

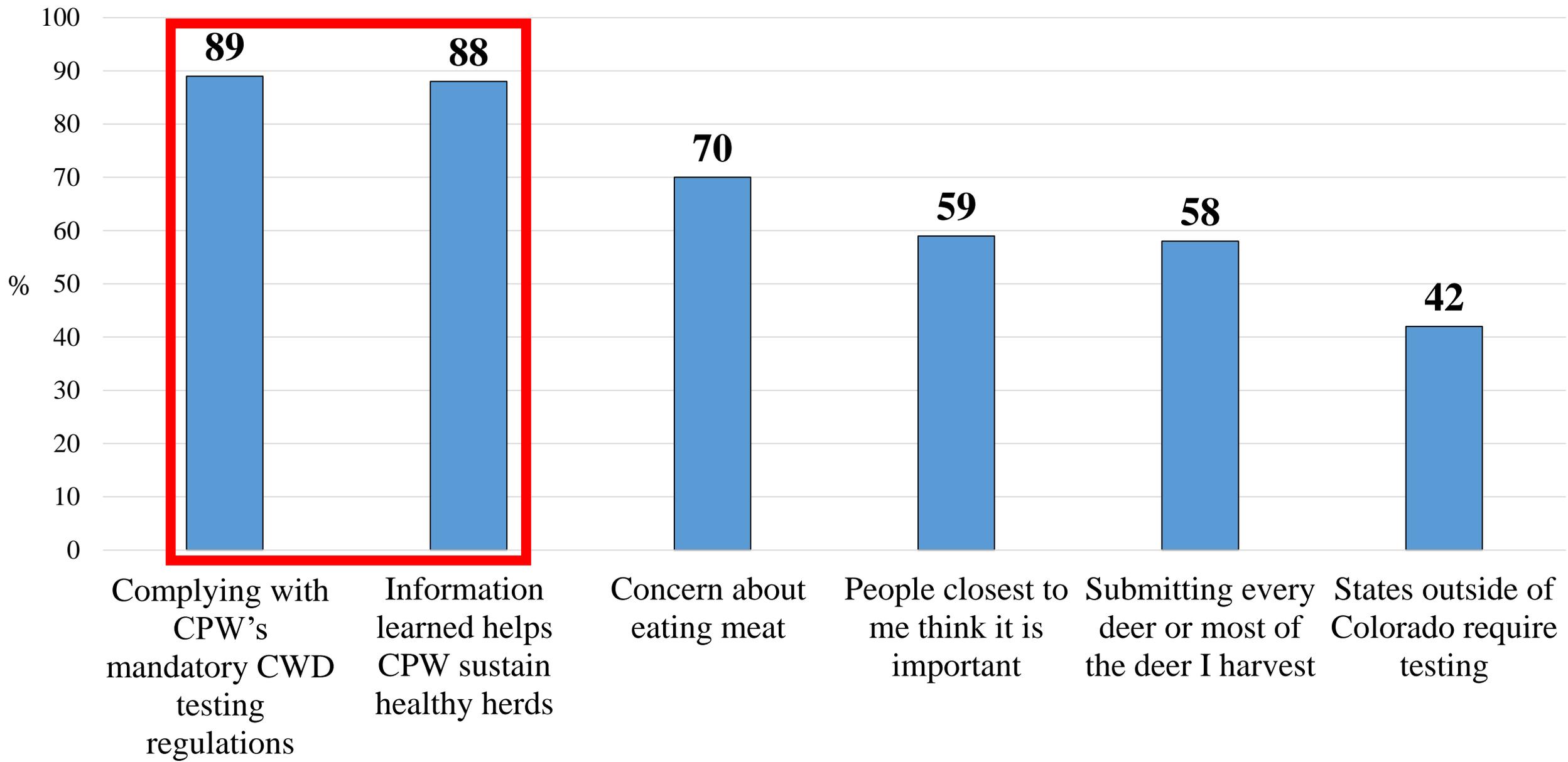
# Hunter Perspectives About Chronic Wasting Disease and CWD Testing

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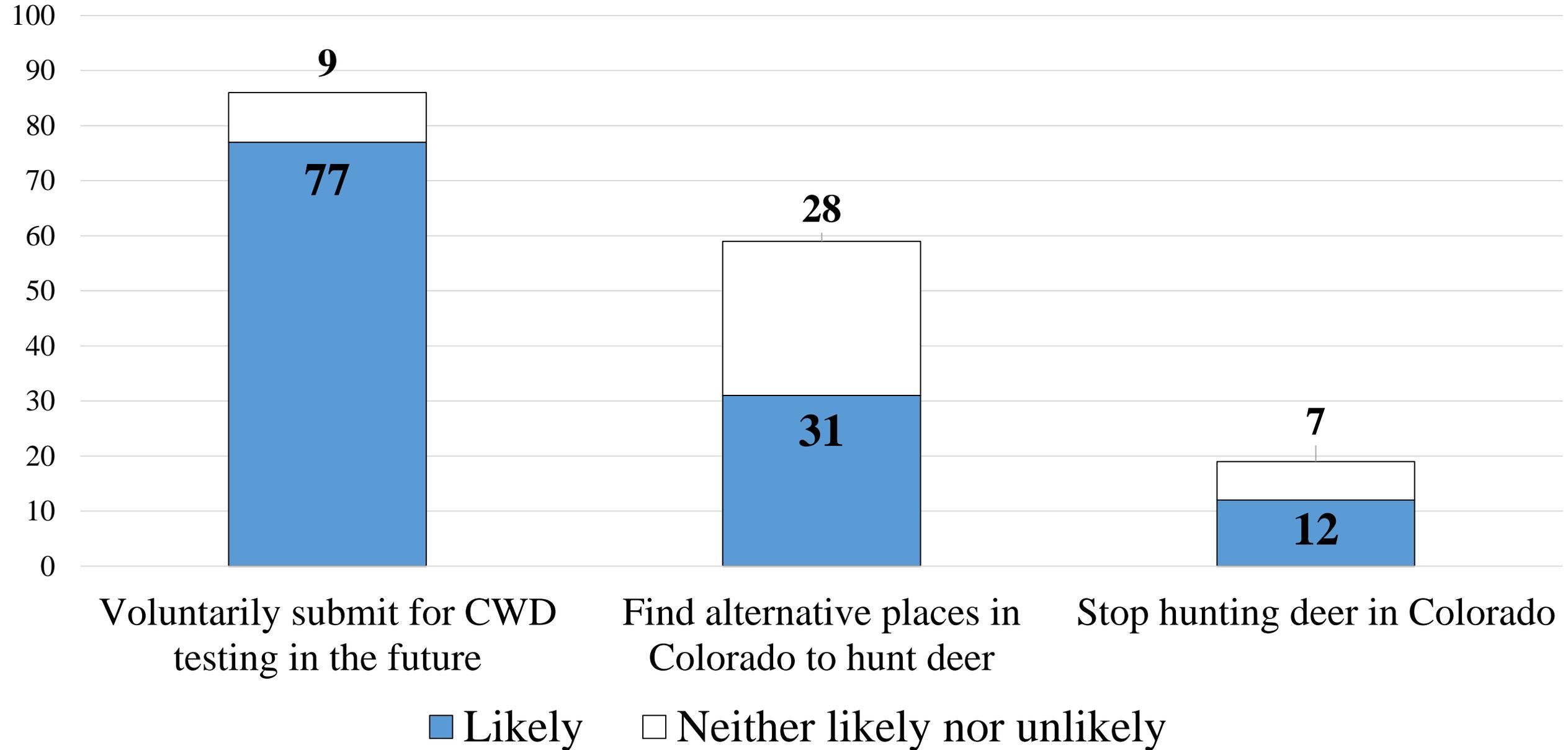
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# Experience With Testing: Reasons to Submit



# Hunting Behavior: CWD *was* detected



# Communication: Information Needed

- 1 Possible human health risks**
- 2 What CPW is doing to manage disease**
- 3 Where deer with CWD have been found**

# Communication: Messages That Resonate

## **Benefits to herd health**

- 1** Both voluntary and mandatory CWD submissions provide valuable information about Colorado's deer herds which is used to monitor them and sustain healthy populations over time.

## **Hunting opportunities for future generations**

- 2** Gaining a better understanding of CWD now through voluntary and mandatory submissions will ensure future generations can continue to hunt in Colorado.

## **Benefits to people (safety)**

- 3** Currently, there are no known cases of humans becoming infected with CWD. However, public health officials recommend that people avoid exposure to CWD-infected animals. Testing your animals will make you feel more comfortable about eating meat from deer you've harvested.

# Key Takeaways

- ❖ Hunters who submitted animals for testing are **concerned about** CWD negatively affecting hunting opportunity and herd health
- ❖ Stand to **lose hunters in areas** where they receive positive test results
- ❖ Hunters **want to know** about potential human health risks, what CPW is doing, and where deer with CWD were found
- ❖ Messages promoting CWD testing should describe how doing so **helps sustain healthy deer herds, future generations hunting opportunities, and human safety**



Questions/Comments?