

RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

CSSA COMMENTARY: TRUDEAU JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REFUSES TO CLARIFY FIREARMS LAW

MP Bob Zimmer, co-chair of the Parliamentary Outdoor Caucus, grew more and more annoyed with the federal government's refusal to answer one simple question during a November 23, 2017, meeting of the Standing Joint Committee on the Scrutiny of Regulations. He simply wanted to know why the Trudeau government refused to clarify the term "variant" with respect to firearms. TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | DECEMBER 15, 2017

<https://cssa-cila.org/2017/12/team-cssa-e-news-december-15-2017/>

THE HILL TIMES - LEGISLATION ON FIREARMS, DISABILITIES EXPECTED AFTER WINTER BREAK FOR PARLIAMENT

The Liberals made 353 promises in their campaign platform, and more since taking power, and the majority have yet to be delivered on in full, according to a pair of online election promise trackers for the governing Liberals run by Laval University and the Liberal Party itself. By PETER MAZEREEUW - Friday, Dec. 15, 2017

<http://www.hilltimes.com/2017/12/15/legislation-firearms-disabilities-expected-winter-break-parliament/128895>

GOODALE MISSES DEADLINE TO TABLE NEW GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION

Though the government pushed forward one of the main promises in the House of Commons — legislation to bring Canada into the UN international Arms Trade Treaty — and later took other steps, major commitments to address firearm sales and record-keeping remain on the drawing board. Those commitments include: enhanced background checks for anyone seeking to purchase a handgun or other restricted firearm; a requirement for gun licence production at point of sale for all long guns; a requirement for gun vendors to maintain records of all firearms inventory and sales to aid police investigating gun crimes; and an immediate implementation of UN gun-marking regulations that the Harper government had postponed for years. By Tim Naumetz. Published on Dec 15, 2017

<https://ipolitics.ca/2017/12/15/goodale-misses-deadline-table-new-gun-control-legislation/>

UNWARRANTED: THE SEARCH AND SEIZURE OF TEXT MESSAGES IN CANADA

The message for law enforcement is clear: "When in doubt, get a warrant." BY DOUG BEAZLEY December 15, 2017

<http://www.nationalmagazine.ca/Articles/December-2017/Unwarranted-The-search-and-seizure-of-text-message.aspx>

CBC - OTTAWA POLICE WARN GUN DEALERS AFTER MAJOR BUST

'Project Sabotage' nets 24 firearms, 13 arrests in undercover sting. CBC News - Dec 15, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-police-guns-gangs-1.4450306>

VOTE: IS CANADA REALLY THAT MUCH SAFER THAN THE U.S. WHEN IT COMES TO GUN

VIOLENCE? "In fact, most Canadians would be shocked to learn that most of the guns used in recent shootings in the United States are available for private ownership in Canada," Meaghan Hennigan said at a Nov. 30 news conference, according to CBC News. "Many assault weapons are unrestricted. It's ridiculously messed up. These are the kind of weapons that an individual can seriously injure about 50 people in a mere matter of minutes."

By Zach Harper, Yahoo Canada News - December 14, 2017

<https://ca.news.yahoo.com/vote-canada-really-much-safer-u-s-comes-gun-violence-161709488.html>

WORRIES OVER LACK OF GUN RANGE OVERSIGHT

Len DeRyke, a spokesman for the Elizabethtown-Kitley Residents' Association (EKRA) – a residents' group formed in opposition to the firing range at the Brockville-1000 Islands Regional Tackaberry Airport – said the neighbours are

worried after the township recently confirmed the range is not regulated by the province's chief firearms officer (CFO). The law stipulates that all gun ranges in the province are regulated by the CFO, a federal governing body that licenses and approves gun ranges in each of the provinces and territories, with the exception of ranges that are used only by public officers in relation to their lawful employment duties – which is what the local range does. By Sabrina Bedford, The Recorder and Times - Thursday, December 14, 2017
<http://www.recorder.ca/2017/12/14/worries-over-lack-of-gun-range-oversight>

‘OPEN & TRANSPARENT’ THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT! TWENTY-ONE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT DELAY COMPLAINTS

After filing nearly 800 ATIP requests since 1994, access to information under the Trudeau Government is the worst I have experienced working with previous governments led by Prime Ministers Chretien, Martin, and Harper.
By Dennis R. Young – December 14, 2017 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/14/open-transparent-liberal-government-not/>

JUSTIN TRUDEAU’S PROMISES FOR A NEW OPEN & TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2016/12/04/justin-trudeaus-promises-for-a-new-open-transparent-government/>

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT UNDERMINES TRUDEAU'S PROMISES FOR 'EVIDENCE-BASED' FIREARMS LAWS & ‘OPEN AND TRANSPARENT’ GOVERNMENT BY REFUSING TO RELEASE TWO PAGES OF ‘EVIDENCE’ THE MINISTER USED TO DENY E-PETITION 421-01700 CALLING FOR LEGALIZATION OF SOUND MODERATORS - Justice Department Response to my Access to Information Act request - December 6, 2017
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/13/trudeaus-promise-evidence-based-gun-control-takes-direct-hit/>

WHAT DO THE LIBERAL'S MEAN WHEN THEY SAY EVIDENCE-BASED' GUN CONTROL POLICIES?
Canada's Gun Control Regime (C-17 & C-68) Implemented 'Despite the Absence of Precise Data'
By Dennis R. Young - Bio and Archives - May 25, 2017
<http://canadafreepress.com/article/what-do-the-liberals-mean-when-they-say-evidence-based-gun-control-policies>

LETTER: MEDIA MUDDY GUN STATS

The amount of mainstream media misinformation is too great in Leger's column to be mentioned here.
by Robert Bracken, Dartmouth - VOICE OF THE PEOPLE - Dec. 13, 2017
<http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1528968-voice-of-the-people-dec.-13-2017>

CBC - CANADIAN ARMS MAKERS GET OK TO SELL TO UKRAINE

Government says each weapons contract will be 'assessed on a case-by-case basis'
By Murray Brewster, CBC News - Dec 13, 2017 <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-ukraine-weapons-1.4446891>
<https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-defense/2363877-canada-lifts-restrictions-on-arms-sale-to-ukraine.html>

EXCERPT: The Automatic Firearms Country Control List (AFCCL) is an additional export control measure that is unique to Canada. Export of “automatic firearms” is prohibited from Canada unless the country of end-use is listed on the AFCCL.

MORE CFO OVERREACH and WASTE

Chief Firearms Officers demand for a range membership can be used as a tool for gun confiscation.
By Todd Brown, Executive Director, Firearms Institute for Rational Education – Posted December 12, 2017
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/12/cfo-overreach-waste-todd-brown/>

POLYTECHNIQUE IS UNRELATED TO GUN CONTROL IN GOOGLE SEARCH

A review of Google Trends Canada for last week shows that searches for “Polytechnique” and “massacre” spiked on the morning of Dec. 6, when many media published articles related to the event. But there wasn’t a corresponding increase in searches for “guns” or “gun control.” TheGunBlog.ca - Tuesday 12 December 2017

<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/12/12/polytechnique-is-unrelated-to-gun-control-in-google-search/>

GUN DIVIDE AS WIDE AS EVER

With the government once again looking at changes to gun laws, could rural Albertans find themselves on the front lines of a new and bitter gun control fight in 2018? By Dan Singleton, Editor Mountain View Gazette - December 12, 2017

<http://www.innisfailprovince.ca/article/Gun-divide-as-wide-as-ever-20171212>

CBC - HOMEMADE GUNS BUILT FOR LESS THAN \$20 ARE 'UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL' WEAPONS PRESENT IN SASKATCHEWAN - 'Everyone is accurate at 1 foot away': Zip guns are rare but dangerous

By Alec Salloum, CBC News - Dec 12, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/homemade-zip-guns-weapons-rare-dangerous-police-1.4437858>

LABRADOR MAYOR RIDES SNOWMOBILE TO SAFETY IN ‘SUPERHUMAN’ EFFORT AFTER BEING

SHOT IN FACE - Mayor John Hickey of Happy Valley-Goose Bay is in critical but stable condition after being airlifted for surgery Sunday in St. John’s. The mayor was out alone Saturday with a shotgun checking rabbit snares just west of the town when he was wounded, he said.

By Canadian Press - Mon., Dec. 11, 2017 <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/12/11/labrador-mayor-rides-snowmobile-to-safety-in-superhuman-effort-after-being-shot-in-face.html>

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/12/15/labrador-mayor-who-was-shot-in-face-in-hunting-accident-has-died.html>

WINNIPEG FREE PRESS EDITORIAL: URBAN BAN ALONE WON'T SOLVE GUN VIOLENCE

According to Statistics Canada, 2015 was the second consecutive year that the number of gun-involved homicides rose: "The rate of firearm-related homicides in 2015 increased by 14 per cent to 0.50 per 100,000 population (compared to 0.44 in 2014), and was the highest reported rate since 2010 (0.51)." Gun fatalities are not merely an urban problem — they are a societal one. A solution that looks only at a legislative remedy, without including a safety and health-centred approach, is incomplete. Editorials are the consensus view of the Winnipeg Free Press’ editorial board. Posted: 12/11/2017

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/opinion/editorials/urban-ban-alone-wont-solve-gun-violence-463312463.html>

STATISTICS CANADA’S DEFINITION OF ‘FIREARMS RELATED CRIME’ IS VERY MISLEADING NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIMES INVOLVING GUNS EXAGGERATED BY AN OVER-INCLUSIVE DEFINITION OF GUN CRIME

Statistics Canada defines “firearms-related” crime” as when “a gun is present during the commission of the crime.” Just “present,” not “used.” Gun violence only occurred in one-quarter of “firearms-related” crimes and in just 0.5% of violent crimes. BY GARY-MAUSER – CANADA FREE PRESS – FEBRUARY 23, 2015

<http://canadafreepress.com/article/69964>

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2015/11/18/statistics-canadas-definition-of-firearms-related-crime-is-very-misleading/>

BREITKREUZ BLAST FROM THE PAST

The Library of Parliament Research Branch examined two different reports published by Statistics Canada on violent crime in 1999. They determined that the “Presence of a Firearm in Violent Incidents” was 4.1%, but the “Use of a Firearm in Violent Incidents” was only 1.4% - three times lower than the figure normally reported by Statistics Canada and accepted and repeated by the media without any explanation.

<http://cssa-cila.org/garryb/publications/violentcrimesfirearms.htm>

TORONTO STAR LETTER: JUSTIN TRUDEAU MUST REVERSE STEPHEN HARPER'S WEAKENING OF GUN CONTROL - Ban home gun collecting and to open the federal armouries as places where those minimally vetted men who wish to collect the weapons used by soldiers and police officers may do so, but only under state-of-the-art secure, alarm-protected conditions.

By Ron Charach, Toronto - Sat., Dec. 9, 2017 https://www.thestar.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editors/2017/12/09/your-letters-justin-trudeau-must-reverse-stephen-harpers-weakening-of-gun-control.html

RE: Stop the violence, Editorial, Dec. 6, 2017 <https://www.pressreader.com/canada/toronto-star/20171206/281732679817972>

LETTER: CANADA'S GUN RULES SIMILAR TO JAPAN'S

We do not have a firearms-legislation problem but an illegal-firearms and gang-violence problem, which requires the police and the judiciary to attack with vigour. By Stan Brygadyr, Victoria -Times Colonist DECEMBER 9, 2017

<http://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/letters/canada-s-gun-rules-similar-to-japan-s-1.23117759>

POLYTECHNIQUE BY MARK STEYN

As I wrote in Maclean's eleven years ago: The defining image of contemporary Canadian maleness is not M Lépine/Gharbi but the professors and the men in that classroom, who, ordered to leave by the lone gunman, meekly did so, and abandoned their female classmates to their fate -- an act of abdication that would have been unthinkable in almost any other culture throughout human history. The 'men' stood outside in the corridor and, even as they heard the first shots, they did nothing. And, when it was over and Gharbi walked out of the room and past them, they still did nothing.

Whatever its other defects, Canadian manhood does not suffer from an excess of testosterone.

Mark at the Movies - December 9, 2017 <https://www.steynonline.com/8312/polytechnique>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "People who carry guns are by and large even more law-abiding than police officers themselves." John Lott, founder and president of the Crime Prevention Research Center <https://crimeresearch.org/>
<https://wamu.org/story/17/12/11/concealed-carry-everywhere-bill-in-congress-could-loosen-gun-control/>

HUNTING BY HAND: RICE LAKE RESIDENT USES HIS EXPERTISE WITH HANDGUNS TO TRACK DOWN DEER - Carl Kringle has hunted deer with a .357 Ruger every year since the state legalized handguns for the gun deer season, in 1982. By Dave Greschner | APG News Service - Published on Dec. 15, 2017

<http://www.leadertelegram.com/Features/Getting-Out/2017/12/15/div-class-libPageBodyLinebreak-Hunting-by-hand-div.html>

CARRYING HANDGUNS FOR DEFENSE WHILE HUNTING

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) heard the first official reading of a regulation change clarifying the carry of handguns for defensive purposes while hunting at its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday. Under current regulations, hunters may not carry a modern gun while participating in archery or muzzleloading seasons, unless they have a valid concealed handgun carry permit. If passed, the amendment to this regulation will clarify that people may carry a handgun (as defined by Ark. Code Ann. §5-73-120) on Commission-owned or controlled property or while hunting, fishing or trapping on private property. This article originally ran on arkansasmatters.com. Dec 14, 2017

http://harrisondaily.com/news/state/carrying-handguns-for-defense-while-hunting-topic-of-regulation-at/article_c901c4e8-c9da-5c78-a436-0eb23d8b1474.html

NEWSWEEK: THESE ARE THE GUN CONTROL LAWS THAT HAVE FAILED TO PASS SINCE THE NEWTOWN SHOOTING - These are just some of the bills from more than 100 attempts at federal reform that died in Congress since that tragic day in Newtown: The Manchin-Toomey Bill (2013), Assault Weapons Ban (2013), Automatic Gunfire Prevention Act (2017), Terror Gap Bills (2016). BY MELINA DELKIC ON 12/14/17

<http://www.newsweek.com/sandy-hook-anniversary-gun-control-laws-failed-747415>

IN 1964, THE U.S. TREASURY SEIZED A VIRTUAL MUSEUM OF MACHINE GUNS

A New Jersey raid yielded more than 500 firearms. The warehouse may have belonged to Val Forgett, Jr., an importer of ex-military automatic weapons. Forgett came under Treasury Department scrutiny a number of times and in 1959 was prosecuted for unlawful shipments of unregistered firearms. The large collection of guns included a Johnson light machine gun, German MG15 aircraft gun, an StG-44, a very large number of Mk. II Stens — both skeleton stock and T-bar stock models — Mk. III Stens, a Lewis gun, at least six Chauchats, a Bren, a number of Lanchester machine carbines, a Carl Gustav m/45 and even what appear to be three Vickers Class C/T water-cooled armored vehicle machine guns.

WIB HISTORY December 14, 2017 by Matthew Moss <https://warisboring.com/in-1964-the-u-s-treasury-seized-a-virtual-museum-of-machine-guns/>

PEOPLE ARE MAKING COMPLETELY UNTRACEABLE GUNS IN THEIR HOMES—DRIVING A NEW KIND OF CRIME - DIY firearms are set to completely remake the black market for small arms.

By BRYAN SCHATZ - DEC. 13, 2017 <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2017/12/people-are-making-completely-untraceable-guns-in-their-homes-driving-a-new-kind-of-crime/#>

POLL: AMERICANS SPLIT ON GUNS, BUT 89% BELIEVE BETTER MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS AND TREATMENT KEY TO VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The CBS News Poll found 49 percent favor a "nationwide ban on assault weapons" while 48 percent oppose it. It found 51 percent favor a ban on bump-fire stocks and similar devices while 46 percent oppose a ban. It also found 57 percent of respondents favored making laws governing gun sales stricter while 40 percent favored keeping them the same or making them less strict. BY: Stephen Gutowski December 13, 2017

<http://freebeacon.com/issues/americans-split-guns-89-believe-better-mental-health-screenings-treatment-key-violence-prevention/>

TIME - NEW YORK STATE WANTS TO TAKE GUNS AWAY FROM ALL DOMESTIC ABUSERS

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday proposed legislation that would take away firearms from anyone convicted of domestic violence. By ABIGAIL ABRAMS December 13, 2017

<http://time.com/5063197/domestic-violence-guns-andrew-cuomo/>

NEW ZEALAND - FRUSTRATED AT MOVES TO TIGHTEN GUN CONTROLS, FIREARMS OWNERS ARE MOBILIZING - With quarter of a million licensed gun owners and an estimated 1.2 million guns in New Zealand, we're nothing less than a gun-toting nation. Now, our gun lobby is demanding to be taken more seriously.

By THOMAS MANCH - December 10, 2017

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/99636184/frustrated-at-moves-to-tighten-gun-controls-firearms-owners-are-mobilising>

AUSTRALIA - CANBERRA MAN FACING CHARGES AFTER MORE THAN 40 FIREARMS SEIZED

The man's ACT Firearms Dealers Licence was cancelled on November 17. Anyone with information about illegal firearms can provide information anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or via the Crime Stoppers ACT website. BY Katie Burgess - December 10, 2017

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/canberra-man-facing-charges-after-more-than-40-firearms-seized-20171209-h01xob.html>

WAR ON GUNS HAS GAINED MOMENTUM THROUGH ATTACKS ON THEM IN THE MEDIA

Years ago Nelson W. "Pete" Shields, founder of the now named Brady Campaign, developed a plan of action for his new organization that is now used by major media to never show anything related to firearms or firearms owners in a positive light. By FLOYD HANCOCK Guest Writer - December 10, 2017 - Floyd Hancock retired from the Sacramento Army Depot in 1993. He joined the Jefferson State Shooting Association and became involved in competitive shooting.

https://www.heraldandnews.com/members/forum/guest_commentary/war-on-guns-has-gained-momentum-through-attacks-on-them/article_26585977-185f-5cc7-9136-6d2ac113f061.html

NEWSWEEK - GUNS ARE CAUSING 'CRISIS' IN THE SECOND MOST DANGEROUS CITY IN AMERICA, ST. LOUIS MAYOR SAYS - "The level of violence in our city is at a crisis level," St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson said at a press conference in its City Hall on Friday. "I think it is apparent to most of us that we are awash in guns," Krewson said. "They're being used to settle differences, defend territory, retaliate, take cars, do holdups."

BY MELINA DELKIC ON 12/9/17 <http://www.newsweek.com/guns-causing-crisis-st-louis-mayor-says-743476>
<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2017/12/08/mayor-krewson-blames-guns-on-streets-for-rise-in-homicides/>

STUDY CLAIMS GUN SALES INCREASE ACCIDENTAL GUN DEATHS, DOESN'T MENTION RECORD LOW ACCIDENTAL GUN DEATHS - A Wellesley College study on the post-Sandy Hook surge in gun sales suggests a correlation between such surges and higher accidental gun deaths but ignores the fact that accidental gun deaths hit a record low in 2014. Fox News reports John Lott's figure of 486 accidental gun deaths for 2014, which was "the lowest number [of accidental gun deaths] on record despite the explosion in gun sales and concealed carry permits."

by AWR HAWKINS - 9 Dec 2017 <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/12/09/study-claims-gun-sales-increase-accidental-gun-deaths/>

NRA-REPUBLICAN BACKED BILL MAKES IT EASIER FOR FEDS TO DISARM CITIZENS

While the simplicity provided by nationalizing laws is an understandable appeal, especially if you're a gun owner who frequently travels, political centralization is never the answer. By supporting this flawed attempt at "National Concealed Carry Reciprocity," the NRA and their supporters in the House have sided with the power of Federal agencies over the Second Amendment rights of Americans. Published on December 9, 2017 in Politics by Tho Bishop

<https://www.thelibertyconservative.com/nra-republican-backed-bill-makes-it-easier-for-feds-to-disarm-citizens/>

TOP-SELLING HANDGUN SAFE CAN BE REMOTELY OPENED IN SECONDS—NO PIN NEEDED

The Vaultek VT20i handgun safe, ranked fourth in Amazon's gun safes and cabinets category, allows owners to electronically open the door using a Bluetooth-enabled smartphone app. The remote unlock feature is supposed to work only when someone knows the four- to eight-digit personal identification number used to lock the device. But it turns out that this PIN safeguard can be bypassed using a standard computer and a small amount of programming know-how. Not clear if issue with highly-rated safe can be patched. By DAN GOODIN - 12/9/2017

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2017/12/top-selling-handgun-safe-can-be-remotely-opened-in-seconds-no-pin-needed/>

CHINA IS NOW MAKING SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL GUNS ON THE PLANET

China's People's Liberation Army has traditionally relied on foreign and Communist bloc weapons manufactured in China under license—or not. Now, however, as the PLA undergoes an unprecedented modernization, a new generation of locally designed and manufactured light weaponry is arming China's armed forces, from handguns to light machine guns.

By Kyle Mizokami - December 9, 2017

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/china-now-making-some-the-most-powerful-handguns-the-planet-23571>

OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

FOR TRUDEAU, ALBERTA'S OIL EMISSIONS DESERVE SCRUTINY AND RESTRICTION, BUT NOT

BOMBARDIER'S - The federal government also told us the emissions analysis it conducted related to Bombardier is confidential as it was part of materials that went to cabinet. Isn't it interesting that while TransCanada would have to go through a lengthy public review, Bombardier was provided with cabinet confidentiality? By Colin Craig, Alberta Director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. Special to Financial Post - Dec. 15, 2017

<http://www.nationalpost.com/trudeau+alberta+emissions+deserve+scrutiny+restriction+bombardier/16315510/story.html>

REX MURPHY: WHEN THERE'S A LIBERAL ETHICS SCANDAL, THE 'COMMISSIONER' HELPFULLY SMOTHERS IT

The commissioner's office therefore is not only inefficient, it is also an impediment to the very function it was dubiously manufactured to remedy. By Rex Murphy - December 15, 2017

<http://nationalpost.com/opinion/rex-murphy-ethics-commissioners-investigations-extend-doubt-rather-than-removing-it>

THE ENVIRONMENT: A TRUE STORY PART 4 – IF THE ALARMISTS ARE RIGHT

A documentary comparing climate change alarmism with widely accepted facts about the past state and present condition of the Earth. By John Robson, Video - The Frontier Centre for Public Policy - December 14, 2017

<https://fcpp.org/2017/12/14/the-environment-a-true-story-part-4-if-the-alarmists-are-right/>

CANADA ALLOWING US BORDER OFFICERS EXPANDED POWERS

Canada is expanding the powers of U.S. customs and border officers in the country — prompting resounding concern from civil liberty groups. Bill C-23, also known as the Preclearance Act of 2016, will give U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers the ability to carry firearms and conduct strip-searches in Canadian airports, in addition to being able to detain Canadians if they decline to participate in preclearance procedures. Currently, several major airports in Canada allow Canadians to clear U.S. Customs and Border Protection procedures before they fly to the United States. December 14, 2017

<https://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/Canada-Allowing-US-Border-Officers-Expanded-Powers-20171214-0033.html>

CBC - OTTAWA GETS AN EARFUL ON PROPOSED EXPANSION OF U.S. BORDER PRE-CLEARANCE

POWERS - CBC News has obtained a trove of public communications, mostly emails, sent over a 10-day period following the a CBC News story on controversial aspects of C-23, particularly the new powers it would grant to U.S. border agents working on Canadian soil. By Evan Dyer, CBC News - Oct 04, 2017

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/pre-clearance-u-s-travellers-bill-c-23-reaction-1.4213797>

<https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/4760/cba-asks-ottawa-for-robust-protections-for-solicitor-client-privilege-at-u-s-border>

<http://www.lawtimesnews.com/author/gabrielle-giroday/focus-lawyers-unhappy-with-preclearance-bill-13442/>

<http://www.canadianlawyermag.com/article/preclearance-bill-raises-concerns-3372/>

THE MYTH OF INDIGENOUS UTOPIA

Genocide. Ethnic cleansing. Forced assimilation. Slavery. Racism.

By Hymie Rubenstein, retired Professor of Anthropology at the University of Manitoba.

The Frontier Centre for Public Policy – Dec 13, 2017 <https://fcpp.org/2017/12/13/the-myth-of-indigenous-utopia/>

<http://www.c2cjournal.ca/2017/11/the-myth-of-indigenous-utopia/>

WHAT EVERYBODY GOT WRONG ABOUT THAT VIRAL VIDEO OF A STARVING POLAR BEAR

Dubbed the 'Face of Climate Change,' a starving polar bear photographed in Canada's Arctic might have nothing to do with climate change. By Tristin Hopper - December 12, 2017

<http://nationalpost.com/news/canada/what-everybody-got-wrong-about-that-viral-video-of-a-starving-polar-bear>

HYPOCRITES: CANADIAN "LEADERS" SILENT AFTER ANTI-SEMITIC 'PALESTINIAN RALLY' IN

VANCOUVER - It's disgraceful how our so-called leaders refuse to condemn Anti-Semitic hate, while letting those who oppose Canada's values hide behind political correctness. By SPENCER FERNANDO - DECEMBER 12, 2017

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2017/12/12/hypocrites-canadian-leaders-silent-anti-semitic-palestinian-rally-vancouver/>

CANADIAN FINANCIAL COMPANIES FUNDING OVERSEAS COAL PLANTS AS FEDS PUSH PHASE-OUT

The report lists six Canadian financial companies among the top 100 investors in new coal plants in the world. Together, Sun Life, Power Corporation, Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec, Royal Bank of Canada, Manulife Financial and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board have pledged \$2.9 billion towards building new coal plants overseas.

By Mia Rabson, The Canadian Press - Dec 11, 2017

<https://www.bnn.ca/canadian-financial-companies-funding-overseas-coal-plants-as-feds-push-phase-out-1.940233>

KEYSTONE IS ANTI-HYDROCARBON ZEALOTRY IN MICROCOSM

Radical environmentalists prefer dangerous, inhumane, ecologically destructive alternatives

By Paul Driessen, Canada Free Press - December 10, 2017

http://canadafreepress.com/print_friendly/keystone-is-anti-hydrocarbon-zealotry-in-microcosm

ONE STARVING BEAR IS NOT EVIDENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, DESPITE GRUESOME PHOTOS

We finally have this year's example of the new fad of claiming every polar bear that died of starvation (or on its way to starving to death) — and caught on film — is a victim of climate change: a young bear on Somerset Island near Baffin Island, Nunavut filmed in August during its last angonizing hours by members of an activist conservation organization called SeaLegacy. Posted on December 9, 2017

<https://polarbearsience.com/2017/12/09/one-starving-bear-is-not-evidence-of-climate-change-despite-gruesome-photos/>

TORONTO STAR _ VIRAL VIDEO OF STARVING POLAR BEAR LIKELY THE PRODUCT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, RESEARCHER SAYS

The video, shot by National Geographic photojournalist Paul Nicklen, racked up over a million views and depicted a skeletal bear foaming at the mouth and digging through a metal barrel for food on Baffin Island.

By SALMAAN FAROOQUI - The Canadian Press - Sat., Dec. 9, 2017

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/12/09/canadian-photographer-calls-for-action-after-video-of-starving-polar-bear-on-baffin-island-gets-millions-of-online-views.html>

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