

RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

CTV - FEDS EARMARK \$327M TO FIGHT GUN, GANG VIOLENCE IN CANADA

The government says there were **2,465 criminal firearms violations in 2016, an increase of 30 per cent since 2013.** It also says 76 per cent of gang-related homicides involve firearms, compared with 20 per cent of non-gang killings.

The Canadian Press - Friday, November 17, 2017

<http://bc.ctvnews.ca/feds-earmark-327m-to-fight-gun-gang-violence-in-canada-1.3683250>

<http://vancouver.sun.com/news/crime/feds-to-spend-327m-over-five-years-to-fight-gun-gang-violence-in-canada>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

MOST GUN CRIMES ARE PAPER CRIMES – JUST ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS

The 12,320 administrative firearms violations [i.e. Made in Ottawa paper crimes] in Canada outnumber the 1,325 times firearms were used to injure someone. By a factor of at least 9 times in 2012.

BY GARY MAUSER, JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS – SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 Read the rest:

<http://justiceforgunowners.ca/most-gun-crimes-are-paper-crimes/>

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/09/19/gun-crimes-paper-crimes-canada/>

TORONTO SUN – THE GUN REGISTRY’S LEGACY – CREATING NEEDLESS PAPERWORK CRIMINALS

A new study by emeritus business professor and firearms researcher Gary Mauser, released on Thursday, shows that between 1998, when the Liberals’ registry came into effect, and 2016 there were an average 3,000 registration-related firearms charges laid each year. In 96 per cent of those cases, the registry-related charges were the only ones filed. Put another way, in only four per cent of registry-related charges was any violence alleged.

BY LORNE GUNTER – SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 <http://www.torontosun.com/2017/09/16/the-gun-registry-legacy-creating-needless-paperwork-criminals>

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/09/17/toronto-sun-gun-registry-legacy-creating-needless-paperwork-criminals/>

ARE PEACEABLE PAL HOLDERS BEING DELIBERATELY DISARMED?

By Gary Mauser – Justice for Gun Owners – September 15, 2017

<http://justiceforgunowners.ca/are-peaceable-pal-holders-being-deliberately-disarmed/>

RCMP CONFUSES PAL HOLDERS WITH CRIMINALS BY GARY A. MAUSER

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/01/07/canadian-firearms-journal-rcmp-confuses-pal-holders-with-criminals-by-gary-a-mauser/>

<http://www.sfu.ca/~mauser/papers/PAL-holders.pdf>

CSSA COMMENTARY: AUSTRALIAN GUN CONTROL'S STUNNING SUCCESS — EXCEPT FOR ALL THE MASS KILLINGS

- So how do civilian disarmament advocates rationalize their claim that Australia hasn’t suffered a mass shooting since 1996 against the cold, hard facts that prove otherwise? They simply manipulate the definition of “mass shooting.” Team CSSA E-News - November 17, 2017

<https://cssa-cila.org/2017/11/team-cssa-e-news-november-17-2017/>

PATHETIC: TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT CALLS JIHADIS “RETURNING FOREIGN TERRORIST

TRAVELLERS” - The more people hear about it, the more people are outraged by the dangerously weak policy of the Trudeau government towards ISIS fighters returning to Canada. By SPENCER FERNANDO NOVEMBER 17, 2017

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2017/11/17/pathetic-trudeau-government-calls-jihadis-returning-foreign-terrorist-travellers/>

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES GUNS AND GANGS FUNDING

Goodale announced that the government will also “bring together experts, practitioners, front-line personnel, and decision makers for a Summit on Criminal Guns and Gangs in March 2018. The Criminal Guns and Gangs Summit will be an unprecedented national summit on challenges, solutions and best practices in the fight against gun crime and in combating the deadly effects of gangs and illegal guns in communities across Canada.

By Daniel Fritter, Calibre Magazine – Nov 17, 2017 <https://calibremag.ca/government-announces-new-gun-control/>

DANGEROUS: TRUDEAU’S WEAKNESS ON RETURNING ISIS FIGHTERS PUTS THE CANADIAN PEOPLE AT RISK

- The most important job of the government is to protect the security of Canadians. By refusing to take strong steps against returning ISIS fighters, Trudeau is putting Canadians in serious potential danger.

By SPENCER FERNANDO - NOVEMBER 17, 2017

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2017/11/17/dangerous-trudeaus-weakness-returning-isis-fighters-puts-canadian-people-risk/>

COMMENT: And yet Trudeau spends more than \$50 million a year keeping track of two million law-biding gun owners.

CBC - HIPSTERS GOING HUNTING? FARM-TO-TABLE MOVEMENT GIVES BOOST TO ALBERTA HUNTING LICENCE SALES

- Hunting tag applications nearly doubled over past 10 years, says Alberta Environment and Parks. By Ryan Rumbolt, CBC News - Nov 17, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/alberta-hunting-trends-hipsters-farm-to-table-meat-1.4407290>

WITH BY-ELECTION ON HORIZON, DEPUTY LIBERAL LEADER RALPH GOODALE WILL TALK TOUGH ABOUT GUNS IN SURREY

- Today at RCMP headquarters in Green Timbers, Ralph Goodale is expected to announce tough measures to deal with gun violence, including more background checks and border searches.

by Charlie Smith on November 17th, 2017

<https://www.straight.com/news/996661/election-horizon-deputy-liberal-leader-ralph-goodale-will-talk-tough-about-guns-surrey>

NEW GUN LAWS COMING IN ‘NEAR FUTURE,’ GOODALE’S OFFICE SAYS

The Canadian government will present a set of new gun laws in the “near future” this year, beyond today’s statement about funding related to firearms and gangs, the Ministry of Public Safety said. “Work on a legislative package is underway and coming in the near future,” Scott Bardsley, a spokesman for the office of the minister, Ralph Goodale, said today by telephone. “We’ve said all along that we are committed to pursuing effective firearms measures that prioritize public safety while ensuring fair treatment for law-abiding gun-owners.” TheGunBlog.ca - Friday 17 November 2017

<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/11/17/new-gun-laws-coming-in-near-future-goodales-office-says/>

NEW GUN LAWS WON’T REPEAL GRACE PERIOD, GOODALE’S OFFICE SAYS

Canada’s Liberal Party-controlled government won’t repeal the grace period on expired gun licences in its coming package of laws to increase paperwork and restrictions on lawful firearm owners, a spokesman for the Ministry of Public Safety said. TheGunBlog.ca - Friday 17 November 2017

<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/11/17/new-gun-laws-wont-repeal-grace-period-goodales-office-says/>

HANDGUNS STOLEN FROM RESIDENCE WEST OF CARBERRY

Suspects used a grinder to saw off the lock and left nothing behind. The firearms are described as a black .22 LR Higgins Revolver and a stainless steel .357 Magnum Rossi Revolver. The firearms were stored properly. Posted: 11/16/2017

<https://www.brandonsun.com/local/handguns-stolen-from-residence-west-of-carberry-457879443.html>

MY ATIP FILE 178 - RCMP – STOLEN GUNS - REPORTS OF GUN OWNERS BEING TARGETTED - Filed November 12, 2017 <https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/ATI-178-RCMP-STOLEN-GUNS-TARGETTING-GUN-OWNERS-Nov-12-2017.pdf>

CBC - MOTHER OF SLAIN MEADOW LAKE TEENAGER SAYS KIDS 'SHOULDN'T HAVE GUNS'

RCMP were unable to disclose why the hunt for the alleged shooter took nearly four days. A spokesperson said they consulted with Crown prosecutors before laying the manslaughter charge. The boy has also been charged with possession of a loaded, prohibited firearm and public mischief. By Charles Hamilton, CBC News - Nov 16, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/15-year-old-boy-charged-in-connection-with-meadow-lake-shooting-1.4405723>

CANADIAN BIATHLETES CARRY EXTRA MOTIVATION TO REPLACE OWN THE PODIUM FUNDING THAT DISAPPEARED

The biathlon program's less-than-stellar 2016-17 season meant its performance-based funding all but dried up for the crucial campaign leading to the 2018 Winter Olympics. By Dan Barnes - November 16, 2017

<http://nationalpost.com/sports/olympics/canadian-biathletes-carry-extra-motivation-to-replace-own-the-podium-funding-that-disappeared>

ARMS TRADE HEARINGS SET TO RESUME NEXT WEEK

A Commons committee studying contentious legislation the government says would bring Canada into a ground-breaking UN arms treaty is set to meet next week after abruptly cancelling votes on key amendments last week. A coalition comprised off nine human rights organizations and the Rideau Institute submitted a joint brief to the committee listing 10 weaknesses they saw in the bill that could undermine Canada's ability to comply with the treaty.

By Tim Naumetz. Published on Nov 16, 2017

<https://ipolitics.ca/2017/11/16/arms-trade-hearings-set-resume-next-week/>

CBC - GUN OWNERS TO GET 6-MONTH GRACE PERIOD WHEN LICENCE EXPIRES

Without extension gun owners face possible 5-year sentence for unauthorized possession of a gun

By Evan Dyer, CBC News - Nov 16, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/gun-owners-get-grace-period-1.4404109>

ALBERTA SEES BIG HIKE IN HUNTING PARTICIPATION

Statistics from this year's edition of the provincial hunting guide show Albertans have been applying for resident hunting licences and draw applications in record numbers. In 2017, the province handled 435,630 applications — an increase of 62,000 from two years earlier. By Ted Bauer, Global News - November 16, 2017

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3858456/alberta-sees-big-hike-in-hunting-participation/>

TORONTO STAR - CALIFORNIA GUNMAN WAS KNOWN FOR FIRING OFF GUNS FROM HOME

DESPITE BAN ON OWNING FIREARMS - Police on Wednesday called the deadly shooting rampage in California a clear case of "a madman on the loose" while defending their decision not to arrest the man for previously violating a court order prohibiting him from having guns. By DON THOMPSON and JOCELYN GECKER Wed., Nov. 15, 2017

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/2017/11/15/california-gunman-who-killed-4-was-on-bail-for-stabbing-neighbour.html>

EXPIRED GUN LICENCES TO GET SIX-MONTH GRACE PERIOD FROM NOV. 30

Starting Nov. 30, Canadian gun owners will no longer risk going to jail for five years the day our firearm licences expire, as the government adopts a six-month grace period. TheGunBlog.ca - Wednesday 15 November 2017

<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/11/15/expired-gun-licences-to-get-six-month-grace-period-from-nov-30/>

CSSA - GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCES COMING-INTO-FORCE OF THE SIX-MONTH GRACE PERIOD CONTAINED IN BILL C-42

Importantly, this provision permits the individual to renew without being in criminal possession of firearms they already own, prevents the loss of Grandfathering rights and provides reasonable reminders to encourage the individual to renew in a timely manner.

<https://cssa-cila.org/2017/11/team-cssa-special-report-november-15-2017/>

CHRIS MCGARRY: GUN CONTROLS DON'T STOP CRIMINALS

Mental health and criminality are the issues, not private firearms ownership

By Chris McGarry - The Guardian - Nov. 15, 2017

- Chris McGarry of Belfast RR#3 is a member of Canada's National Firearms Association.

<http://www.theguardian.pe.ca/opinion/chris-mcgarry-gun-controls-dont-stop-criminals-161984/>

CTV - 22 GUNS COLLECTED IN FIRST HALF OF AMNESTY MONTH

More than 20 guns and 1,000 rounds of ammunition have been turned in to Waterloo Regional Police this month.

CTV Kitchener - Wednesday, November 15, 2017

<http://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/22-guns-collected-in-first-half-of-amnesty-month-1.3679133>

<https://www.therecord.com/news-story/7925166-waterloo-region-police-have-so-far-collected-22-firearms-in-gun-amnesty/>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/waterloo-police-gun-amnesty-1.4403384>

CANADA'S GUN CONTROL PROGRAMS, DO THEY REALLY IMPROVE PUBLIC & POLICE SAFETY? IN SEARCH OF THE 'EVIDENCE' - MOST RECENT ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROGRAM (ATIP)

ACTIVITY By Dennis R. Young – November 14, 2017

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/11/14/search-evidence-november-14-2017/>

OPINION: POLITICAL MANOEUVRING, LOW MEMBER MORALE WILL PLAGUE NEXT RCMP BOSS

The first is the increasing politicization of the RCMP. Here are a few notable examples:

By SEN. COLIN KENNY - November 14, 2017

Senator Colin Kenny is former chair of the Senate Committee on National Security and Defence

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1520629-opinion-political-manoeuving-low-member-morale-will-plague-next-rcmp-boss>

1. Stick to policing, not politics
2. Embrace the creation of a civilian board
3. Lousy pay is hurting the force
4. Understaffing is a pox on the Mounties

WARNINGS OF POLITICIZATION OF THE RCMP IGNORED BY ALL PARTIES SINCE 1999 REPORT

THE POLITICIZATION OF THE RCMP By Robert H.D. Head, (Retired) Asst. Commissioner of the RCMP

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2016/02/03/the-politicization-of-the-rcmp-by-asst-commissioner-retired-robert-h-d-head-november-15-1999/>

CBC - POLICE SEIZE SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE, 4 OTHER GUNS AND AMMO, ARREST 23-YEAR-OLD

MAN - Police charged the man with four counts of possessing a firearm without a licence and knowingly possessing unauthorized firearms, possessing a prohibited device and two counts of possessing a weapon obtained by crime.

CBC News - Nov 14, 2017 <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/ham-police-weapons-1.4401139>

MAN CHARGED WITH KILLING B.C. POLICE OFFICER HAD AN EXPIRED GUN LICENCE

- The man accused of killing a police officer in Abbotsford, B.C., hadn't been licensed to own a firearm for more than two years, underscoring the challenge police departments face in collecting guns from thousands of expired licensees, including those with mental-health problems.
- Ninety days after any gun licence expires, local police are notified by the RCMP's Canadian Firearms Program, at which point officers are supposed to follow up and see what the person is doing with the weapon.
- But in many jurisdictions police don't have the resources to knock on the doors of those whose licences expire each year, said Paul Ballard, who retired from a 35-year career with the Vancouver Police Department to become a master firearms instructor.

- An average of 88,000 Canadians had their gun licences expire in each of the last five years, according to official data.

By MIKE HAGER, VANCOUVER - November 13, 2017

<https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/man-charged-with-killing-bc-police-officer-had-an-expired-gun-licence/article36933782/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&>

P.E.I.'S DOMINION ORDINANCE MUSEUM AIMS TO PRESERVE PIECES OF CANADIAN MILITARY HISTORY - Max Knechtel, of P.E.I.'s Dominion Ordnance museum, said the firearms used by countries during major wars tell their own stories that contribute to the historical memory of Canada's military.

By Mitch MacDonald - Nov. 12, 2017

<http://www.theguardian.pe.ca/news/peis-dominion-ordnance-museum-aims-to-preserve-pieces-of-canadian-military-history-160649/>

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TABLES RESPONSE TO SUPPRESSOR PETITION E-575

The government's response to the petition, however, is exactly what everyone thought it would be: not going to happen. In the response, Justice minister Jody Wilson-Reybold wrote that "sound reduction or elimination diminishes the public's ability to react to gun violence and makes it harder for law enforcement to become aware of a possible criminal incident." November 9, 2017 Brian

<https://canadianfirearmsblog.ca/government-of-canada-tables-response-to-suppressor-petition-e-575/>

MY ATIP FILE 177 – JUSTICE – EVIDENCE SUPPORTING JUSTICE MINISTER'S DECISION TO DENY LEGALIZATION OF SOUND MODERATORS - Filed November 12, 2017

<https://dennisyoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/ATI-177-Justice-Minister-on-Sound-Moderators-Nov-12-2017.pdf>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA: POLICE INVESTIGATE HACK OF GUNS DATABASE

Police are investigating the hacking of a gun club database that may have exposed where more than 1500 semi-automatic handguns are stored. The private details of 540 members from the Port Melbourne club, including the types of weapons they owned, is believed to have been compromised this month, potentially exposing them to the theft of guns worth at least \$5000 each on the black market. By Nino Bucci - November 18, 2017

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/police-investigate-hack-of-guns-database-20171117-gznsuf.html>

NRA'S DANA LOESCH PRAISES BIPARTISAN GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION

"This is what the NRA has pioneered, this is what the NRA has pushed," Loesch told Fox News' "Fox & Friends" program Friday. By Joe Crowe - Friday, 17 Nov 2017

<https://www.newsmax.com/Politics/nra-dana-loesch-praise-bipartisan/2017/11/17/id/826858/>

WITH 'FIREARM' OFFENSES UP 27-PERCENT, UK HOLDS NATIONAL GUN SURRENDER

According to the Office for National Statistics' (ONS) statistical bulletin "Crime in England and Wales," firearm crimes in England and Wales were up 27-percent for the year ending in June 2017. The bulletin noted, "The latest rise continues an upward trend seen in firearms offences in the last few years." NRA-ILA FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20171117/with-firearm-offenses-up-27-percent-uk-holds-national-gun-surrender>

5 REFORMS TO GUN LAWS THAT WOULD ACTUALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Unlike proposals from the Left that would not have prevented recent shootings, each of these reforms would actually make a meaningful difference. By Benjamin R. Dierker - NOVEMBER 17, 2017

<http://thefederalist.com/2017/11/17/5-reforms-gun-laws-actually-make-difference/>

1. Clarify Which Records Must Be Submitted to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)
2. Prosecute Buyers for False Application Information
3. Cross-Reference with the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
4. Increase Investigation Time for National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)
5. Broader Use of National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)

AMERICA'S NEW GUN CONTROL BILL WON'T PREVENT MASS DEATH

Senators have introduced a new bill to shore up America's background check system, and it might pass. But it ignores some pretty glaring loopholes. By Allie Conti - Nov 16 2017

https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/a379eg/americas-new-gun-control-bill-wont-prevent-mass-death

<http://time.com/5027309/bipartisanship-gun-control-deal/>

CALIFORNIA RAMPAGE PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON HOMEMADE 'GHOST GUNS'

The gunman who killed his wife and four others in a rampage in Northern California this week found an easy way around a court order prohibiting him from having guns: He built his own at home.

By Michael Balsamo, Associated Press - November 16, 2017

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/california-shooting-rampage-highlights-ghost-guns-185746544.html>

CFP - LEGAL SYSTEM, GUN LAW FAILURES ALLOWED RANCHO TEHAMA RAMPAGE, SAYS

CCRKBA - We are disgusted by the way the system failed. The horrible truth emerging in the aftermath of the Rancho Tehama Reserve rampage is that California's legal system and restrictive gun control laws failed miserably, allowing killer Kevin Neal to remain loose and commit mass mayhem, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said today. By CCRKBA - November 16, 2017

http://canadafreepress.com/print_friendly/legal-system-gun-law-failures-allowed-rancho-tehama-rampage-says-ccrkba

MINNESOTA DNR: HUNTERS HARVESTED ALMOST 94,977 DEER

In Zone 1, across Northeastern Minnesota, total firearms harvest was up 25 percent.

By Kristina Tyler - November 16, 2017

<http://aliveforfootball.com/2017/11/mdc-reports-firearms-deer-season-opening-weekend-harvest/>

BIDEN: HERO WHO STOPPED TEXAS CHURCH SHOOTER WAS WRONG TO HAVE A GUN

During a question and answer session on NBC's "Today" show, former vice president and rumored presidential 2020 contender Joe Biden said the hero who stopped the Texas church shooter earlier this month should not have been allowed to carry an AR-15. By Bre Payton - November 15, 2017

<http://thefederalist.com/2017/11/15/biden-hero-stopped-texas-church-shooter-wrong-gun/>

WHY IS THE SELF-DEFENSE NARRATIVE SO POWERFUL FOR GUN OWNERS?

Shouldn't skeptics of the 'armed citizen' approach be asking whether people who legally own guns may, in fact, be more likely to be victims of crime? By Mike Weisser (Mike the Gun Guy) 11/15/2017

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-is-the-self-defense-narrative-so-powerful-for-gun-owners_us_5a0ccb0be4b0c0b2f2f799ba

U.K. MAN AGED 74 JAILED AFTER 160 GUNS ARE FOUND AT HIS HOME IN KENT

Paul Bushell was sentenced on Wednesday morning after pleading guilty to seven charges of possessing a prohibited weapon and six counts of possessing ammunition for a firearm without a certificate, Kent police said.

Press Association - November 15, 2017

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/nov/15/man-aged-74-jailed-guns-found-home-kent>

TIGHTER GUN LAWS WILL LEAVE LIBERTARIANS BETTER-ARMED THAN EVERYBODY ELSE

Has it occurred to anybody that when restrictive laws are imposed, they're likely to have the greatest impact on the people most willing to obey them? By J.D. Tuccille | November 14, 2017

http://reason.com/archives/2017/11/14/tighter-gun-laws-will-leave-libertarians?utm_medium=email

10 GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION VICTORIES SINCE SANDY HOOK

States have strengthened laws and missing mental health records have been added to the background check system, among other steps aimed at saving lives by Lois Beckett in New York - November 14, 2017

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/nov/13/10-gun-violence-prevention-victories-since-sandy-hook>

1. At least 25 states have passed tougher domestic violence gun laws
2. Gun stores are leading an industry-endorsed movement to prevent suicide
3. Google's philanthropic arm is funding efforts to advance police reform and gun violence prevention in communities of color
4. After worried family members failed to stop a 2014 mass shooting, California passed a new 'gun violence restraining order' law
5. Many states have added missing mental health records to the US gun background check system, though huge gaps remain
6. New York City is investing millions in 'violence interrupters' in a public health strategy to reduce gun violence
7. A group of Sandy Hook families created a training program on how to prevent school shootings and other violence. More than 2 million people have been trained
8. 10 states have passed laws expanding background checks on gun sales
9. Massachusetts banned bump stocks
10. Gun control advocates have convinced some private retailers, such as Starbucks, to oppose gun-carrying in their stores

HOW BALLISTICS TRACED GANG GUNS BACK TO ANTIQUE ARMS DEALER

Paul Edmunds, 66, was source of weapons and ammunition for murders in Birmingham and London and linked to more than 100 crime scenes Police found more than 100,000 rounds of ammunition, guns and weapons at Paul Edmunds's home. By Steven Morris - Tuesday 14 November, 2017

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/14/how-ballistics-traced-gang-guns-back-to-antique-arms-dealer-paul-edmunds>

HUNTERS, IT'S LONG PAST TIME WE STOOD UP FOR GUN CONTROL

Hunting isn't under attack, but our freedom from violence is.

By Greg Luther OPINION Nov. 14, 2017 - Greg Luther is a contributor to Writers on the Range, the opinion service of High Country News. He is a freelance writer in Missoula, Montana.

<http://www.hcn.org/articles/opinion-hunters-its-long-past-time-we-stood-up-for-gun-control>

EVERY ARGUMENT AGAINST COMMONSENSE GUN CONTROL BROKEN DOWN TO ITS IDIOTIC NONSENSE

- The die-hard believers will resist any step toward gun regulations, with counterarguments based on flawed logic, devoid of facts. So we decided to examine them one by one with an objective eye.

By Michael Harriot - November 15, 2017 - Michael Harriot is a staff writer at The Root, host of "The Black One" podcast and editor-in-chief of the digital magazine NegusWhoRead.

<http://www.theroot.com/every-argument-against-commonsense-gun-control-broken-d-1820327119>

THE HILL - IT'S TIME FOR MORE PARISHIONERS TO LOCK AND LOAD WHEN THEY GO TO CHURCH

- What happens when background checks on gun purchases inevitably fail to stop these killers from attacking? What is the backup plan? BY JOHN LOTT, JR., OPINION CONTRIBUTOR — 11/13/17 - 1,340 Shares

<http://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/360150-its-time-for-more-parishioners-to-lock-and-load-when-they-go-to>

FIREARMS AMNESTY AS UK GUN CRIME RISES 27% THIS YEAR

The two-week amnesty follows one held in 2014 where more than 6,000 firearms - including shotguns and replicas, were handed in. The amnesty comes less than a month after national figures revealed the number of crimes involving firearms in England and Wales increased by 27% to 6,696 in the year ending June 2017.

By Alix Culbertson, News Reporter - November 13, 2017

<https://news.sky.com/story/firearms-amnesty-as-uk-gun-crime-rises-27-this-year-11124745>

FOX NEWS - GOOD GUYS WITH GUNS SAVING LIVES

It is only too bad that someone with a concealed handgun permit wasn't already at the church. We may never have heard of the shooting — national news stories are virtually never done on permit holders stopping mass public shootings

By John R. Lott, Fox News - November 12, 2017 <https://crimeresearch.org/>

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2017/11/12/good-guys-with-guns-saving-lives.html>

A DOZEN TIMES GOOD GUYS WITH GUNS STOPPED A MASSACRE

The Daily Caller News Foundation has compiled a list of a 11 other times in the past decade where a tragedy was cut short or wholly averted because of good people with guns. By TIM PEARCE - 11/12/2017

<http://dailycaller.com/2017/11/12/a-dozen-times-good-guys-with-guns-stopped-a-massacre/>

BBC - WIFE OF TEXAS GUNMAN KELLEY DESCRIBES ABUSE AND DEATH THREATS

Kelley "had a lot of demons or hatred inside of him", said Tessa Brenneman, 25, in an interview with CBS News. "He had a gun in his holster right here and he took that gun out and he put it to my temple and he told me, 'Do you want to die? Do you want to die?'" she said. Washington Post - November 11, 2017 <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-41952426>

FBI'S GUN BACKGROUND-CHECK DATABASE IS MISSING RECORDS OF MILLIONS OF CASES

Experts who study the data say government agencies responsible for maintaining such records have long failed to forward them into federal databases used for gun background checks - systemic breakdowns that have lingered for decades as officials decided they were too costly and time-consuming to fix. By Devlin Barrett, Sandhya Somashekhar, Alex Horton - Washington Post - November 10, 2017

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-fbi-gun-background-check-system-missing-records-20171110-story.html>

TUCKER CARLSON NEW LAS VEGAS SHOOTING VIDEO

FOX NEWS (aired 11-10-2017)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqRY4rluruM>

JOHN LOTT'S LETTER IN SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN AND REBUTTAL BY ORIGINAL AUTHOR

Scientific American recently ran a 6,000-word article claiming that more guns means more crime. Dr. John Lott wrote a letter responding to some of the many errors and the author wrote a response to his letter. Here is Lott's letter as well as some very quick and incomplete notes that respond to the author's responses. - November 10, 2017

<https://crimeresearch.org/2017/11/letter-scientific-american-rebuttal-original-author/>

MORE GUNS MEAN MORE VIOLENT CRIME--OR LESS? A RESEARCHER AIMS AT SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

The social scientist behind a pro-gun study objects to the story "Journey to Gunland," but the reporter says his claims are false By John R. Lott, Jr., PhD, president of the Crime Prevention Research Center writes:

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By Mike Adams - September 14, 2017

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WHILE THE TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT DESTROYS CANADA'S COAL INDUSTRY, CHINA IS BUILDING 700 NEW COAL PLANTS - In fact, in many parts of the world the use of coal is growing. Other countries – with governments that base decisions on economic logic rather than vain rhetoric – are massively expanding their coal industries. By SPENCER FERNANDO NOVEMBER 17, 2017

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2017/11/17/trudeau-government-destroys-canadas-coal-industry-china-building-700-new-coal-plants/>

FRASER INSTITUTE - CANADA'S CLIMATE ACTION PLANS: ARE THEY COST-EFFECTIVE?

Current provincial plans will cost Canadians billions and likely produce very little environmental benefits, based on a detailed review of provincial climate action plans and results from countries and other jurisdictions around the world that have pursued similar policies. By Kenneth P. Green, Senior Director, Centre for Natural Resource Studies, Fraser Institute - November 16, 2017 <https://www.fraserinstitute.org/studies/environment>

'SICKENING': FIRST NATIONS LEFT EMPTY-HANDED AS ENVIRONMENTALIST PRESSURE KILLS B.C. ENERGY PROJECTS While opponents steal the limelight, scores of pro-development First Nations groups worry they'll lose once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that could lift people out of poverty. By Claudia Cattaneo – Nov 16, 2017 <http://business.financialpost.com/commodities/energy/sickening-first-nations-left-empty-handed-as-environmentalist-pressure-kills-b-c-energy-projects>

IS CANADA A 'ROGUE NATION' ON CLIMATE CHANGE?

Canada can't fight climate change and continue with the Alberta oil sands project, says David Bleakney of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, speaking from the COP23 in Bonn, Germany
By Dimitri Lascaris for The Real News Network - November 15, 2017

http://therealnews.com/t2/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=31&Itemid=74&jumival=20479

CANADA'S PEACEKEEPING OFFER 'CONDESCENDING': RETIRED GENERAL

Lewis MacKenzie said he thought Trudeau was talking down to the UN officials and to the members there that are committing to doing the heavy lifting. "We're going to throw money at the training, we're going to throw money at modest resources, but the rest of you do the heavy lifting"... that's pretty superior coming from people who aren't doing much peacekeeping these days," MacKenzie said. CTVNews.ca Staff - November 15, 2017

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TERENCE CORCORAN: CANADA'S PATHETIC, EMPTY-HEADED CRUSADE AGAINST COAL

Wind and solar can never provide the energy needed to power and feed the world. They cannot replace coal or oil or gas. There are no real alternatives to fossil fuels. But the UN machine, 25 years after its creation, keeps spinning out empty plans, proposals, protocols and schemes. And now Canada has offered the UN one of its own empty-headed schemes: saving the world from coal. By Terence Corcoran - November 15, 2017

<http://business.financialpost.com/opinion/terence-corcoran-canadas-pathetic-empty-headed-crusade-against-coal>

ANDREW COYNE: WITHOUT MEANING TO, THE LIBERALS HAVE REVEALED ALL THEIR BROKEN PROMISES

- As might have been predicted, the government holds itself to a notably forgiving standard. Where the independent tracking website Trudeau Meter lists 36 of 226 promises as having been “broken,” the government consigns just three out of 364 “commitments” to that status. Except it cannot bring itself to say the word “broken,” any more than it can say “promise.” By Andrew Coyne - November 15, 2017

<http://thestarphoenix.com/storyline/without-meaning-to-the-liberals-have-revealed-all-their-broken-promises-writes-postmedia-columnist-andrew-coyne>

WHO KNEW? TURNS OUT THE HARPER GOVERNMENT WAS ACTUALLY TERRIFIC FOR WAGE GROWTH

- Statistics Canada has just released “High-income trends among Canadian tax filers,” its annual contribution to class warfare in Canada. Turns out things weren't as gloomy in 2015 as we all thought or as Justin Trudeau kept saying. From 2014 to 2015, StatCan tells us, “The real average income of all tax filers rose 2.6 per cent.” That was the largest yearly increase since 2005–06. Stephen, we hardly knew ye! Even better, “the bottom 50 per cent of tax filers” — i.e., those struggling to get into the middle class — “saw a 3.4 per cent increase in average total income, compared with a 2.3 per cent gain for the top half. By William Watson - November 15, 2017

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ZIONIST GROUPS IN CANADA ARE JUMPING ON THE “CREEPING SHARIA” BANDWAGON

Inside the groups that can't let M-103 go. By Steven Zhou, BuzzFeed Contributor - November 15, 2017

https://www.buzzfeed.com/stevenzhou/zionist-groups-in-canada-are-jumping-on-the-creeping-sharia?utm_term=.bj9yrVgB2#.rfQvAyOVD

JULIAN FANTINO, WHO ONCE COMPARED WEED TO MURDER, DEFENDS OPENING MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS

- The former Toronto police chief and politician who once compared legalizing weed to legalizing murder is defending his decision to open a company connecting patients with medical marijuana.

As It Happens with Carol Off and Jeff Douglas - CBC RADIO - Wednesday November 15, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-wednesday-edition-1.4403187/julian-fantino-who-once-compared-weed-to-murder-defends-opening-medical-marijuana-business-1.4403194>

LORNE GUNTER: ECO-FANTASY IS STIFLING CANADA'S ENERGY SECTOR

Good news from the independent International Energy Agency (IEA), unfortunately, does not trickle down to Canada. Then there is the enviro gong-show in Bonn, Germany. By Lorne Gunter, Edmonton Sun - November 14, 2017

<http://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/lorne-gunter-eco-fantasy-is-stifling-canadas-energy-sector>

CONSERVATIVE VOICE FADING FROM THE INTERNET

The News is no longer what happened, but essentially what the progressive-left tell you what happened. The News is no longer dropped at your door by a neighborhood kid in the form of a newspaper, it comes at you non-stop via a closed-shop, progressive-left—run Internet. By Judi McLeod - November 14, 2017 - Judi McLeod is an award-winning journalist with 30 years' experience in the print media. A former Toronto Sun columnist, she also worked for the Kingston Whig Standard. Her work has appeared on Rush Limbaugh, Newsmax.com, Drudge Report, Foxnews.com.

http://canadafreepress.com/print_friendly/conservative-voice-fading-from-the-internet

GLOBAL SHOWDOWN OVER COAL IS COMING — AND CANADA’S IN THE MIDDLE OF IT

The Global Coal Plant Tracker shows plans are afoot for another 1,600 new coal plants, which once operational would expand coal power by 42 per cent around the world. China’s energy companies are behind 700 of them, despite China’s pledge earlier this year to scale back its coal plans at home. India’s state-run National Thermal Power Corp. intends to invest more than \$10 billion to build new coal plants over the next five years.

The Canadian Press, Financial Post · Nov. 13, 2017

<http://www.nationalpost.com/global+showdown+over+coal+coming+canada+middle/15667859/story.html>

GOLDSTEIN: LIBERALS BLOWING HOT AIR IN BONN

While Canada gets only 10% of its electricity from coal — compared, for example, to China and India at 70%, Germany at 40% and the U.S. at 30% — this has nothing to do with anything Trudeau, McKenna and the federal Liberals have done. By Lorrie Goldstein - November 13, 2017

<http://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-liberals-blowing-hot-air-in-bonn>

TORONTO SUN - WHY WHITEWASH COMMUNISM'S CRIMES?

Worse still, 32% believe that more people were killed under George W. Bush than under Joseph Stalin. The ignorance is stunning. The first post-Cold War generation has been raised almost completely unaware of the evils of communism.

By Marc A. Thiessen, Washington Post - November 11, 2017

<http://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-why-whitewash-communisms-crimes>

REX MURPHY: THERE IS NO COMPANY LIBERALS WILL NOT KEEP IN PURSUIT OF CLIMATE

ACTION - There is nothing so convenient (and empty) for signalling political virtue than what is ludicrously called “making a commitment to halt climate change.” If such a move appeals to Bashar al Assad and Kim Jong Un, what value is it, and what truth can be in it? By Rex Murphy - November 10, 2017

<http://www.canada.com/opinion/murphy+there+company+liberals+will+keep+pursuit+climate+action/15634388/story.html>

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GOLDSTEIN: WHAT’S REALLY DUMB? TRUDEAU’S CARBON PRICING PLAN

Why? Because without revenue neutrality, all carbon pricing does — particularly at the level required for it to be effective — is to cause a massive recession, which only lowers emissions to the extent it wrecks the economy.

By Lorrie Goldstein - November 11, 2017

<http://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-whats-really-dumb-trudeaus-carbon-pricing-plan>

THREE QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"We are going to impose our agenda on the coverage by dealing with the issues and subjects we choose to deal with." -- Richard M. Cohan, Senior Producer of CBS political news

http://quotes.liberty-tree.ca/quote_blog/Richard.Cohan.Quote.5328

"The news media in general are liberals." -- Barbara Walters

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"The New York Times is deliberately pitched to the liberal point of view."

-- Herman Dismore, Foreign editor of the N.Y. Times from 1950 to 1960

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