

RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

SASKATCHEWAN POLICE NOTE HUGE INCREASE IN GUN SEIZURES

Police Chief Troy Cooper says his officers are acting with greater caution during traffic stops and while making arrests, not just in cases where they suspect guns are present. By The Canadian Press - Updated: 07/14/2016

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/07/14/saskatchewan-gun-seizures_n_10997720.html

<http://thestarphoenix.com/news/crime/prince-albert-police-chief-notes-startling-increase-in-firearm-seizures>

SASKATOON POLICE SEE FIREARM SEIZURES ON THE RISE

Saskatoon Police have seized 224 firearms already this year, and are on pace for matching the 579 firearms seized in 2015. Written by Mitchell Wrishko - Created: 15 July 2016

<http://www.saskatoonhomepage.ca/local-news/75344-police-see-firearm-seizures-on-the-rise>

GUN INCIDENTS INVOLVING TEENS AND PRE-TEENS SPARK COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

Police statistics indicate in May and June there were 97 total firearms taken off the street this year, and 34 last year — showing gun seizures have tripled. BY ALEX JOHNSON, REGINA LEADER-POST - Last Updated: July 15, 2016

<http://leaderpost.com/news/local-news/gun-incidents-involving-teens-and-pre-teens-spark-community-discussion>

MERRITT HERALD - FIREARM OWNERS TARGETED AFTER ORLANDO SHOOTING

Firearms are not violent, people can — and often are — violent and they use whatever means they have to commit murder or harm. By Othmar Vohringer on July 14, 2016

<http://www.merritherald.com/vohringer-firearm-owners-targeted-after-orlando-shooting/>

BORDER SERVICES' GUN SMUGGLING BUSTS 'SHOWCASING': CRIMINOLOGIST

Smuggling charges, hidden handguns more of a warning to gun-toting U.S. tourists, not crime-related says SFU prof.

By: David P. Ball Metro Published on Thu Jul 14 2016

<http://www.metronews.ca/news/vancouver/2016/07/14/cbsa-gun-smuggling-busts-showcasing-says-criminologist.html>

DIAGNOSIS INCORRECT

Few people with mental illness — even untreated illness — are violent. By Dr. Paul Latimer - Jul 13, 2016

<http://www.castanet.net/news/States-of-Mind/170566/Diagnosis-incorrect>

EDITORIAL: CANADA MUST GUARD AGAINST SPIRALLING INTO US GUN CULTURE

In Canada, in our culture, police can be relatively assured that the person they're talking to in a seatbelt check is not armed. By Expositor Staff - July 13, 2016

<http://www.manitoulin.ca/2016/07/13/canada-must-guard-spiralling-us-gun-culture/>

WE SHOWED PEOPLE 11 DIFFERENT FIREARMS. THEY TOLD US WHICH ONES SHOULD BE

BANNED. by Katherine Hicks on July 9, 2016, 9:30 a.m. ET @kt_hix katherine.hicks@vox.com

<http://www.vox.com/2016/7/9/12128686/vox-gun-image-survey-ban-firearms>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

UNITED KINGDOM - NO FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON LEAD AMMUNITION AS DEFRA REJECTS FLAWED REPORT

Secretary of State rejects any further restrictions on the use of lead ammunition, let alone the total ban that John Swift proposed in his report. by Justin Stakes - Posted on July 15, 2016

NOTE: Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) Lead Ammunition Group (LAG)

<http://www.ammoland.com/2016/07/no-restrictions-lead-ammunition-defra-rejects-flawed-report/#ixzz4EaPYAtcv>

DAILY MAIL - NICE MASSACRE COULD HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE DEADLY

Huge cache of guns, grenades and 'larger weapons' found inside bullet-riddled truck

By SAM TONKIN FOR MAILONLINE - UPDATED: 04:25 GMT, 15 July 2016

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3691293/Huge-cache-guns-grenades-larger-weapons-inside-bullet-riddled-truck-sparking-fears-Nice-massacre-deadly.html>

AT LEAST 80 DEAD AFTER TRUCK ATTACK IN NICE, FRANCE

"The driver fired on the crowd, according to the police who killed him," Estrosi told BFM TV.

By Tania Kohut, National Online Journalist - Global News - Updated: July 14, 2016 8:58 pm

<http://globalnews.ca/news/2825221/many-injured-after-truck-drives-into-crowd-in-nice-reports/>

OBAMA: GUN CONTROL NOW OR MORE TERRORISM LATER

"Otherwise ... these kinds of events are going to keep on happening." By CHRIS DEATON - JUN 14, 2016

<http://www.weeklystandard.com/obama-gun-control-now-or-more-terrorism-later/article/2002824>

WHAT ARE PELLET GUNS AND WHY ARE THEY SO LETHAL?

Over a hundred people are being treated for severe eye injuries, and while the police claim that it is a "non lethal weapon", doctors treating pellet victims say it maims a person forever. Written by Adil Akhzer | Srinagar | Updated: July 14, 2016

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/kashmir-violence-what-are-pellet-guns-and-why-are-they-so-lethal-2913917/>

HUFFINGTON POST - GUNS REALLY CAUSE POLICE SHOOTINGS

Contrary to a well-worn slogan, it really is guns that shoot people.

BY Nigel Barber, Biopsychologist; blogger, Psychology Today's 'The Human Beast' - 07/14/2016

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/nigel-barber/guns-really-cause-police-_b_10990210.html

GUN CONTROL: EUROPEAN UNION CLARIFY LICENSING RULES AND SAFEGUARDS

EU countries will have to introduce stronger controls on "blank-firing" guns, to prevent them being converted to fire live ammunition, IMCO Press release - Justice and home affairs / Free movement of goods – 13-07-2016 - 18:00

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/20160711IPR36757/Gun-control-MEPs-clarify-licensing-rules-and-safeguards>

WASH. POST - THE MATH BEHIND OUR SUICIDE AND GUNS CALCULATIONS

While 90 percent of people who attempt suicide with guns succeed, that's only true of 81 percent of people who attempt to suffocate themselves, 32 percent of people who jump from a significant height, and 4 percent of people who attempt to poison themselves. By Kim Soffen July 13 at 1:00 PM

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/07/13/the-math-behind-our-suicide-and-guns-calculations/>

THE FEDERALIST - NO, PRESIDENT OBAMA, IT'S NOT EASIER TO BUY A GLOCK THAN A BOOK

Another reason for the inadequacy of the president's words may be that he so often says things that other people know aren't true. By Sean Davis - July 12, 2016

<http://thefederalist.com/2016/07/12/no-president-obama-its-not-easier-to-buy-a-glock-than-a-book/>

WALL STREET JOURNAL - OBAMA SAYS POLICE HAVE HARD TIME IN COMMUNITIES WITH LOTS OF GUNS

President calls Dallas shooter a 'demented individual,' says country isn't as divided as it may appear to some

By CAROL E. LEE - Updated July 9, 2016 4:44 p.m. ET 1282 COMMENTS

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/obama-says-gun-control-debate-evokes-polarization-1468085442>

GUN FACTS BLOG: NUMBER NUTS

<http://www.gunfacts.info/blog/number-nuts/>

When both economists and criminologists think that concealed carry either decreases or does not change homicide rates, we may have scientific consensus.

Main take-aways:

- Survey of economists and criminologists
- Only surveyed those who have published in peer reviewed publications
- Only surveyed those who studied empirical data
- Scientific consensus is that:
- Guns prevent crime more than cause it
- "Gun free" zones are dangerous
- Guns do not change suicide risk
- CCW licensees are very law abiding
- CCWs decrease or do not change homicide rates

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP ON SMALL ARMS

<http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/salw>

The Global Partnership on Small Arms is a platform where stakeholders engaged in reducing or preventing illicit arms trafficking interact; exchange information, experience, and knowledge; and give feedback to further their shared goals. The Global Partnership's website also hosts a library of resources on illicit small arms and light weapons flows and control measures. The Global Partnership is intended to build on the mutually reinforcing implementation of existing international instruments dealing with countering illicit arms trafficking (for example, the UN Programme of Action on small arms and light weapons), promoting the regulation of the legal trade through the Arms Trade Treaty, and advancing gender equality through the Women, Peace, and Security agenda. The Global Partnership will thus be better able to connect existing work to counter the spread of illicit arms with the 2030 Development Agenda.

OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

UNITED KINGDOM - ABOLITION OF DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE MAJOR SETBACK FOR UK'S CLIMATE CHANGE EFFORTS'

Ex-ministers and environmental groups condemn decision to axe ministry as downgrading action to tackle climate change

By Adam Vaughan @adamvaughan_uk - Friday 15 July 2016 08.45 BST

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/jul/15/decc-abolition-major-setback-for-uk-climate-change-efforts>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-36788162>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change-department-killed-off-by-theresa-may-in-plain-stupid-and-deeply-worrying-move-a7137166.html>
<http://world-nuclear-news.org/NP-UK-new-premier-axes-Department-of-Energy-and-Climate-Change-15071601.html>
<http://www.wired.co.uk/article/department-for-energy-climate-change-merged-with-business-innovation-skills>
<http://www.newstatesman.com/politics/staggers/2016/07/department-energy-and-climate-change-has-been-scrapped-how-scared-should>

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