

# NEW VIDEO RELEASED EXPOSING TED NUGENT, CELEBRITY SPOKESMAN OF OPPONENTS TO FAIR CHASE BEAR HUNTING

*Controversial musician is the face of cruel and unsporting practices*

(July 9, 2014) – Mainers for Fair Bear Hunting released a [video](#) highlighting the controversial background of Ted Nugent, the celebrity spokesman of opponents to fair chase bear hunting in Maine and poster child for the cruel and unsporting practices of bear baiting, hounding and trapping. Nugent recently spoke out against the ballot measure in a Bangor Daily News piece, and falsely stated that the measure would end all bear hunting.

Katie Hansberry, campaign director for Mainers for Fair Bear Hunting said, “Ted Nugent is a convicted poacher. He hunts exotic animals in pens. He disrespects wildlife, and he’s so intemperate and off kilter that he’s said hateful things about women and African Americans, including the President of the United States. It’s appalling, even for people who defend unfair and inhumane bear hunting practices, to trot out this unethical person as their mouthpiece.”

Maine voters should be wary of messages from Nugent regarding hunting due to his blatant disregard for fair chase and wildlife management laws. Consider the following:

- In 2010, he [illegally baited deer](#) in California.
- In 2012, he pleaded guilty to [illegally killing a bear](#) in Alaska and knowingly possessing and transporting the animal.
- Nugent supports captive hunting and [owns two high-fenced hunting facilities](#) - one in Michigan and one in Texas.
- He [promotes the killing](#) of non-native deer and antelope at captive hunts in Texas, including animals listed as endangered.
- In addition to his aversion to true sportsmanship, he is also well-known for his crude, disparaging and racist [remarks](#).

To watch this ‘greatest hits’ video of Nugent, visit <http://youtu.be/p9hYP0WLRdU>.

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**Battle for bears: Maine hunting practices debate turns to science versus ethics**

News: Bangor Daily News Aug 16, 2014

In a few months, the future of bear hunting in Maine will be in the hands of voters, and proponents from both sides of the debate are turning to science and ethics to convince residents how to vote. Passage of the referendum would ban popular bear hunting methods such as baiting, which proponents of the ban consider to be cruel and unnecessary practices. On the other hand, many are concerned that if hunting methods...

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organizations, animal shelters and rescue groups, hunters, veterinarians, businesses, community and faith leaders and independent biologists.

## FACTS

- The University of New Hampshire Survey Center found out in a recent poll that **the more Maine voters learn about baiting, hounding and trapping, the more they oppose the practices by a wide margin – 67 percent to 31 percent.**
- Maine is the only state in the country to allow all three practices of bear hounding, baiting and trapping. These cruel and unsporting practices fly in the face of Maine's fair chase hunting heritage.
- As evidenced by data from other states, this measure would not prohibit bear hunting. Washington, Oregon and Colorado have seen a substantial long-term growth in the number of bear hunters and higher bear harvests following the prohibition of baiting and hounding through citizen initiative.

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