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Slow rolling is one of the most despised moves in poker. This article will explain what a slow roll is, then you'll see a countdown of the top five grossest slow rolls ever.

What is a Slow Roll in Poker?

A slow roll is when a player purposefully pauses before calling a (usually all-in) bet with an extremely strong or unbeatable poker hand. It's also considered a slow roll when a player intentionally pauses before revealing the winning hand at showdown.

A pure show of bad sportsmanship and taunting, the goal of a slow roll is to give the opponent hope that they are going to win the hand, only to pull the rug out from under them.

Slow rolling will almost certainly draw the ire, or in some cases laughter, of other players at the table.

Let's take a look at five filthy slow rolls that left others in the poker room fuming:

#4. Phil Hellmuth vs T.J. Cloutier

This hand between a pair of poker legends takes place at the Showdown at the Sands in 2003. For old-school poker fans, this hand has a little bit of everything.

Phil Hellmuth sits down at the table and limps with A ♠ 3 ♣, getting into the action before he's even finished situating his chips. T.J. Cloutier calls in the small blind with T ♠ 9 ♠, and Phil Gordon checks from the big blind.

The flop comes K ♠ 7 ♠ J ♣, and action checks to Hellmuth, who bets and gets called by only Cloutier.

The turn brings the A ♠, and we get to see Cloutier's heart rate go up into triple digits, thanks to a special heart rate monitor in play for the viewers at home. Cloutier leads out and Hellmuth, now with top pair, calls.

The river comes the 3 ♠, and Cloutier puts out a big bet and gets called by Hellmuth. You win, Phil, concedes Cloutier as Hellmuth shows his two pair.

The problem is that Hellmuth did not win the hand. After several moments,