.
I don't hunt in BC, used to hunt in Ontario. I have seen people shoot bear and deer for trophy and leaving the meat behind which rots, and I believe in shooting something that will be useful to take the meat.
I don't like any wildlife being killed for trophies or for eating. Have you ever heard of anyone eating a bear?
I don't like hunters.
I don't like hunting. I think they should try to look after them. There is no point in hunting them, there will be no grizzlies or black bears.
I don't like to see animals shot without a good reason. The animals we raise are raised for a purpose, they're raised for food. We don't go all out to a pond to kill all the ducks for fun, some people do but they end up eating them.
I don't like to see them being killed. A lot of my guesses I'm not sure about, I'm just doing the best I can.
I don't like trophy hunting for any animals at all.
I don't see any reason to do it, if they are going to do it it should be for subsistence.
I don't see any reason why anyone should hung grizzlies as a trophy.
I don't support any trophy hunting for any animal I strictly believe in using the land and animals for food and possible aggression and protection towards the people. Only killing when they are harm to the people.
I don't think any trophy hunting should occur because it's not necessary and animals should be allowed to be. It's also bad for the environment.
I don't think anything needs to be killed just for trophy hunting. They would give ecotourism a boost. You would make far more money on watching them than on licenses to shoot them.
I don't think anything should be hunted for trophy purposes.
I don't think hunting animals for game is part of the natural order of things.
I don't think it is necessary, I think that it is just a sport.
I don't think it is right to trophy hunt.
I don't think it is right.
I don't think killing an animal for a trophy has any validity.
I don't think of any trophy of any animal as desirable, and hunting should only be for food
I don't think people should kill animals for money, considering they only live in one place in the world. Humans have no right to collect animals for their own entertainment.
I don't think that it should be allowed for trophy purposes.
I don't think that people should be able to go out and hunt any animal for a trophy.
I don't think that people should be taking animals for trophies.
I don't think the government should step in on anything like that. It has nothing to do with the government.
I don't think they should be exploited that way. We need animals and need to maintain the balance.
I don't think they should be out there eliminating all the animals, they're all there for a reason. If they're not harming anybody leave them alone.
I don't think they should hunt for trophies. If they are not going to use it all, they shouldn't kill.
I don't think they should kill animals just for trophies.
I don't think they should kill any more bears, too many have been killed. I don't know I think they kill them unnecessarily. I would disagree.
I don't think we should be trophy hunting for any type of animal period.
I don't think what the province gains in it is worth the problems. What we get from shooting these things does not make up for their existence.
I don't want animals to be killed for pleasure. I think it is a big show-off that they do.
I don't like trophy hunting for anything. Like if you're not going to eat it there's no point in killing it.
I don't support ecotourism, it's like saying to Americans and other countries that you can come and have any women you want because it helps tourism. It's the same, it's life.
I don't think anyone should be killing them, unless you eat it all including the snout and tail you shouldn't be killing them. Not for a rug on the floor, the animal is not a trophy.



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I don't think there's a need to do that for a trophy, you're not using them to eat, it's not environmentally friendly.
I don't think they should just kill them, that's selfish
I feel it's wrong to kill animals.
I feel like if you kill an animal just too stuff it, is wrong - or for fur.
I feel that humans aren't the only thing that matter on this planet, a world with out animals is not a world.
I feel that there is a chance to wipe them out, and we can do better with eco-tourism if we need more money.
I feel that they are an intelligent species with a right to live and have families. We should stop causing more damage then we already have.
I firmly believe killing any animal for a trophy is wrong.
I guess because I think it's a waste of an animal - you're not eating it and that's not right.
I guess I just don't like killing
I have grown up in a family that is very passionate about wildlife. I have studied communications and want to integrate it to be able to get word out about the environment and wildlife, like sharks which are another thing. Using this degree will help to get the word out about these issues like trophy hunting for grizzlies.
I just do not like the idea of them trophy hunting at all I think it is totally wrong. I think we ned to sustain our wildlife as it is and not go killing it off.
I just do not think it is fair to wildlife.
I just do not think they should be killed that way for that purpose.
I just don't agree for killing animals for the fun of it.
I just don't agree with hunting animals for any reason.
I just don't agree with hunting for grizzlies, period. I don't know too many people that eat bear meat. If it's an elk, deer, or moose my friends wind up with some steaks but not bears.
I just don't agree with it.
I just don't agree with killing an animal to put it on your wall, I don't see it as a sport.
I just don't agree with killing things for a trophy, the biggest and the best should be left to breed instead of hunted for sports.
I just don't agree with trophy hunting at all.
I just don't agree with trophy hunting.
I just don't agree with trophy hunting. They aren't trophies, they are living beings, they shouldn't be a trophy.
I just don't like to see an animal hanging on a wall. I don't think that's right.
I just don't see the purpose of it. You can hunt them for food, but trophy hunting is just a no. They can just take pictures of the animals.
I just don't think it is a good idea.
I just don't think it is proper or right. In today's situation where species are disappearing, why would we allow trophy hunting?
I just don't think that trophy is a good idea. I support hunting, but trophy hunting can be abused.
I just don't believe in killing animals.
I just don't think that people should be shooting things for food.
I just find it abhorrent. I'm not against hunting for different reasons but trophy hunting no.
I just fundamentally disagree with trophy hunting. There is more to be made from viewing bears than killing them. I am not opposed to hunting in general if you are going to eat what you kill, I just oppose trophy hunting.
I just hate hunting. I don't agree with hunting any animals or anything.
I just strongly oppose something so wonderful being shot for someone to admire it on his wall.
I just think it's brutal. I don't believe in trophy hunting. If you have to eat it then I understand but not trophy hunting.
I just think it's wrong.
I just think that they should be protected in their current state.
I just think they should be allowed to just live. I can see these hunters from all over the world coming in and getting bragging rights and I don't think the poor animals should suffer so they can just get a trophy. The trophies should be on their cameras.
I know that Americans come here and just shoot these animals. It's not fair, the animals are being pushed further and further.
I know that they are threatened, but I believe people should be able to shoot a bear if they are damaging a person's property.
I like that my grandchildren can see bears.
I like to see them around.
I live on a reserve. I think it's wrong, we're invading their territory. They should have a right to survive.
I lived all over my BC myself and we are approaching the bear territory and it's become smaller with logging and oil sands.
I love bears.
I love life, all kinds of life, but especially because they are an endangered species. They are unique and it is not our right to decide to kill them.



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I love the animals and the nature, they are wonderful, the little bears come through here.
I personally disagree with trophy hunting.
I see it as cruelty to animals and not as a solution to the problem. If you see bears as being a problem and of bears attacking individuals that would be the problem.
I strongly believe what you shoot, you eat. Like First Nations, they go hunting and fishing for food. Trophy hunting I don't agree with.
I think grizzly bears are becoming extinct.
I think grizzly bears should live out their lives undisturbed by man and they should only be killed if they happen to threaten a man or for ceremonial purposes for First Nations.
I think if you're going to go and shoot something, you should eat it. I don't think you should just go out and kill it for the sake of killing it.
I think it is inhumane. No.
I think it is morally wrong.
I think it is not right to casually go out and shoot them. If you are going to cull animals that is okay as it is needed at times, to control the population and make sure there is food for everyone.
I think it is wrong to kill bears for trophies. It is barbaric.
I think it's a stupid idea to go and shoot something that you are not going to eat.
I think it's exploitative and opportunistic. It doesn't have anything to do about the animals or conservationists it's disgusting.
I think it's just a waste of resources and you shouldn't be able to do that.
I think killing them for trophies is disgusting. We should not take their lives. We should respect nature more.
I think that is not right, if it was for food I would agree but not as a trophy, it is not right.
I think that the grizzlies should be protected and there's an economic side for eco lodges.
I think that they are more useful to the economy alive than dead.
I think that they are part of nature, our environment and they should be left alone. We are depleting all the resources that are there.
I think the animals should be left alone. Just to give a man the chance to just hunt is not right. Unless there is a very good reason.
I think the bears are endangered somewhat and the science around their numbers and management is not good. In some ethical way I am opposed to trophy hunting.
I think the bears have a right to live, we have taken away a lot of their land. It should be respected like any other animal.
I think the bears should be left alone.
I think the government sucks.
I think the practice of trophy hunting grizzlies is not appropriate. It is an endangered species and it's going to waste putting them up on a wall.
I think the provincial government should not use that as a means of making money.
I think the trophy hunters are not environmentally conservative, they're after the trophies.
I think there are better ways. For one thing, there we do not need that revenue. I'm an animal lover. Bears are intelligent. If you're going to go shoot a bear, than eat it. I do not believe in trophy hunting. It is stupid. It just makes you a killer.
I think there are other ways to hunt, like photographing things, no need to go killing any bears.
I think they are an endangered species, and I think we should protect them.
I think they should be left alone.
I think they're beautiful and I don't think it's necessary and I don't like it, I don't think it's right.
I think they're close to being an endangered species and I don't agree with trophy hunting and taking a dead animal and putting it on a wall.
I think they're endangered in a lot of places.
I think trophy hunting is fundamentally wrong.
I think trophy hunting is immoral.
I think trophy hunting is just bad for humanity.
I think trophy hunting is wrong and their numbers are endangered in certain areas.
I totally disagree because I am very fond of bears.
I understand the grizzlies need to live in this land.
I was brought up by a hunter and I didn't have beef, and my parents shot bears for food... you don't shoot animals for trophies you shoot them for food and safety.
I'm a biochemist and ecologist and I don't think we should be doing that unless we are hungry and starving, which we aren't.
I'm a hunter, I believe in letting them have the free reign.

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I'm a person who believes that nature will balance itself out and we don't need to depend on monies from trophy hunting.
I'm against hunting.
I'm just against it period, for any animals or bears. It will be extinct to the future growth of our country.
I'm not a big fan of it.
I'm not a trophy hunting type of person and I think you should hunt for food and otherwise you should hunt to view the animals maybe. I to be used to a real hunter and shoot animals in the wild but now I believe it should only be for food.
I'm not interested in bears.
I'm not pro-hunter and I believe people should hunt only if needed for food and not for a trophy.
I've been in the area and I have seen the devastation in that area. We need more grizzlies as a top predator.
I've heard of too many people abusing the shooting of bears, just shooting willy nilly for fun. If it's for eating is okay. I know First Nations people that hunt for food and they utilize all the animal, then that is fine .
I've never felt it was necessary to shoot an animal and mount it in your house. The ecology doesn't support such an activity.
I've never supported trophy hunting. I support hunting for eating or to manage a population - not trophy hunting.
If everybody went at it and killed whatever they wanted to, the bears could decline completely. We want to keep them, not kill them.
If I was an animal and someone shot me for sport I would want to shoot the hunter.
If it is to eat it would be different, but a trophy is not a need to kill them.
If it's for food and eating, but for a trophy I'm strongly against it.
If there's a reason.
If they continue to trophy hunt, the grizzly bear population is going to decrease, it's already decreasing. We don't need trophy hunting.
If they kill it they should eat it... I find it weird for trophy hunting.
If we allow, it they're all going to die.
If we don't preserve our wildlife, grizzlies or not, we will have none.
If you are wasting most of the carcass I disagree with disposing of it to just get a head on the wall.
If you can't use it for meat, I am not in agreement with any kind of trophy hunt, but I have never had my livestock threatened. There is a time and place for hunting but overall ban it. I don't like trophy hunting in any shape or form.
If you do not need to eat it, you don't need it adorning your wall
If you kill an animal, it should really be for use. They shouldn't die for nothing. It should be used to its fullest. If you kill a fish, you catch it to eat it. Similarly, if you shoot a bear, you should use every single part of it. And at the end if you want to use it's skin for trophy, then do it. But not just to kill the animal and use it for a trophy.
If you shoot for animal it should be for food only.
If you're not going to be eating it don't be shooting it.
If you're not going to kill an animal to eat it, then we have no business to kill it.
If you're not hunting for food, you shouldn't be hunting. I'm against trophy hunting.
If you're trophy hunting I don't like that. I lived to hunt and I ate everything I hunted, elk moose deer, and I had to shoot a grizzly once and I didn't like it.
In the first place they are such magnificent animals and to shoot them for a trophy its wasteful.
Isn't managed properly.
It continues on and on and on. If there's a trophy, the hunters will do anything for money. They'll sell the parts and deplete the bear population until there are no bears left in BC.
It does not make any environmental sense. I don't think it is justified. If they are endangered it should not be considered.
It doesn't make sense, they are living things that don't bother you if you don't bother them. They have a right to live just like you and I. Just leave them alone, they were here first.
It is 2014 you do not kill animals, they live equally in this place.
It is a life and you cannot play with life as a trophy.
It is a living animal and I don't think we need to kill an animal just for sport.
It is a trophy hunt. It is not for food, it is just to say that you killed something.
It is a waste.
It is an inhumane way to cull and I don't think it is necessary, and we should stop picking apart their environment.
It is awful. If you are going to eat them that is fine but not to stuff them.
It is because I feel animals shouldn't be killed for trophies.
It is cruelty and is bad to do.
It is morally wrong. It will basically encourage more people to come and hunt and basically get rid of all the animals. Animals are holy and valuable to First Nations. Other people coming and hunting is dishonourable.

Q9b. REASONS FOR BEING: IN FAVOUR OF GRIZZLY TROPHY HUNT BAN
It is not necessary, it is a waste to use one body part and discard the rest. It is important to ban it so they don't become extinct.
It is not necessary, the species is vulnerable and it is not necessary for the economy. It does not bring enough revenues to justify.
It is not necessary.
It is not right to kill wild animals.
It is unnecessary to hunt for sport. I understand First Nations hunting for food but I do not understand hunting for sport.
It is wrong to be killing them.
It is wrong to kill an animal and take the body parts for dollars. It is ethically wrong and morally wrong.
It is wrong! It is just wrong.
It just seems like the good of banning it outweighs the positives of trophy hunting.
It seems unjustifiable.
It serves us no purpose except for hunters' egos and psychological problems or an extension of his penis.
It should be stopped from a trophy point of view.
It should be used for meat not for trophies.
It should not be killed. If anybody wants to challenge a bear they should not have a gun. If they want to wrestle a bear that is okay but it should not be bear against gun. It should be equal rights for bear and people.
It would be nice to have lots of them then people can see them and take lots of pictures. You can move them around to other places so people can see them if you want to thin them out.
It's a mindless pursuit of killing animals that don't need to be killed. As I mentioned, when I came to America, they think he's a man who hunts but shooting an animal doesn't make you a man. Maybe it's part of the culture. It's a stupid mental problem with some men.
It's a trophy hunt, it's not for food or anything, it's to say you took it. It's a very imperialistic attitude.
It's a wishy-washy reason, I think we should let the grizzly bears live and let live, they are part of the eco-system and it's important that they remain there.
It's an unnecessary and wasteful activity.
It's another source of revenue for the government, I don't believe in killing an animal for profit
It's archaic.
It's cruel and unnecessary.
It's cruel!
it's disgusting and horrifying. It's just wrong on every level.
It's ego-based, contributes nothing.
It's inhumane.
It's just barbaric, just to put a head on your wall.
It's just killing for killing's sake.
It's just my nature.
It's just not natural, it's not right to shoot them to put their head in the wall.
It's just not necessary to waste the meat.
It's just to respect the wildlife. They're normally so far, it's not like we're being inundated by them.
It's needless, you don't have to do that, its all about money.
It's not a bad thing, but should be regulated. It's not good for the grizzly bear population.
It's not an animal that is needed for food so it has no purpose for trophy hunting aside from making hunters feel good.
It's not morally right.
It's not necessary and their numbers and endangered and low.
It's not right to kill bears for trophies. It's not for the fun of shooting.
It's not right, the animal has the same right to live in the land as we humans do just to kill one for a trophy is just wrong.
It's okay to make laws but if you're going to make laws and do nothing to enforce them, what difference does it make.
It's part of nature and we can control the population by other means and not hunting.
It's sickening, shooting an animal for its head.
It's the First Nations' business, the rest of the nations, the white people that are not suppose to be in the bear territory... this is my first day off in 3 weeks, and I work in a tugboat and I saw two grizzlies on a rock near Nass river and I saw a two year old crossing the river on a rock and they are just a couple of young kids trying to catch up with their moms and trying to catch the logs and they had to go around the rocks to catch up to their mom.
It's too wrong and stupid.
It's unnecessary killing.
It's unnecessary to kill the grizzly bears, serves no useful purpose.
It's wrong to mount it for show instead of eating it.

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It's wrong. We have laws that we need. What needs to happen now is consultation with First Nations people and then enforcement banning trophy hunting and making sure, otherwise you're just welcoming poachers from all over the land. It's technically illegal but we don't watch anyone.
Just basically that people who go out and hunt innocent animals don't have anything better to do with their time and should focus on something else.
Just because grizzlies are an endangered species. We need grizzlies to keep the population of the deer down. And they're just part of the ecosystem.
Just because I believe to live and let live and, it is unfair to take it out on the animals.
Just because I don't think people should go trophy hunting any animal. That's why Africa's in trouble. Look how many animals are extinct.
Just because I love these animals and eat them sometimes but I don't agree with slaughtering for prizes.
Just because I think trophy hunting is wrong. Hunting is fine for harvesting of meat, that's one thing and traditional peoples and northern BCers who have always hunted should continue hunting. I do not think you should stop the chance for people to hunt and even potentially keep the bear, and should keep the bear if they hunted it for meat but not for trophy hunting.
Just because they are struggling in areas. I mean the bears are struggling in some areas and it is time to respect first nature a little bit more and money a little bit less.
Just because they could go extinct one day and I would not want to see that.
Just because they were here first, they're supposed to be here.
Just because trophy hunting is not a necessary thing to do.
Just by feelings.
Just don't think it's right.
Just the fact that I don't believe trophy hunting is required - if they can't eat the meat no point of shooting.
Just, I guess it is a personal ethical decision.
Killing animals for fun and enjoyment is wrong. Animals are placed on earth for a reason just like humans.
Killing animals is wrong.
Lack of management.
Loss of habitat is a threat to survival.
Magnificent animals.
Morally wrong.
Morally wrong.
My experience with people who live on the land and especially First Nations people.
My main reason is because I have encountered them and they're part of the ecosystem and you can't mess around with the ecosystem and they're not here to be shot.
Nature takes care of itself and if there is overpopulation, there are other ways to take care of it. So getting rid of the strongest animal will imbalance the ecosystem.
Nature was here first so they should have a chance to live too.
Need more bears in BC.
Needless slaughter.
No killing animals for trophies.
No need for dead parts.
No one needs them on their walls.
No point in killing bears.
No tolerance.
Nobody needs to kill a grizzly bear for any reason unless it's harming you.
Not as trophies.
Not good for trophy.
Not necessary to kill animals.
Not right to kill for sport.
Not right to kill.
One should not kill.
Or put severe restriction on it... from what I know (if it's endangered it's bad) just killing is wrong - collapse of resources.
People are the problem, it is not really the animals in most cases. I'm sure there are renegade animals in every group but on the whole it is people who are the problem.
People don't eat grizzlies, and I think they should only be shot if it was a life-threatening situation. They were here first and they have their own territory first and we should respect that.

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People don't eat the meat, it's just the trophy hunt, and it's wrong to do that just for trophy. If you're going to shoot it, you should eat it.
Philosophically opposed.
Population is not growing.
Preserve bears. Trophy hunting is disgusting.
Primarily, I know people that hunt, hunting for food is fine but trophy hunting should be banned.
Protection of wildlife and animal rights.
Ridiculous.
Seems inhumane grounds.
Senseless trophy idea.
Shooting animals is wrong unless it's for food.
Simply wrong.
The animal didn't do anything to them. I just think it's wrong.
The animals don't get a chance to build up their population. Waste a lot because only some parts are used as trophies.
The animals need to be left alone. What is the point of you sticking a head on a wall, it's just disgusting. The world is slowly wasting away. We need to protect the animals and mother nature.
The animals shouldn't killed for this. This is not right. They are beautiful. Why kill them for nothing? It's a waste of money and time.
The bears are an endangered species and trophy hunting is just for pleasure, and it is ludicrous that we do this to our wild animals in nature.
The bears have a right to live, and not have to worry about somebody with a gun coming along to shoot it.
The idea is to keep them from becoming extinct.
The key word is "trophy". It's not being used for anything but satisfying somebody else's ego.
The lack of necessity to kill an animal for a trophy is just brutal and archaic.
The main reason is that I don't think its necessary. I have a moral objection to it.
The main reason is that it's not the way to solve the problems of their economic growth, and unnecessary for tourism.
The natural environment should be protected, just because grizzlies are aggressive animals, they should not be treated like such and they should be protected like the rest of the environment.
The population is down and I know they're coming and there is no reason to kill - the population is not strong enough. The grizzly bear population is not strong enough to support trophy hunting.
The population of the bears hasn't increased to the point that you need to start killing the bears.
The reason is I don't think it is going help our ecosystem to stay in balance if we are taking out grizzly bears, the herbicides that they're spraying, the grizzlies are unique that should be protected and are what we have left, and they should making decisions with the First Nations to decide as to what to do together... together with the common people. You destroy a perfectly good animal, it's really pathetic what those game hunters do, the grizzlies mind their own business. We need to protect what we've got.
The shooting of something that they are not eating, just doing it for trophy, that... I am concerned they are taking away natural resources from BC.
The species is endangered and is not a threat to you.
The statement about trophy hunting was bad. Only First Nations should hunt, in order to eat and practice a natural lifestyle.
The taking of life for economic purposes at all is bad, for trophies it's not worth it.
The whole idea of killing an animal for bragging rights is unnecessary.
The wild animals should be left on their own for their own survival.
There are not enough grizzly bears.
There are not that many.
There are too many outside elements which are controlling it. So many organizations and parties that have their own vested interest, which is not the best interest of the species.
There is a limited amount of grizzly bears that remain and their habitat is limited.
There is little wildlife left. We need to protect the ones we have left. We share the earth with other wildlife. It is not a good idea to kill them.
There is no need for it, people don't use bears as a main source of food unless there is a real need for food there is no need to do that.
There is no need for it.
There is no reason for just killing animals.
There is no reason to kill off bears.

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There's a certain amount of bears that are left and the government and hunters know about it and they should keep them in zoos so it can attract tourists since there are less and less bears around.
There's no money in it for the government. Killing all the bears is no answer. They make more money by tourists viewing them than shooting them.
There's no point for why do you need to kill for the sake of killing. It's not providing food for anybody. It's questionable how much money really comes in from that. There's enough problems with forestry clear cut. They are affecting the habitat of all animals.
There's no purpose in killing the grizzly bears for trophies. If it's for food or you need to, that's fine but it makes no sense to kill them just to keep them in your house.
There's no viable reason to hunt for grizzly bears.
There's not enough of them. The bears are there, when you see them, they live off the land, and are killed. You will have an imbalance. There should be strict regulations.
These are living animals and are part of the ecosystem. Humans have no greater right to be on the earth in comparison to any living thing.
These are wild animals living in their territory, and we shouldn't be shooting them. We shouldn't be shooting other animals unless there's a really good reason, and trophy hunting isn't one of them.
They are a beautiful animal, and they were here long before we were. They should be allowed to roam the land.
They are a natural wild animal, we should not be killing for trophies.
They are almost gone.
They are an endangered species and hunting should only be performed if you intend to eat what you kill.
They are an endangered species and I disagree with any hunting.
They are an endangered species and I don't agree with killing and just making trophies out of them because they aren't going to be eaten as food.
They are an endangered species, they are beautiful and yes they are dangerous but they are a creature that deserve our respect and to be preserved.
They are animals and they have every right to live as much as we do.
They are animals, they are a part of nature, they should be allowed to be free and we shouldn't be going around and killing them for a prize.
They are beautiful animals. They do not come near people unless people are bugging them. They have more right to be here than we do.
They are beautiful creatures. They are part of the ecosystem and there is no reason to hunt them. There is no reason to hunt anything but particularly bears. Actually no reason to hunt anything is particularly strong. If people are hunting for food that is okay, just not bears.
They are endangered.
They are endangered.
They are great, majestic animals and we shouldn't go after them as trophies. If they are a problem we should go after them properly.
They are just here to shoot them and leave right away. They are just idiots.
They are not a threat to us. They are beautiful animals and they deserve to live, not to be posted on someone's mantel.
They are on the endangered species list.
They are somewhat unique to BC.
They are wildlife and they got to eat but you don't need to be shooting them because you want them on your wall. Only ok if you're going to eat the meat.
They don't do it for the food, they just do it to make themselves feel good.
They don't need to be fed they'll get away with it. They are dangerous.
They have their right, they're in the forest, where they belong. They control other species and nature. Human beings have no business hunting them.
They might disappear if they let them go on.
They should ban hunting them because, well, I am not sure if these bears are close to being extinct, but hunting them should be banned.
They should be left alone in the wild. We are encroaching on the bears' territory.
They should only hunt for dangerous bears.
They should reinstate it because it was banned until the liberals were elected. It's questionable how many of these bears are still living, they don't reproduce like black bears and I just think it's morally wrong.
They shouldn't allow it. It shouldn't be the reason to hunt it should only be for food.

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They shouldn't be hunted down for someone's pride. If someone hunts down a grizzly bear, they put their head in their house and are proud of themselves because they are such huge animals.
They shouldn't do it for trophy, just a hunt for somebody.
They were here first, now we are taking their land and we're getting in their way.
They weren't meant to hang on somebody's walls.
They will be cleaning up the grizzlies if they keep going without control.
They will disappear over time. I like animals.
They're almost extinct now so why kill them off?
They're messing with the forces of nature, how did they get to decide.
They're pretty endangered and it's better to view them than shoot them.
They're too much like us.
They've got the right to live too.
This is the only place left in the world where grizzlies exist, and they should be protected not harmed.
This is the only place they can go, why would they kill them off. This is their home too.
Those animals have every right to be here. Why should we destroy them.
Threatened survival.
To conserve the animal.
To me trophy hunting is a negative activity, there is no need for it and killing animals if they are not a problem. Humans are not alone on this planet.
To save the grizzly bears because they are endangered.
To save the wildlife.
To what point is that for...there's no point. It doesn't serve any kind of survival point by hunting for grizzly bears.
Too many animals are dying off due to the killing for trophy hunting and they don't come around anymore.
Tragedy. It just seems wrong. Is there trophy hunting for dogs?
Trophy hunting animals have the right to live.
Trophy hunting gets out of control sometimes and we may not have any more bears.
Trophy hunting is not a good reason to kill an animal. If you want to kill it for food that is one thing, but not for trophies and mounting the head.
Trophy hunting is wrong. I am not convinced there is an economic argument for it.
Trophy hunting is wrong. I don't want to see a trophy bear at someone's place.
Trophy hunting is wrong. If they were to eat it then it's okay.
Unless they are posing a risk to the population I don't think it's necessary. People don't eat bears.
Unless you bother the bear, it won't bother you.
Unless you eat what you kill it should not be necessary.
Until we get a large supply of them I think we need to keep the trophy hunters away.
We are already taking their habitat away anyway.
We are killing everything, we are taking away from animals. We are building so much, we are going into their territory and preventing them from having food or anything. I just disagree with that.
We have already encroached on their habitat enough they should be left alone.
We have to protect bears.
We have to start respecting the animals of this world. We are supposed to be ascending - human beings - and learning to love other human beings and animals that we share this world with.
We need our bears.
We need the animals and there's not that many around anyways, and the grizzly population is decreasing.
We need to learn to live together, the animals that here and the people that are here.
We should not be trophy hunting any animal. There is no need for that.
We should not encroach on grizzly territory. BC is wild and it's the last place for them.
We shouldn't be killing grizzlies.
We shouldn't be trophy hunting the animals, they're part of the habitat.
We shouldn't interfere with animals for trophy.
We won't have any left.
We're going to deplete our stock and our animals have a right to live where they are, and are precious and are part of our ecosystem. I don't think they should be killed for trophies.
We're going to see the end of grizzly bears if we continue the trophy hunt. I see no point in trophy hunting.
Well because I have followed this argument back and forth and I happen to agree that it is not necessary for the economy of



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British Columbia.
Well because it's part of nature. I mean, you want to kill everything?! Then you end up with overabundance of other things, you have to let nature come to a point. We're moving in on their territory, people sometimes you have to shoot them too.
Well because they are a threatened species.
Well because they're killing bears for nothing.
Well because they're remaining in rugged wilderness in survival.
Well because we have been encroaching on their land, we have taken down trees, this is a spectacular province, and they belong in the wild.
Well I don't agree with trophy hunting to start with. I don't think it is right to be shooting animals for trophies.
Well I don't like to kill anything for no reason and the nature is in danger already.
Well I just don't think it is a good practice to kill for trophy. I could see killing if they are overpopulating areas or a danger to humans, but as far as trophy hunting, I disagree with that.
Well I think any trophy hunting is not right. I don't think it's a proper wild life management program and I don't think it's necessary in our everyday life. Wherever they have done it they have now banned it because it is destructive.
Well I think the grizzlies are on the endangered species list and also because I think we need to protect our wildlife.
Well if it's just trophy hunting, I don't like that idea.
Well in the society at this day and age, the day is done for that. Their habitat is being shrunk and they need a huge habitat, and they need to survive like they always have and do not need to be hunted.
Well it isn't needed in this day and age, I don't believe in it.
Well it seems like everything is changing, the fish are depleting and the bears need that, it's their food.
Well it's not necessary.
Well, I've seen the slaughter of animals of hunters. Some of these guys shoot with no thought. If government could sustain them by killing some of them that would be great.
What is the point of shooting trophies? You put it on a wall for money and it stays there for years, just so the government gets the money? What is the point?
When we find a dead grizzly on the ground with their head cut off we get the blame.
Why do we need to show off?
Why kill the creatures, it's useless. You kill an animal and it will never come back.
Why try to make an animal instinct. Nope.
Wildlife is disappearing.
Wildlife preservation.
Wildlife should be left alone.
Wrong.
You don't need to kill wild animals. There is no need for it. We don't eat grizzly anyway.
You eat what you kill, not for trophies.
You have to respect the animal and they have the right to live.
You kill them to save yourself, you don't kill them for fun.
You should leave them alone, as long as they don't come into the cities.

Q9b. REASONS FOR BEING: NEUTRAL/UNDECIDED REGARDING TROPHY HUNT BAN
Because I don't have enough information about the topic.
Because I don't know enough on the subject.
Because I feel I don't know enough to decide on anything.
Because I think some hunting is necessary if it's heavily regulated for the protection of the animal.
Because if you don't know the question you should not be going off half cocked..
Because it's a matter of individual conscience about what they're doing, so that's my reason.
Because there's a little bit of leeway on both sides of the fence.
I don't have enough information.
I don't know all the details and the facts. In many areas of the country there is a lot of deer population that are four times bigger than it would be if it would have been left to be in its habitat. I don't know if that would happen to bears. It would be hard for someone to make a big decision when I don't know a lot. I think everyone has their own agenda and they are pushing what they believe. It makes it more difficult because no one really tells the truth. It's all about perspective.
I don't understand whether the trophy hunt is a government program designed on conservation principles or if it's just a tourism



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endeavour.
I would agree with it only if it's resident permitted.
If there are too many bears in semi-populated areas it can be a problem, so some hunting should be allowed.
It brings in money.
It doesn't matter me to. It's not my cup of tea and it doesn't matter what other people decide to do.
It should be regulated. Some places let it get overpopulated and we got alot of gaming in here and it has to be controlled.
It's easy for me to say "you shouldn't do that."
Like I said before, I have a friend who is a hunter and he makes a living off hunting bears, and a lot of people don't even like to eat their meat. The fur and stuff is useful if you're going to make clothes and stuff and if you're just going hang it on your wall, then you shouldn't. I don't have a lot of information of either side so can't really make a decision.
Money.
Not enough information.
Was unaware.

Q9b. REASONS WHY: OPINION ON TROPHY HUNT BAN "DEPENDS" ON OTHER FACTORS
Because it'd have to be very well managed.
I believe if it is managed properly it should be fine. It should be a limited amount and managed so they could see the growth and decline.
I think it should be controlled, it depends on the population in the areas, there may be a place where the population in certain areas can be a risk so the hunting could be good but killing them for the sport I really disagree with.
If it's a healthy population then it's okay.
If it's regulated.
If you ban it completely, then you're going to illegally shoot what they want.
It depends on the numbers. In twenty years there could be many animals. Humans are prone to extremes. It could go one way or another. There could be too many animals shot or there could be too many animals so that they are harming the farmers.
It should be based on the population of grizzly bears in an area. Additionally, it should managed jointly with First Nations and other interest groups.
Look into statistics.
Needs to have guidelines.
Overpopulation in that area
Well because if you understand trophy hunting, trophy hunters will take an old animal that is old and is not going to make it anyway, it sort of leaves the young animals to live. People think that they're just going out there to get a bear just to get one, but there's usually more to it.