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## RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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### POSTS FROM CANADA

#### RCMP SAY THEY HAVE NO STOLEN GUN REPORTS FROM GUN OWNERS WHO SUSPECT THEIR GOVERNMENT FIREARMS INFORMATION WAS ACCESSED BY CRIMINALS

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/30/unbelievable-rcmp-say-no-records-reports-gun-owners/>

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:** Before I write the Information Commissioner complaining that the RCMP failed to conduct an adequate search for these records, I would ask any gun owner to share their stories with me if you have filed a stolen gun complaint with the RCMP, your local police, your Member of Parliament describing your concerns about criminals having access to your government firearms information. I don't need a copy of your report only that you made one, the date you made the report and to whom you made the report. **Please send details about your stolen gun reports to:**

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#### CBSA HIDING PROVINCIAL STATISTICS ON FIREARMS SEIZURES

**3,412 firearms seized over six years but records released show only 51 firearms sent to RCMP for destruction.**

Exemptions and Missing Records Complaint to Information Commissioner - December 29, 2017

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/29/cbsa-hiding-provincial-statistics-firearms-seizures/>

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

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale is currently working on a new bill that would probably roll back some of the changes brought in by the Common Sense Act. Jackson Observer - December 29, 2017

<http://jacksonobserver.com/gun-owners-to-get-6-month-grace-period-when-licence-expires/>

#### TORONTO SUN - MOST OF TORONTO'S VICTIMS KILLED BY GUNS

In the last 12 months, police statistics show there have been 375 shooting occurrences, resulting in 565 victims — essentially double what the city experienced just three years ago. Not surprisingly, 39 of Toronto's 61 murder victims in 2017 were killed by guns. And just seven of those cases, about 18%, have been solved. By Chris Doucette - December 28, 2017 <http://torontosun.com/news/local-news/homicides-2017-most-of-torontos-victims-killed-by-guns>

#### ON HUMAN NATURE, WE LOVE TO KILL

Handguns are for shooting people, and doing so up close and personal. BC and Alberta top the provinces in the purchase and ownership of these weapons. Just who is it these people expect to kill?

By Al Lehmann - Terrace Standard - Dec. 28, 2017

<https://www.terracestandard.com/columns/on-human-nature-we-love-to-kill/>

## **LETTER: HUNTING COMES NATURALLY**

Psychological studies have shown that the characteristics of today's hunters cannot be distinguished statistically from the overall general population. By James Powlesland, Calgary Herald - December 28, 2017

<http://calgaryherald.com/opinion/letters/your-letters-for-thursday-dec-28>

## **GUN VIOLENCE ON THE RISE IN HAMILTON**

Most drug dealers are armed, but drug dealers aren't the only people carrying guns, said Jooyoung Lee, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Toronto who has extensively studied the people's experience with gun violence. "The No. 1 reason why young people want to get a gun ... the biggest reason is for protection," he said. by Nicole O'Reilly, Hamilton Spectator - December 27, 2017

<https://www.thespec.com/news-story/8025739-gun-violence-on-the-rise-in-hamilton/>

## **B.C. PROMISES ACTION ON ILLEGAL GUNS**

Simon Fraser University criminology professor Robert Gordon said the report was a "good effort" but did not feel it will have much of an effect, as similar reports have been prepared for many years in the province. "They all have a similar flavour but there's not a lot of new thinking around these things," he said. "Most of these reports tend to ape the views of existing RCMP officers." By Ian Burns, The Lawyer's Daily - December 27, 2017

<https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/5368/b-c-promises-action-on-illegal-guns>

## **CBSA REPORTS – DETAILED STATISTICS FOR ALL SEIZURES 2011 to 2016 (52 pages)**

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/27/cbsa-reports-detailed-statistics-seizures-2011-2016/>

National – All Seizures for 2011 = 17,845

National – All Seizures for 2012 = 25,501

National – All Seizures for 2013 = 24,046

National – All Seizures for 2014 = 22,645

National – All Seizures for 2015 = 23,956

National – All Seizures for 2016 = 31,338

## **CBSA INTERNAL REPORT SHOWS BORDER AGENTS SEIZE 569 GUNS PER YEAR**

The Canada Border Services Agency has seized an average of 569 guns a year since 2011 and confiscations are rising, according to internal reports obtained by Dennis Young, the advocate for shooters' rights. TheGunBlog.ca - 21 Dec 2017

<https://thegunblog.ca/2017/12/21/cbsa-internal-report-shows-border-agents-seize-569-guns-per-year/>

## **TOTAL FIREARMS SEIZED BY CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY – 2011-2016**

• 3,412 Firearms Seized (in 2,693 Seizures) Valued at \$1,604,320

CBSA Access to Information Response – December 7, 2017

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/12/16/cbsa-report-1-6-million-dollars-worth-firearms-seized/>

## **WE WANT YOU! 3RD CANADIAN DIVISION ON RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR 1,000 MORE RESERVISTS**

In total, the Canadian Forces wants to bring reservist numbers up to 30,000 and, under its freshly released defence policy, Strong, Secure, Engaged, wants to grow its regular troop ranks by 3,000 to bring its total strength to 101,500 troops.

By Juris Graney, Edmonton Sun - December 23, 2017

<http://edmontonsun.com/news/local-news/we-want-you-3rd-canadian-division-on-recruitment-drive-for-1000-more-reservists/wcm/30f60a67-81ed-4870-b7dc-a6fab2a263c1>

## **POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES**

### **GILFORD POLICE CAN USE OWN GUNS**

Selectmen on Wednesday approved a police request to allow officers to carry their personal rifles on the job. Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee saying that several officers already have their own rifles, and it would cost about \$10,000 for the department to provide them for everyone. By THOMAS P. CALDWELL, LACONIA DAILY SUN - December 29, 2017  
<http://www.laconiadailysun.com/newsx/local-news/110458-selectmen-approve-officers-use-of-personal-rifles>

### **HERE ARE THE 5 WORST 'FAKE NEWS' REPORTS ON GUNS IN 2017**

The national newspapers and left-wing TV networks continued to churn out unbalanced reports on gun crime and laws, while refusing to learn accurate terminology. By Emily Miller - December 28, 2017

Emily Miller is an award-winning journalist and the author of the book "Emily Gets Her Gun" about gun control policies.  
<http://dailysignal.com/2017/12/28/5-worst-fake-news-reports-guns-2017/>

Here are the top offenders:

1. USA TODAY
2. CNN
3. NBC NEWS
4. THE ECONOMIST
5. ASSOCIATED PRESS

### **WASH. POST - A FACT CHECK OF DEAN WINSLOW'S GUN CLAIMS**

EXCERPT: He stated that "assault rifles" are poor for hunting because of "low accuracy beyond 100 yards." It is absurd to posit that the military would select a firearm inaccurate beyond that short distance; in fact, an Aberdeen Proving Ground Report (No. 461) on the M16A2 rifle found that the single-shot hit probability on the NATO target was 100 percent at 300 meters and 90 percent at 500 meters. By Thomas V. Holohan, Rockville - December 28, 2017  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/a-fact-check-of-dean-winslows-gun-claims/2017/12/28/16fde020-ea71-11e7-956e-baea358f9725\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.512df2222e77](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/a-fact-check-of-dean-winslows-gun-claims/2017/12/28/16fde020-ea71-11e7-956e-baea358f9725_story.html?utm_term=.512df2222e77)

#### **RE: DEC. 21 OP-ED, "SPEAKING MY MIND ON GUNS TORPEDOED MY APPOINTMENT,"**

Dean L. Winslow, a retired Air Force colonel and flight surgeon, is a professor of medicine at Stanford University says AR-15 ownership is 'insane'

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/i-spoke-my-mind-on-guns-it-torpedoed-my-appointment-in-the-trump-administration/2017/12/20/8f708f6c-e50d-11e7-833f-155031558ff4\\_story.html?tid=a\\_inl&utm\\_term=.500e0816927c](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/i-spoke-my-mind-on-guns-it-torpedoed-my-appointment-in-the-trump-administration/2017/12/20/8f708f6c-e50d-11e7-833f-155031558ff4_story.html?tid=a_inl&utm_term=.500e0816927c)

### **THE BROWNING HI POWER PISTOL: A REVOLUTIONARY HANDGUN?**

John Moses Browning built his first firearm in 1868 at the age of 13 and designed more than thirty firearms, By Kyle Mizokami - December 27, 2017

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/the-browning-hi-power-pistol-revolutionary-handgun-23831>

### **THESE GUNS ARE MADE OF CAMERA GEAR**

Siegel has created even more guns and weapons of war using various cameras, lenses, and accessories for his project Shoot Portraits, Not People. By MICHAEL ZHANG December 27, 2017

<https://petapixel.com/2017/12/27/guns-made-camera-gear/>

### **ABC NEWS - CITIES SUE DEFENSE DEPT. OVER GUN-CHECK SYSTEM FAILURES**

New York City, San Francisco and Philadelphia said in court papers that the military's broken system for relaying such information helped spur the massacre of 26 people inside a Texas church last month.

By COLLEEN LONG, ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW YORK — Dec 26, 2017

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/cities-sue-defense-dept-gun-check-system-failures-51997791>

<https://www.politico.com/story/2017/12/26/pentagon-military-convictions-gun-database-319240>

<https://nypost.com/2017/12/26/defense-dept-sued-for-failing-to-report-service-members-who-cant-buy-guns/>

### **NY TIMES - THE GUN LOBBY IS HINDERING SUICIDE PREVENTION**

I learned many hard lessons after my dad died. I discovered that one critical way to reduce the risk is to teach others that removing guns from a home significantly reduces the risk of an impulsive suicide.

By ERIN DUNKERLY - DEC. 26, 2017 - Erin Dunkerly is a lawyer in South Pasadena, Calif.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/26/opinion/gun-lobby-suicide-prevention.html>

### **WHY BLACK PEOPLE OWN GUNS**

HuffPost spoke with 11 black gun owners to figure out what gun ownership means in a country determined to keep its black populace unarmed. By Julia Craven Reporter, HuffPost - December 26, 2017

[http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/black-gun-ownership\\_us\\_5a33fc38e4b040881bea2f37](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/black-gun-ownership_us_5a33fc38e4b040881bea2f37)

### **AUSTRALIA: GOVERNMENT SAYS 'NO' TO HIGH-POWERED GUNS FOR DEER HUNTERS**

The Victorian government has rejected a recommendation to consider giving recreational hunters access to semi-automatic firearms. By Shana Morgan - December 26, 2017

<http://www.bordermail.com.au/story/5139117/government-says-no-to-high-powered-guns-for-deer-hunters/>

### **THERESA MAY DITCHES FOXHUNTING TO BACK ANIMAL RIGHTS**

PM abandons rural Tories to woo young on blood sports

By Caroline Wheeler and Jonathan Leake - December 24 2017 - The Sunday Times

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/theresa-may-ditches-foxhunting-to-back-animal-rights-dz6ctp0kd>

### **OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST**

#### **WHICH HEADLINE TO YOU BELIEVE?**

**TRUDEAU GOV'T: CANADA'S CLIMATE ACTION IS WORKING, REPORT TO UNITED NATIONS CONFIRMS** - NEWS PROVIDED BY Environment and Climate Change Canada - Dec 29, 2017

<http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/canadas-climate-action-is-working-report-to-united-nations-confirms-667160293.html>

**FINANCIAL POST: CANADA STILL ON PACE TO FALL SHORT OF PARIS TARGET, DESPITE AMBITIOUS CLIMATE POLICIES: UN FILINGS**

Estimates by environmental groups, economists and other analysts, who have long claimed that Canada is on track to miss its Paris targets. By Jesse Snyder - December 29, 2017

<http://business.financialpost.com/commodities/energy/canada-still-on-pace-to-fall-short-of-paris-target-despite-ambitious-climate-policies-un-filings>

## **REX MURPHY: JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S YEAR-LONG DESCENT FROM CELEBRITY SELFIE-PRINCE TO TYPICAL POLITICIAN**

And so Mr. Trudeau leaves this year with a bundle of negotiations unsettled, wounded ministers, pledges undelivered, in violation of the law governing conflict of interest, at odds with the UN economy, and no single major policy achievement. He caps that with that parting press conference horror, signalling a prime minister struggling, anxious and incoherent — an image which, if it takes, will be fatal for an administration that has made the prime minister's image its only ace. By Rex Murphy, Ottawa Citizen - 12.29.2017

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/opinion/murphy+justin+trudeau+year+long+descent+from+celebrity+selfie/16516759/story.html>

## **CANADA FREE PRESS - CLIMATE SCARE MUST BE DEBUNKED IF COAL IS TO RECOVER**

Coal key to National Security Strategy. By Tom Harris - December 26, 2017

[http://canadafreepress.com/print\\_friendly/coal-key-to-national-security-strategy](http://canadafreepress.com/print_friendly/coal-key-to-national-security-strategy)

## **THE GREAT BRAIN DRAIN**

The demographic transformation of the western world is "the biggest story of our time", and it will indeed determine all the others by Mark Steyn - December 19, 2017

<https://www.steynonline.com/8334/the-great-brain-drain>

## **TEN YEAR-END FACTS CANADIANS NEED TO KNOW**

As we close off 2017 and look forward to 2018, let's hope we see a refocus on policies that will actually improve the economy and lives of Canadians.

by Niels Veldhuis, Charles Lammam, and Milagros Palacios - Fraser Institute - December 21, 2017

<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/blogs/ten-year-end-facts-canadians-need-to-know>

## **JUSTIN TRUDEAU: RETURNING ISLAMIC STATE JIHADISTS CAN BE 'EXTRAORDINARILY POWERFUL VOICE' IN CANADA**

Toronto Sun columnist Candice Malcolm protests that Trudeau's plan "borders on the absurdity," asking, "Why on earth would Canadian taxpayers seek to help members of a jihadist army that committed genocide, burned Christians alive, beheaded American journalists and aid workers, sold women into sex slavery and threw gay men off rooftops?" "These aren't recovering alcoholics or teenagers on the verge of online radicalization. They aren't people who have served their time, taken responsibility for their actions and are ready to start anew," she notes. by FRANCES MARTEL - 20 Dec 2017

<http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2017/12/20/trudeau-returning-islamic-state-jihadists-extraordinarily-powerful-voice-canada/>

## **WHY CANADA'S SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM NEEDS REFORM**

The common claim by dairy producers is that the system is integral to preserving the family farm. A report by the Canada West Foundation found that there were approximately 145,000 dairy producers when supply management was introduced, compared to just 9,000 today. The average net worth of a dairy farm was nearly \$4 million in 2015.

By Jesse Snyder - December 20, 2017 <http://business.financialpost.com/commodities/agriculture/cheese-ninjas-to-the-rescue-why-canadas-supply-management-system-needs-reform>

## **RUSSIA SHIPS FIRST GAS FROM \$27BN ARCTIC PROJECT**

Yamal LNG operation launched in face of western sanctions with aid of Chinese funding

By Henry Foy in Sabetta - DEC 8, 2017 <https://www.ft.com/content/515d451c-dc11-11e7-a039-c64b1c09b482>

## **OTHER NEWS SITES**

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## **LATEST NEWS FROM JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS**

<http://mailchi.mp/36033a2955cf/living-under-the-gun?e=bc1823b8e2>

## **CALIBRE MAGAZINE**

The Canadian Firearms Magazine

<http://calibremag.ca/>

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[http://www.canadianoutdoorsman.net/#!/page\\_home](http://www.canadianoutdoorsman.net/#!/page_home)

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