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Wolves

Have you ever wondered why wolves are portrayed as the bad guys in every Hollywood movie and even in cartoons and children books?

Most people believe that wolves are killers. But they just don't think of them as any killer, they think of them as human killers. There are records to prove that wolves have never attacked or killed a human being has been attacked or killed by a wolf or wolves. When wolves kill they kill for food and food only. Why are we the ones who are killing off the wolves? Is it because we believe that they are vermin?

What If you were asked what part of the ecosystem are the wolves apart of? Would you be able to answer it? If I were asked the same question a month ago I wouldn't be able to answer you, but now after doing the research I am able to answer that very question; Wolves have a very important job in the ecosystem they keep the animal population stable and because we are killing them we are corrupting the ecosystem. There has been an increase in the population of deer. You may think that's not a problem but in reality, that's a major problem now because there are more deer we are seeing more and more of them getting hit by a car, being hunted and it just now the adults who are being killed its also the baby deers who are being killed. Its like were killed all of the bambi's in the world. And the solution is very simple Stop killing off the wolves. They haven't done anything to hurt us, you don't see wolves going around carrying guns and shooting humans. So why should we killing them?

When I asked my little sister if wolves scared her, her answer was “ Of course they scare me. They have big white scary teeth!”¹ I got same answer I got from the majority of my sister friends. When I gave my 4th grade Sunday school class a survey to take on wolves, 15 out 25 kids about 15 kids would sit down and write a letter to stop the massacre of innocent wolves, but was surprisingly only 5 of thoughts 15 kids were afraid of wolves and thought they were vermin/vicious animals. If you thought wolves were vicious would you even care about if they were saved from being killed off?

On January 29th 2007, The U.S. Fish and Wildlife services announced that they were going to remove the Gray Wolves from the endangered list. ¹ This angered many people who were trying to help raise awareness that wolves aren't as dangerous as they appear. We're the reason so many people believe wolves aren't, warm- hearted animals; we're the writer who write them into our screenplays, we're the directors make them into movies, we're the writers who write them into the books, we're the illustrators who are illustrating the pictures in the books, we are responsible for all the nasty and untrue myths that are floating around in the world. Once we realize that wolves aren't the enemy and we are, we'll be able to understand how the mind of wolves better.

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² <http://www.defenders.org/releases/pr2007/pr012907.html>