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For years people have debated whether hunting is ethical, and whether it should be banned from our country. Proponents of hunting believe when people say it is unethical for hunters to kill animals for recreation, they may not be aware of the reality that there is not enough food for these animals to consume in the wild. Isn’t it better to kill the deer, rather than letting them starve to death? Instead of paying sharpshooters to kill deer (which our government does, because of deer overpopulating areas of the U.S.), they say hunters should be allowed to hunt their game. Many proponents of hunting advocate that killing a deer cannot be worse than killing a chicken or cow for food.

Opponents of recreational hunting insist that it is unnecessary and unethical. They suggest that it is foolish of our government to spend our tax dollars on lands managed for hunting when 95% of the U.S. population does not hunt. Animal rights activists assert that it is not acceptable to kill an animal, especially if it is merely recreational. Those who oppose hunting feel that hunters upset the natural balance of ecosystems throughout the world by taking out key members of the wild, which can have severe effects. It does not seem fair to them for hunters to say that hunting is assisting the matter of deer overpopulation, because natural processes have ways of working in order to stabilize these populations.

\*Professor Little, I’m not sure if you wanted me to site for this article, but for a variety of opinions I got my information from this website:

<http://www.peta.org/issues/Wildlife/why-sport-hunting-is-cruel-and-unnecessary.aspx>