

Are wolves welcome? Hunter's attitudes towards wolves in Vermont, USA

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL 1 Questionnaire used to survey the attitudes of hunters towards wolves in Vermont, USA.

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Location:

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Survey on hunter's attitudes towards wolves

This survey seeks to understand the attitudes of hunters towards wolves in the state of Vermont. Currently, there are no plans for the reintroduction of wolves into the state by any organization. This study is voluntary and your responses will be anonymous. You do not have to answer every question, but we value your opinion.

1. Age: ____ 2. Gender: Male ____ Female ____ Other ____

3. How many years have you been hunting? ____

4. What state do you live in? ____

5. Please check the box that indicates to which extent you agree or disagree with the following

	I strongly agree	I agree	I have no opinion	I disagree	I strongly disagree
Wolves should be reintroduced back into Vermont					
The re-introduction of wolves into Vermont threatens deer hunting opportunities					
I would be more tolerant of re-introducing wolves into Vermont if people could hunt them					
Wolves keep deer herds healthy by killing off the sick and weak animals					
Wolves keep populations of other predators in check					
I would be afraid if wolves lived near my home					
I would be afraid for the safety of others if wolves were re-introduced					
I would be more tolerant of wolves if compensation was given for the damages they might cause					

Wolves are essential for maintaining the balance of nature					
Wolves belong in a place like Alaska, not Vermont					
Seeing a wolf in the wild would be one of the greatest outdoor experiences of my life					

6. Do you see any advantages to having wolves in the state?

Yes ____

No ____

I don't know ____

7. If 'Yes', what advantages do you see?

8. If 'No', what disadvantages do you see?