

Ties that bind



If you glance through old-time rodeo photos, you will see many of the great rodeo cowboys wearing neckties while they competed. Would someone please tell me why a bull rider or bronc peeler would be wearing a choke strap around his neck? Isn't he already taking enough risk without the likelihood of hanging himself? And what about the very real possibility of a team roper getting his necktie caught in his dally?

I am baffled why anyone would wear a necktie in the first place but I've often seen old photographs at brandings and roundups with cowboys wearing neckties while working, which is the epitome of being overdressed. Heck, Charley Russell himself often painted while wearing a necktie, I suppose so he could clean his brushes on his tie.

In my opinion, neckties and cowboys are one of the worst combinations ever, even worse than chocolate and dill pickles, drinking and driving, sheep and coyotes, guns and teenagers, cattle feeders and bankers and bureaucrats and your tax dollars.

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