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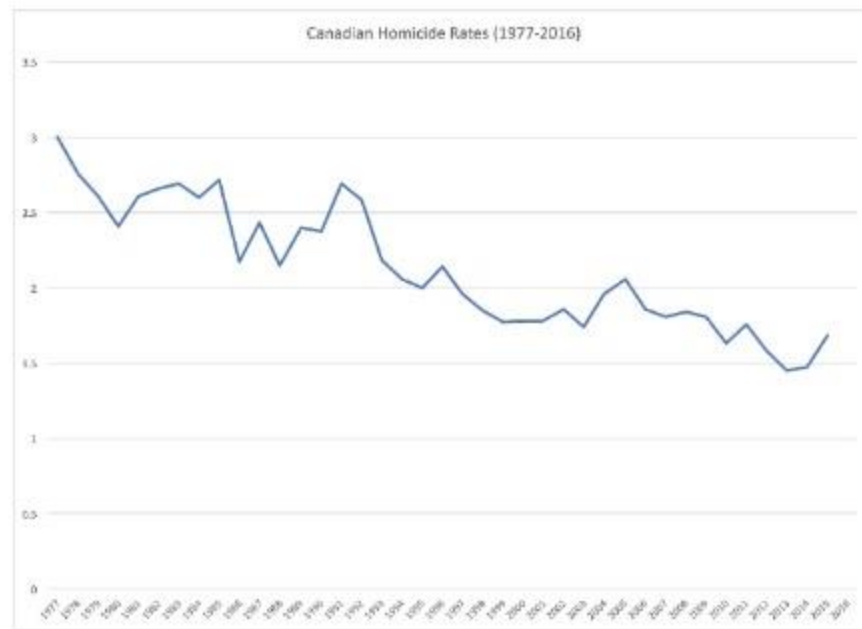
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Surprises found in StatsCan's recent homicide report

November Update



StatsCan reports that homicide rates have increased lately. But let's dig into the stats.

It seems that StatsCan may be exaggerating firearm homicides by using an overly inclusive definition of “other firearms.” Nicolas at [TheGunBlog](#) points out that over 13% of firearm homicides may not even involve firearms.

An earlier [analysis](#) I did found that StatsCan exaggerates “firearms related” violent crimes by including violent crimes where guns were not even used as somehow “firearms related.” It turns out that “Firearms related” means a firearm was later found in the area. The firearm need not have been used. Just found. This means that any time the police show up to the residence of a hunter or target shooter, the contact is classified as a “firearms related” crime simply because a firearm is locked up somewhere in the home.

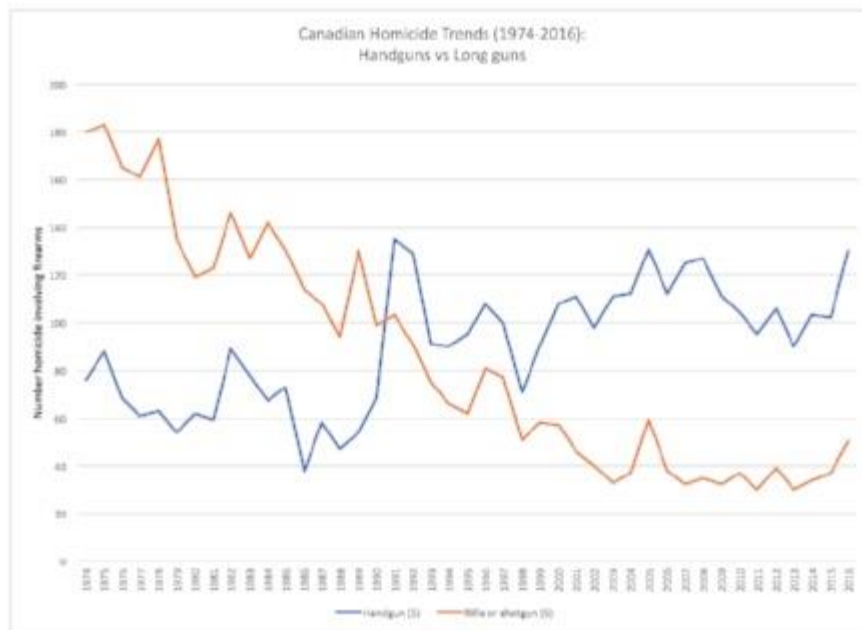
As StatsCan explained it to me, the mere existence of the firearm is a threat. Even if the accused had not mentioned the firearm during the altercation. It's a “firearms related” crime because the police could find it when they later searched. And they knew to search because they checked CPIC to check if anyone at the residence had a PAL.

Who knew Olympic target shooters were so dangerous?

Second, by lumping all guns into “firearms” in homicide StatsCan masks the

impressive contrast between handguns and long guns:

- long guns continue their long-term decline, while
- handguns continue to increase and have ever since 1991



in 1991, Kim Campbell brought in Bill C-17, which shifted the focus of police efforts onto “gun control” rather than “crime control.” This meant the law focused on hunters and away from gang bangers.

The trends continue with the 2016 homicide stats.

Gang-related murders also increased in 2016, to 24% (141/611) of homicides from 16% (96/609) in 2015.

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