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Perhaps Huckabee missed hunter's safety classes – Arkansas only requires them for hunters born after 1968 – but the etiquette on this point is clear.

"Never point a firearm at yourself or others," the International Hunter Education Association declares in its [Basic Safety Rules](#). Later, it adds, "Never point your firearm at something you do not intend to shoot. Make sure you positively identify what you are shooting at and know what lies in front of and beyond it."

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Posted by Jim Tankersley on December 27, 2007 12:39 PM | [Permalink](#)

### COMMENTS

But "God" is on hucklbees' side. Didn't you see his Christmas message?

Posted by: bill r. | [December 27, 2007 12:49 PM](#)

Golly gee, Oregon Jim... While you all's goin' back ta yer country roots in runnin' down Huckabee's huntin' as violatin' the "Basic Rules" of hunting, aren't you violating the "Basic Rules" of balanced journalism with this one-sided hit-piece?

My Daddy was a longtime journalism instructor who always told me to get both sides of a story before reporting it. And never to quote, secondhand, unnamed sources such as "a cameraman". Suffice to say, if I had written the story above, he would have flunked me.

Perhaps you missed journalism classes when you were in college?

Posted by: Bruce | [December 27, 2007 1:11 PM](#)

Mr. Huckabee, how would Jesus feel about killing God's creatures for pleasure?

Posted by: Paul | [December 27, 2007 1:17 PM](#)

The writer of this essay doesn't understand the depth of the anger that has been produced in Americans by the sustained, dishonest, and dishonorable reporting of those members of the media who seek to protect the profits of the obscenely rich at the expense of the average person. Maybe the shotgun episode will wipe the smug expressions off some of their faces.

Posted by: David Anderson | [December 27, 2007 1:28 PM](#)

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Yes folks, this your self dubbed "Christain Candidate". Don't get in his way or you'll be lying on the ground in front him full of buck shot.

And I completely agree with the author, Tankersley, on this one--It's hunters like Huckleberry that give the rest of us a bad name. Is this really the guy you want to represent you?

Posted by: Dick Cheney | [December 27, 2007 1:32 PM](#)

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