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Q1: For trophy hunters, the primary motivation behind the kill is to obtain animal parts (such as the heads, claws, bones, and hides) or for bragging rights and posing for photos. Even if the meat is eaten, that is *not* the primary motivation for trophy hunts. Every year hundreds of thousands of animals, including imperiled species like elephants, bears, giraffes, wolves, and lions, are killed by trophy hunters. Do you support or oppose trophy hunting?

Support: 17%
Oppose: 76%
Not sure: 7%

Q2: Native carnivores such as wolves, bears and mountain lions manage their own populations naturally, based on their own biology, available food, and habitat. However, conservation biologists warn that trophy hunting could irreparably harm their populations. Do you think the U.S. should ban trophy hunting of native carnivores in the U.S.?

Yes: 64%
No: 26%
Not sure: 10%

Q3: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Black bears

Strongly oppose: 58%
Somewhat oppose: 18%
Somewhat support: 3%
Strongly support: 13%
No opinion: 7%

Q4: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Mountain lions (also known as cougars)

Strongly oppose: 64%
Somewhat oppose: 11%
Somewhat support: 5%
Strongly support: 13%
No opinion: 13%

Q5: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Wolves

Strongly oppose: 64%
Somewhat oppose: 11%
Somewhat support: 6%
Strongly support: 14%
No opinion: 6%

Q6: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Bobcats

Strongly oppose: 63%
Somewhat oppose: 13%
Somewhat support: 2%
Strongly support: 14%
No opinion: 7%

Q7: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Grizzly bears

Strongly oppose: 63%
Somewhat oppose: 10%
Somewhat support: 8%
Strongly support: 12%
No opinion: 7%

Q8: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Coyotes

Strongly oppose: 52%
Somewhat oppose: 16%
Somewhat support: 10%
Strongly support: 17%
No opinion: 5%

Q9: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Foxes

Strongly oppose: 68%
Somewhat oppose: 10%
Somewhat support: 6%
Strongly support: 12%
No opinion: 4%

Q10: Every year, the trophy hunting organization Safari Club International holds an auction at their annual convention, where trophy hunting trips for hundreds of rare and iconic animals around the world, as well as hunting trophies and animal parts, are sold to the highest bidder. These items include taxidermy of bear cubs, elephant ears with paintings on them and knives made from giraffe bones. Do you support or oppose auctioning off these kinds of trips and items?

Support: 19%
Oppose: 76%
Not sure: 15%

Q11: Wildlife killing contests are a form of trophy hunting in which participants compete in organized events to kill the most, the largest, or even the smallest animals of a given wildlife species for cash and prizes. The wildlife targeted are not killed for their meat or fur and their bodies are often thrown away after the contest is over. Hundreds of bobcats, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, squirrels, or other animals may be killed and tossed away at a single contest, and hundreds of these events are held every year across the U.S. Do you support or oppose wildlife killing contests?

Support: 14%
Oppose: 80%
Not sure: 6%

Q12: Some wildlife species that are hunted for trophies are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act as "endangered," meaning they are currently in danger of extinction, or "threatened," meaning they are or are likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future. The U.S. spends millions of dollars every year on programs to recover species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Do you support or oppose allowing the import into the U.S. of trophies of species listed as "endangered" or "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act?

Support: 19%
Oppose: 65%
Not sure: 16%

Q13: African lions and elephants are listed as "threatened with extinction" under the Endangered Species Act but are still highly coveted trophies as members of the trophy hunting group Safari Club International's "African Big Five." Knowing this, where do you stand on the trophy hunting of elephants and lions and allowing Americans to import the animal or body parts into the country for trophies?

Support: 10%
Oppose: 82%
Not sure: 8%

Q14: If your lawmaker(s) *support* trophy hunting, would that make you more likely, or less likely, to vote for them?

More likely: 12%
Less likely: 71%
No difference: 17%

Q1: For trophy hunters, the primary motivation behind the kill is to obtain animal parts (such as the heads, claws, bones, and hides) or for bragging rights and posing for photos. Even if the meat is eaten, that is *not* the primary motivation for trophy hunts. Every year hundreds of thousands of animals, including imperiled species like elephants, bears, giraffes, wolves, and lions, are killed by trophy hunters. Do you support or oppose trophy hunting?

Support: 17%
Oppose: 76%
Not sure: 7%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Support	22%	7%	24%
Oppose	73%	84%	67%
Not sure	5%	9%	9%

Table 1. Q1 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
Support	24%	12%	16%	15%
Oppose	70%	77%	78%	77%
Not sure	5%	12%	6%	9%

Table 2. Q1 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Support	13%	21%
Oppose	81%	70%
Not sure	6%	9%

Table 3. Q1 by GENDER

Q2: Native carnivores such as wolves, bears and mountain lions manage their own populations naturally, based on their own biology, available food, and habitat. However, conservation biologists warn that trophy hunting could irreparably harm their populations. Do you think the U.S. should ban trophy hunting of native carnivores in the U.S.?

Yes: 64%
No: 26%
Not sure: 10%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Yes	52%	77%	60%
No	34%	17%	31%
Not sure	14%	6%	8%

Table 4. Q2 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
Yes	48%	45%	74%	72%
No	37%	34%	22%	20%
Not sure	15%	21%	4%	8%

Table 5. Q2 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Yes	63%	66%
No	26%	26%
Not sure	11%	8%

Table 6. Q2 by GENDER

Q3: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Black bears

Strongly oppose: 58%
Somewhat oppose: 18%
Somewhat support: 3%
Strongly support: 13%
No opinion: 7%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
St oppose	46%	71%	53%
So oppose	26%	15%	13%
So support	2%	2%	6%
St support	17%	6%	20%
No opinion	9%	5%	8%

Table 7. Q3 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
St oppose	56%	52%	55%	66%
So oppose	16%	25%	24%	8%
So support	2%	9%	2%	2%
St support	17%	10%	10%	18%
No opinion	9%	5%	9%	5%

Table 8. Q3 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
St oppose	67%	47%
So oppose	14%	24%
So support	3%	2%
St support	10%	18%
No opinion	6%	9%

Table 9. Q3 by GENDER

Q4: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Mountain lions (also known as cougars)

Strongly oppose: 64%
Somewhat oppose: 11%
Somewhat support: 5%
Strongly support: 13%
No opinion: 13%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
St oppose	53%	78%	59%
So oppose	16%	7%	9%
So support	9%	2%	6%
St support	16%	9%	16%
No opinion	7%	5%	10%

Table 10. Q4 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
St oppose	64%	54%	63%	74%
So oppose	5%	23%	15%	2%
So support	5%	10%	6%	2%
St support	15%	9%	9%	20%
No opinion	11%	5%	8%	2%

Table 11. Q4 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
St oppose	76%	51%
So oppose	6%	17%
So support	5%	6%
St support	10%	17%
No opinion	4%	10%

Table 12. Q4 by GENDER

Q5: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Wolves

Strongly oppose: 64%
Somewhat oppose: 11%
Somewhat support: 6%
Strongly support: 14%
No opinion: 6%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
St oppose	55%	74%	60%
So oppose	11%	10%	11%
So support	11%	3%	3%
St support	17%	9%	19%
No opinion	7%	4%	7%

Table 13. Q5 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
St oppose	59%	52%	64%	73%
So oppose	8%	19%	14%	2%
So support	4%	15%	4%	4%
St support	20%	7%	11%	19%
No opinion	9%	6%	6%	2%

Table 14. Q5 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
St oppose	75%	51%
So oppose	7%	15%
So support	3%	10%
St support	11%	18%
No opinion	4%	7%

Table 15. Q5 by GENDER

Q6: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Bobcats

Strongly oppose: 63%
Somewhat oppose: 13%
Somewhat support: 2%
Strongly support: 14%
No opinion: 7%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
St oppose	56%	74%	56%
So oppose	13%	13%	13%
So support	2%	3%	3%
St support	20%	7%	18%
No opinion	9%	3%	9%

Table 16. Q6 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
St oppose	59%	56%	61%	74%
So oppose	10%	18%	17%	6%
So support	2%	3%	3%	2%
St support	19%	15%	10%	16%
No opinion	9%	8%	9%	2%

Table 17. Q6 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
St oppose	70%	55%
So oppose	11%	15%
So support	3%	1%
St support	11%	18%
No opinion	4%	10%

Table 18. Q6 by GENDER

Q7: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Grizzly bears

Strongly oppose: 63%
Somewhat oppose: 10%
Somewhat support: 8%
Strongly support: 12%
No opinion: 7%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
St oppose	53%	72%	63%
So oppose	11%	13%	3%
So support	16%	1%	9%
St support	15%	8%	14%
No opinion	6%	5%	11%

Table 19. Q7 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
St oppose	61%	55%	61%	72%
So oppose	7%	17%	10%	8%
So support	7%	9%	10%	6%
St support	19%	7%	11%	12%
No opinion	6%	13%	8%	2%

Table 20. Q7 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
St oppose	75%	49%
So oppose	5%	15%
So support	4%	13%
St support	11%	13%
No opinion	4%	10%

Table 21. Q7 by GENDER

Q8: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Coyotes

Strongly oppose: 52%
Somewhat oppose: 16%
Somewhat support: 10%
Strongly support: 17%
No opinion: 5%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
St oppose	43%	63%	49%
So oppose	15%	18%	16%
So support	17%	5%	7%
St support	20%	11%	21%
No opinion	5%	3%	7%

Table 22. Q8 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
St oppose	51%	41%	49%	64%
So oppose	9%	23%	20%	13%
So support	7%	15%	14%	3%
St support	25%	15%	13%	18%
No opinion	8%	5%	4%	2%

Table 23. Q8 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
St oppose	62%	40%
So oppose	12%	22%
So support	9%	11%
St support	14%	21%
No opinion	3%	6%

Table 24. Q8 by GENDER

Q9: What is your level of support or opposition to the trophy hunting of the following native U.S. animals: Foxes

Strongly oppose: 68%
Somewhat oppose: 10%
Somewhat support: 6%
Strongly support: 12%
No opinion: 4%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
St oppose	59%	79%	62%
So oppose	9%	9%	11%
So support	9%	4%	5%
St support	18%	6%	14%
No opinion	5%	2%	8%

Table 25. Q9 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
St oppose	60%	57%	71%	75%
So oppose	8%	15%	12%	4%
So support	5%	6%	6%	6%
St support	19%	14%	9%	12%
No opinion	8%	8%	2%	3%

Table 26. Q9 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
St oppose	77%	57%
So oppose	5%	15%
So support	4%	8%
St support	10%	16%
No opinion	4%	5%

Table 27. Q9 by GENDER

Q10: Every year, the trophy hunting organization Safari Club International holds an auction at their annual convention, where trophy hunting trips for hundreds of rare and iconic animals around the world, as well as hunting trophies and animal parts, are sold to the highest bidder. These items include taxidermy of bear cubs, elephant ears with paintings on them and knives made from giraffe bones. Do you support or oppose auctioning off these kinds of trips and items?

Support: 19%
Oppose: 76%
Not sure: 15%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Support	21%	12%	26%
Oppose	73%	86%	64%
Not sure	6%	2%	10%

Table 28. Q10 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
Support	21%	18%	16%	21%
Oppose	73%	71%	82%	72%
Not sure	6%	11%	2%	7%

Table 29. Q10 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Support	16%	22%
Oppose	78%	74%
Not sure	6%	5%

Table 30. Q10 by GENDER

Q11: Wildlife killing contests are a form of trophy hunting in which participants compete in organized events to kill the most, the largest, or even the smallest animals of a given wildlife species for cash and prizes. The wildlife targeted are not killed for their meat or fur and their bodies are often thrown away after the contest is over. Hundreds of bobcats, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, squirrels, or other animals may be killed and tossed away at a single contest, and hundreds of these events are held every year across the U.S. Do you support or oppose wildlife killing contests?

Support: 14%
Oppose: 80%
Not sure: 6%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Support	18%	8%	19%
Oppose	77%	87%	72%
Not sure	5%	5%	9%

Table 31. Q11 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
Support	19%	15%	10%	16%
Oppose	76%	72%	85%	79%
Not sure	5%	13%	5%	5%

Table 32. Q11 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Support	9%	20%
Oppose	86%	72%
Not sure	5%	8%

Table 33. Q11 by GENDER

Q12: Some wildlife species that are hunted for trophies are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act as "endangered," meaning they are currently in danger of extinction, or "threatened," meaning they are or are likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future. The U.S. spends millions of dollars every year on programs to recover species listed under the Endangered Species Act. Do you support or oppose allowing the import into the U.S. of trophies of species listed as "endangered" or "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act?

Support: 19%
Oppose: 65%
Not sure: 16%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Support	23%	14%	20%
Oppose	60%	71%	60%
Not sure	16%	14%	20%

Table 34. Q12 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
Support	30%	13%	17%	16%
Oppose	62%	66%	62%	70%
Not sure	8%	21%	20%	14%

Table 35. Q12 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Support	18%	20%
Oppose	63%	67%
Not sure	19%	13%

Table 36. Q12 by GENDER

Q13: African lions and elephants are listed as "threatened with extinction" under the Endangered Species Act but are still highly coveted trophies as members of the trophy hunting group Safari Club International's "African Big Five." Knowing this, where do you stand on the trophy hunting of elephants and lions and allowing Americans to import the animal or body parts into the country for trophies?

Support: 10%
Oppose: 82%
Not sure: 8%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Support	14%	4%	14%
Oppose	78%	89%	77%
Not sure	8%	6%	9%

Table 37. Q13 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
Support	15%	13%	3%	15%
Oppose	79%	80%	86%	80%
Not sure	5%	7%	10%	5%

Table 38. Q13 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Support	6%	14%
Oppose	86%	78%
Not sure	7%	8%

Table 39. Q13 by GENDER

Q14: If your lawmaker(s) *support* trophy hunting, would that make you more likely, or less likely, to vote for them?

More likely: 12%
Less likely: 71%
No difference: 17%

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Support	11%	8%	18%
Oppose	66%	78%	66%
Not sure	23%	14%	16%

Table 40. Q14 by PARTY

Column %	V con	S con	Mod	Prog
Support	15%	12%	6%	17%
Oppose	68%	68%	74%	69%
Not sure	17%	20%	20%	14%

Table 41. Q14 by IDEOLOGY

Column %	Female	Male
Support	11%	12%
Oppose	71%	70%
Not sure	18%	18%

Table 42. Q14 by GENDER

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	%
Republican	38%
Democrat	43%
Non-Partisan	19%

Table 43. PARTY

	%
Female	54%
Male	46%

Table 44. GENDER

	%
White	65%
African-American	15%
Hispanic	14%
Other	6%

Table 45. RACE

	%
V con	23%
S con	24%
Mod	26%
S prog	16%
V prog	10%

Table 46. IDEOLOGY

	%
18-39	21%
40-49	13%
50-69	37%
70+	29%

Table 47. AGE