

I am an antiques dealer and in the past 30 years have dealt mainly in American Federal period furniture and decorative arts.

Some of these 200 year old items have contained ivory such as escutcheons on chests of drawers, substrates for miniature painted portraits, and wafer separators on silver tea pot handles. Certainly there are literally thousands of collectors in the state of CT who are also in possession of similar pieces along with numerous museums. What will be gained by making these illegal to own and/or to sell? Should they be destroyed so that we lose a good part of our historical heritage?

How will this save even one elephant? I ask you to please continue to allow the ownership and free exchange of any ivory containing item which is of antique value defined as being at least 100 years of age.

Thank you,
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