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RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

CBC - ERRANT BULLETS WHIZZING BY UPSET RURAL RESIDENTS SOUTH OF CALGARY

M.D. of Foothills officials calling for changes to hunting and shooting regulations. Current provincial rules say you can't shoot a gun or cause a bullet pass within 183 metres [200 yards] of an occupied building, unless authorized by the owner or occupant. "The suggestion is to change that to fence lines rather than the occupied building, which would eliminate hunting from the ditch," said Oel. CBC News - Feb 02, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/alberta-md-foothills-shooting-hunting-1.4517220>

WEAKNESS OF FIREARMS PROGRAM AUDITS ADMITTED: AUDITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE

E-MAIL FEBRUARY 1, 2018: "We did not examine the efficiency and performance of the Program."

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/02/02/weakness-firearms-program-audits-admitted-auditor-generals-office/>

LETTER: RCMP HAVE LIMITS TO THEIR POWER

Why and how does the RCMP make laws about firearms control, you have to ponder who lets them. Well, it is people like you and me and the citizens of Canada by doing nothing. By Phil Gatehouse - Prince George Citizen February 1, 2018

<http://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/opinion/letters/rcmp-have-limits-to-their-power-1.23160833>

CBC - SHERIFF'S OFFICERS START CARRYING GUNS AT NEW BRUNSWICK COURTHOUSES

Baffled criminology prof can't see why province would want to arm officers now

By Gabrielle Fahmy, CBC News - Feb 01, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/sheriffs-firearms-new-brunswick-courthouses-1.4513821>

TORONTO MAN CHARGED AFTER 71 FIREARMS SEIZED

Investigators say a search last week at a west-end Toronto address resulted in the seizure of 25 handguns and 46 rifles and shotguns, along with approximately 10,000 rounds of ammunition. The Canadian Press - February 1, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/toronto-man-charged-after-71-firearms-seized-1.3785466>

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/02/01/police-seize-25-handguns-46-rifles-from-etobicoke-home.html>

CBC - QUEBEC FAILED TO CONSULT INUIT ON LONG-GUN REGISTRY, MAKIVIK CORP. SAYS

"We have not been heard and we have not been properly consulted in a meaningful manner," said Adamie Delisle Alaku, who is the executive vice-president of Makivik Corp., which represents Inuit in Nunavik. "There was no concrete outreach ever made to ensure compliance." By Kendall Latimer, CBC News - Jan 31, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/makivik-corp-quebec-long-gun-registry-consultation-1.4512506>

ELON MUSK'S FLAMETHROWERS ARE LEGAL IN CANADA — BUT IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE

Fady Mansour, a criminal lawyer at Ottawa-based firm Edelson & Friedman LLP, told Global News that Musk's flamethrowers are technically legal in Canada. "You're prohibited from possessing certain class of firearms, and firearms are defined in the Criminal Code and other places as something that has a barrel and discharges a projectile," he

explained. “This has a barrel but does not have a projectile, it doesn’t have a bullet of any sort that actually comes out of the barrel.” By Maham Abedi, National Online Journalist Global News - January 31, 2018

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3995300/elon-musk-flamethrower-canada-legal/>

HOW A QUIET QUEBEC-VERMONT LIBRARY BECAME A PRIME SPOT TO SMUGGLE GUNS INTO CANADA

The heritage building was built in 1904 and is the only library in the world to straddle a border, between the towns of Derby Line, Vt., and Stanstead, Que. There is a black line on the library floor marking the divide. You enter the building through the U.S., but the circulation desk and most of the books are in Canada. The reading room is in both countries. The building’s unique layout may be why it was an attractive location for a Montreal man to smuggle handguns into Canada. By Katie Dangerfield, National Online Journalist, Global News - January 31, 2018

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3997798/library-gun-smuggling-canada-u-s-border/>

A NIGHT AT THE GUN CLUB

Yes, there are some universities that have student gun clubs – and they’re not as controversial as you might think.

By THERESA TAYLER | JAN 31, 2018 <https://www.universityaffairs.ca/features/feature-article/night-gun-club/>

NEW SHOOTER VISITS CAMPUS GUN CLUB FOR UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

Thegunblog - 31 January 2018 <https://thegunblog.ca/2018/01/31/new-shooter-visits-campus-gun-club-university-affairs/>

CBC - OTTAWA WOMAN HIT BY STRAY BULLET IN HER SLEEP SAYS PAIN A REMINDER OF JUSTICE NOT SERVED

- 'Nobody is going to be held accountable,' she says after charges dropped

By Ashley Burke, CBC News - Jan 31, 2018 <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-woman-hit-by-stray-bullet-in-her-sleep-says-pain-a-reminder-of-justice-not-served-1.4508599>

CSSA - CANADIAN SHOT SHOW RECEPTION AT 40TH ANNUAL SHOT SHOW

The 5th annual Canadian firearm community social event, hosted by the Canadian Shooting Sports Association (CSSA) and the Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association (CSAAA), broke attendance records for a 5th consecutive year. We also welcomed representatives from both the National Firearms Association (NFA) and the Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights (CCFR), who enjoyed themselves while mingling with leaders of the Canadian firearm industry.

TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | JANUARY 31, 2018 <https://cssa-cila.org/2018/01/team-cssa-e-news-january-31-2018/>

BULLETS, GUNS TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT STANLEY MURDER TRIAL

Cpl. Terry Heroux, who examined the scene the night Colten Boushie was shot on Stanley’s farm, took the stand and presented a series of photos taken at the time. By Chris Vandenbreekel, Saskatoon / 650 CKOM - January 30, 2018

<http://www.ckom.com/2018/01/30/bullets-guns-take-centre-stage-at-stanley-murder-trial/>

CTV - BOUSHIE’S DNA ON HANDGUN FOUND IN STANLEY HOME, CROWN SAYS; DEFENCE QUESTIONS RCMP INVESTIGATION

<https://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/boushie-s-dna-on-handgun-found-in-stanley-home-crown-says-defence-questions-rcmp-investigation-1.3780888>

COLUMN: ALGONQUIN WOLF THREAT BIGGER THAN BEARS

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry posted the recovery strategy for the Algonquin wolf (EBR 013-1813) on Jan. 15, giving 30 days for additional public input. It is important that trappers, hunters, livestock producers, pet owners and anyone who cares for our wildlife respond to this posting before Feb. 14. In June 2016, the Eastern wolf was renamed Algonquin Wolf. Its status is threatened By Special to The Star The Sudbury Star - January 30, 2018

<http://www.thesudburystar.com/2018/01/30/column-algonquin-wolf-threat-bigger-than-bears>

CTV - MAN ADMITS TO SMUGGLING GUNS FROM UNITED STATES INTO CANADA

Court documents say that between 2010 and 2011, Vlachos worked with others to get about 100 handguns purchased from dealers in Florida into Canada, which restricts handgun ownership. Some of the guns were left at the Haskell Library by an accomplice. Vlachos then retrieved them and took them into Canada. Other guns were carried across a remote stretch of border. The Associated Press - Published Monday, January 29, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/man-admits-to-smuggling-guns-from-united-states-into-canada-1.3780610>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jan/31/canada-border-library-gun-smuggling-case>

CBC - QUEBEC'S NEW LONG-GUN REGISTRY FIXES A 'MISTAKE,' PUBLIC SECURITY MINISTER

SAYS - Gun owners will be able to register firearms online, for free starting Jan. 29. CBC News Jan 28, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/quebec-long-gun-registry-1.4507767>

QUEBEC'S LONG-GUN REGISTRY TO TAKE EFFECT MONDAY

Public Security Minister Martin Coiteux told reporters on Sunday that gun owners will have one year to register their existing firearms through a "simple, quick, free" process that can be done online. The process requires them to provide a detailed description of the firearm as well as proof of identity. By Morgan Lowrie, The Canadian Press - January 28, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/quebec-s-long-gun-registry-to-take-effect-monday-1.3779087>

<http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/quebecs-gun-registry-law-effective-monday>

RURAL CRIME HAS COMMUNITIES TAKING MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS

Trevor Tychkowsky, president of the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association, said "We're the ones that need to start protecting our belongings instead of expecting the police to always be there as our protector."

By Catherine Griwkowsky - January 28, 2018

<http://edmontonjournal.com/news/crime/rural-crime-has-communities-taking-matters-into-their-own-hands>

SHOT SHOW 2018 ROUND UP

DISCLOSURES: I attended SHOT Show as media at no charge. I covered all expenses related to the trip. I want everything on this list. More disclosures here. Thegunblog - 28 January 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/01/28/shot-show-2018-round-aimpoint-walther-via-surefire/>

RISE OF THE SWAT TEAM: ROUTINE POLICE WORK IN CANADA IS NOW MILITARIZED

We studied 10 large and medium-sized Canadian police forces, comprising eight municipal police forces, one provincial police force and one federal police force from across seven different provinces. Using freedom-of-information (FOI) requests, we obtained data on the operational dimensions of SWAT team use. Deployments of SWAT teams — special weapons and tactics units — have risen in major Canadian cities and are higher in some cases than those by U.S. public police. Based on our research, we can see that militarization has been normalized within Canada's largest police services.

SWAT teams, once considered a last-resort option for police forces, are now being used in routine areas of policing.

Authors Kevin Walby, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Winnipeg and Brendan Roziere, Law student, Robson Hall, University of Manitoba - January 24, 2018

<http://theconversation.com/rise-of-the-swat-team-routine-police-work-in-canada-is-now-militarized-90073>

MAN FACES 48 CHARGES IN STRING OF TORONTO SHOOTINGS

Toronto police said Tuesday that the man, who is currently in custody, allegedly worked his way through neighbourhoods in the northwest corner of the city over the past two weeks, opening fire on a total of seven victims ranging in age from four to 47. BY BRINKWIRE - JANUARY 24, 2018

<http://en.brinkwire.com/115610/man-faces-48-charges-in-string-of-toronto-shootings/>

<https://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/269122/jihad-toronto-robert-spencer>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3981628/brampton-charges-toronto-shootings/>

<https://www.thespec.com/news-story/8088490-man-faces-48-charges-in-string-of-random-toronto-shootings/>

<http://torontosun.com/news/local-news/man-accused-of-7-attempted-murders-in-string-of-toronto-shootings>

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/01/23/man-charged-with-seven-counts-of-attempted-murder-in-five-separate-etobicoke-shootings.html>

POLICE NUMBERS IN CANADA HAVE DROPPED

First, like in the U.S., Canadian crime rates have declined, with the number of criminal code incidents per police officer in Canada peaking in 1991 and declining quite steadily ever since. In fact, between 1991 and 2015, the crime rate has declined from 51.1 to 27.1 criminal code incidents per police officer—for a decline of 47 per cent. By Livio Di Matteo, Professor of Economics, Lakehead University - Fraser Forum - January 23, 2018

<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/profile/livio-di-matteo>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

CANADA: AS QUEBEC BRINGS LONG-GUN REGISTRY ON-LINE, FEDERAL LIBERALS PLAN NEW RESTRICTIONS - 2018 could prove a challenging year for Canadian gun owners. However, Canada's beleaguered pro-gun activists should find faith in their recent success. **Canadian gun owners' hard-fought victory in the battle to eliminate the failed long-gun registry was an inspiration to gun rights supporters around the world.** The organization and determination that made that triumph possible will serve our northern neighbors well in the legislative battles to come. NRA-ILA - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20180202/canada-as-quebec-brings-long-gun-registry-on-line-federal-liberals-plan-new-restrictions>

U.S. GUNS USED IN CRIMES ACROSS THE AMERICAS EVERY HALF HOUR: REPORT

Guns from the United States have been used to commit crimes approximately once every 31 minutes across Mexico, Canada, Central America and the Caribbean, a left-leaning U.S. policy group said on Friday. The Washington-based Center for American Progress said that figure was based on analysis of U.S. government data that showed 50,133 guns recovered in criminal investigations across 15 countries between 2014 and 2016 originated in the United States.

Reuters Staff Mexico City - February 2, 2018 - <https://ca.reuters.com/article/topNews/idCAKBN1FM27E-OCATP>

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2018-02-02/us-guns-used-in-crimes-across-the-americas-every-half-hour-report>

LETTER: POLITICIANS NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT ANTI-GUN LAWS DON'T WORK

We have more than 20,000 useless local, state and federal anti-gun laws. Adding more means that, once again, honest gun owners and gun dealers are being attacked via legislation, and that we are putting more stupid on top of stupid.

By Carl C. Dodd, retired deputy from the Peoria County Sheriff's Department and is a firearms instructor for Glasford Police Department - February 2, 2018 <http://www.pjstar.com/opinion/20180202/spotlight-politicians-need-to-understand-that-anti-gun-laws-dont-work>

20% OF NY HANDGUN OWNERS YET TO COMPLY WITH STATE DATABASE REGISTRY

Early reports claim that more than 81,000 people, 20 percent of affected handgun owners in New York, haven't responded to the state's request to comply for pistol permit recertification. By Eric Scheiner - February 1, 2018

<https://www.mrctv.org/blog/20-handgun-owners-yet-comply-ny-database-registry>

THE NEW .50 CALIBER UMAREX HAMMER IS AN AIR RIFLE!

the American-made .50 caliber air rifle that has become the most powerful production airgun on the planet. February 1, 2018 <http://www.airgunwire.com/releases/6b4ecd43-55ab-4df9-8c4c-56c2bb3b07e1>

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IN NEW YORK, GUN OWNERS BALK AT NEW HANDGUN DATABASE

This week marked the official deadline for more than 370,000 handgun owners in the state of New York to register those guns with state police. New York is trying to use that information to build a comprehensive record of gun owners — something only one other state has done. A lot of gun owners are angry. While they can agree that so-called "bad guys" shouldn't have access to weapons, some fear that New York is trying to turn them into those bad guys. It goes back to the penalties associated with this registration process. The SAFE Act says failure to register handguns is a felony offense — and gun permits are automatically revoked.

By LAUREN ROSENTHAL - Heard on All Things Considered - January 31, 2018

<https://www.npr.org/2018/01/31/581879702/in-new-york-gun-owners-balk-at-new-handgun-database>

BALTIMORE COPS KEPT TOY GUNS TO PLANT JUST IN CASE THEY SHOT AN UNARMED PERSON

And then there's the revelation that the supervisor of the unit instructed officers to carry a toy gun just in case they found themselves "in a jam" and needed to plant one. When one of the officers, Marcus Taylor, was arrested, officials couldn't figure out why he had a toy gun in his glove compartment. An officer who was scheduled to offer evidence against the crooked cops won't get to do so after he was mysteriously shot in the head with his own weapon the day before he was set to testify. By Michael Harriot - January 30, 2018

<https://www.theroot.com/baltimore-cops-kept-toy-guns-to-plant-just-in-case-they-1822546984>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/baltimore-police-carried-bb-guns-plant-unarmed-suspects-shooting-victims-corruption-maurice-ward-a8189731.html>

WASH. POST VIEW - KEEPING GUNS OUT OF CHILDREN'S HANDS SHOULD NOT BE THIS HARD

There are no laws at the federal level making it a crime to leave a firearm accessible to a child.

By Editorial Board - January 30, 2018

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/keeping-guns-out-of-childrens-hands-should-not-be-this-hard/2018/01/30/42129710-053d-11e8-8777-2a059f168dd2_story.html?utm_term=.6b0f3969a972

RUSSIA - LEFTISTS PROPOSE OBLIGATORY MARKING FOR PEOPLE CARRYING FIREARMS

The center-left Fair Russia party intends to introduce a bill obliging all firearm owners to wear special signs indicating they are carrying, its deputy head in the State Duma, Oleg Nilov, says. "If someone chooses to carry a handgun this person must clearly mark this fact in order to inform the rest of the public, as well as police, who can then check if the gun is properly registered and carried in accordance with all the rules," Nilov told reporters.

Published time: 29 Jan 2018 09:27 <https://www.rt.com/politics/417247-leftists-propose-obligatory-marking-for/>

MAN ADMITS SMUGGLING GUNS THROUGH LIBRARY ON VERMONT-CANADA BORDER

Authorities say Alexis Vlachos, 40, of Montreal pleaded guilty Monday in federal court in Burlington. He could be sentenced to 20 years in prison. Associated Press - Jan. 29, 2018

<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/story/news/2018/01/29/man-admits-smuggling-guns-through-library-vermont-canada-border/1077046001/>

<http://www.wcax.com/content/news/Montreal-man-admits-to-gun-smuggling-charge-471682104.html>

GUN-FREE SCHOOL ZONES WILL NOT PROTECT KIDS: A PAINFUL BUT HONEST LESSON AFTER LAST WEEK'S SCHOOL SHOOTING IN KENTUCKY

BY JOHN R. LOTT, JR. & THOMAS MASSIE - NEW YORK DAILY NEWS - Monday, January 29, 2018

Lott is the president of the Crime Prevention Research Center and the author most recently of "The War on Guns." Massie represents Kentucky's Fourth Congressional District and is chairman of the Second Amendment Caucus.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/gun-free-school-zones-not-protect-kids-article-1.3786452>

CAN WE PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE STOP EXCLUSIVELY BLAMING THE NRA FOR THESE MASS SHOOTINGS?

So, do a majority of Americans really support stricter gun control? We certainly don't seem to be putting our votes where our hearts are. Polls are one thing. Propaganda another. Stop falling for the NRA's trick: It's not the politicians. It's us. By Roger Sollenberger - January 29, 2018

<https://www.pastemagazine.com/articles/2018/01/can-we-please-please-please-stop-blaming-the-nra-f.html>

AUSTRALIA - GUN DEBATE: DOES VICTORIA NEED 80 FIREARMS STORES?

Neil Mitchell has questioned whether Victoria needs 80-odd firearm stores, following yesterday's robbery in Thornbury, where 65 hand guns were stolen in one haul. "Why do we have these armories around the city, are there that many sporting shooters who need handguns?" Shooters and Fishers Party of Victoria member for Northern Victoria Daniel Young said, "The victims at the moment are those people who had at their guns stolen. These gun shops are there to service people who partake in a sport, it's no different to any other activity."

3AW Mornings with Neil Mitchell - January 29, 2018

<https://www.3aw.com.au/gun-debate-does-victoria-need-80-firearms-stores/>

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/2018/01/30/12/20/guns-stolen-in-melbourne-will-end-up-on-black-market>

SHOT 2018 | On TheFirearmBlog.com

<http://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/>

DONALD TRUMP WANTS BRITAIN TO RELAX ITS GUN LAWS SO PEOPLE CAN SHOOT TERRORISTS

By Jimmy McCloskey - Sunday 28 Jan 2018

<http://metro.co.uk/2018/01/28/donald-trump-wants-britain-relax-gun-laws-people-can-shoot-terrorists-7268031/>

BBC - THERE HAVE BEEN 11 US SCHOOL SHOOTINGS THIS YEAR. IS IT TIME TO ARM TEACHERS?

- NRA pushed heavily in the opposite direction. The lobby group published a report calling for armed officers or staff in every school in America, and in 2013, the year after Sandy Hook, seven states enacted laws permitting teachers or school staff to carry guns. But advocates say these kinds of reforms are the only meaningful way to protect schoolchildren. They point in particular to more rural schools, where an emergency response from police may take too long in the context of an active shooter incident. They also argue that gun-free zones are creating "soft targets".

- On the ground, groups like the Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus are fighting state-by-state against the NRA, its state-level affiliates and other gun-advocacy groups to defeat pro-gun schools legislation. "We - the collective gun violence prevention community - are defeating most of the bills right now, but the intensity on the other side is there,"

said Andy Pelosi, director of Keep Guns off Campus. "The NRA has its fingerprints all over this issue now, they want to push guns everywhere," he said. The lobby group did not respond to a request for comment.

By Joel Gunter, BBC News - January 28, 2018

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-42804741>

US GUN OWNERSHIP VS. THE WORLD

As of 2012, Americans owned at least 270 million U.S.-owned firearms (or 42% of all firearms worldwide).

The Globalist, January 28, 2018

<https://www.theglobalist.com/united-states-firearms-gun-control/>

OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

THERE'S NO PUNCH TO TRUDEAU'S PIPELINE PLEDGE. HE NEEDS TO PUT THE GLOVES ON

Calgary lawyer Rick Gilborn said Trudeau could put a quick end to B.C.'s stunts by calling on Parliament to declare the Trans Mountain pipeline and the products it carries to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, and suspend all provincial and municipal regulatory or statutory hurdles, a power it has under section 92(10)(c) of the Constitution Act. "This is an existential moment for Confederation," Gilborn said. "If Trudeau and the Liberals continue their passive-aggressive approach to Alberta, Saskatchewan and the hundreds of thousands of jobs in the energy sector and allows B.C. to carry on this way, forcing more expensive and time-wasting litigation, then there is no purpose to Confederation."

By Claudia Cattaneo - February 2, 2018 <http://business.financialpost.com/commodities/energy/theres-no-punch-to-trudeaus-pipeline-pledge-he-needs-to-put-the-gloves-on>

DESPITE QUEBEC'S ILL-CONCEIVED ELECTRIC VEHICLE LAWS, THIS JAPANESE CARMAKER IS MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE IN EMISSIONS

It doesn't take a degree in higher math to understand that reducing the fuel consumption of all its vehicles by 30 per cent by 2015 — the goal of its 2008 Sustainable Zoom-Zoom program — would far outweigh the emissions reduction of converting one per cent of its fleet to battery power. by David Booth - February 2, 2018

<http://driving.ca/mazda/auto-news/news/motor-mouth-8>

<https://www.theverge.com/2018/2/1/16950638/mazda-skyactiv-x-engine-internal-combustion>

<https://www.engadget.com/2018/01/30/mazda-skyactiv-3-motor-clean-as-ev-well-to-wheels/>

CANADIANS WANT A KINDER, GENTLER TRUMP. STEP FORWARD ANDREW SCHEER

Scheer would do well to define himself as someone who can do for the Canadian economy what Trump is doing for America's, and the world's. By Lawrence Solomon - February 2, 2018

<http://business.financialpost.com/opinion/lawrence-solomon-canadians-want-a-kinder-gentler-trump-step-forward-andrew-scheer>

DANIELLE SMITH: STILL NO COMMON GROUND ON THE CLIMATE DEBATE

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), was prompted by a recent study about transitioning to a "zero-carbon" economy. By Danielle Smith, Radio Host 770 CHQR - January 31, 2018

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3998827/danielle-smith-still-no-common-ground-on-the-climate-debate/>

Q&A EXCERPT:

- When I asked how much CO2 Canada sequestered, Mertins-Kirkwood didn't know.
- When I asked how much more we could sequester by planting trees, he didn't know either. But if you haven't done those calculations, then how will you know whether we have achieved the net zero goal? You won't.

- It turns out it's the same old message: we need to shift all our heating and transportation to electricity, and then shift all our electricity sources to wind, solar and geothermal. So, I asked, if we did this, how much would it increase our overall electricity need? He hadn't done the calculations.
- How many more solar and wind farms would we need to build and how much land base would it use up? Again no answers

CBC - TOP CRA EXECUTIVES POCKET \$35,000 A YEAR IN PERFORMANCE PAY

CRA executives make significantly more than others, but critics say it's not justified. Conservative MP Pat Kelly questioned the level of performance pay for top executives, particularly given recent attempts to deny some Canadians the disability tax credit and the attempt to tax employee benefits. By Elizabeth Thompson, CBC News - Jan 30, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/taxes-cra-executives-performance-pay-1.4509390>

NDP URGES TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT TO AVOID 'EMBARRASSING' CLIMATE RESEARCH ORDEAL

NDP environment critic Linda Duncan urged the government to restore funding for the seven networks — including a world-renowned Arctic laboratory — before the \$35-million grant program that's keeping their lights on expires at the end of March. "While this Liberal government has made numerous statements in the past assuring Canadians that science-based evidence will be fundamental to this government's policy making, either ending or offering only stop-gap support (for climate change research) would render that pledge meaningless," wrote Duncan in the Jan. 26 letter, reviewed by National Observer. If no federal funding is announced before March, said Duncan, the research stations would shut down shortly after the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) convenes in Edmonton between March 5 and 7. She doubted that members of the international group, established by the United Nations Environment Programme and World Meteorological Organization, would be impressed by Canada's lack of commitment.

By Elizabeth McSheffrey in News, Energy, Politics | January 29th 2018

<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2018/01/29/news/ndp-urges-trudeau-government-avoid-embarrassing-climate-research-ordeal>

'THE LAST FRONTIER': ARCTIC DRILLING BAN BIG BLOW TO NORTHERN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, PREMIER SAYS

The Beaufort Delta region is struggling economically and importing fuel for heating and transportation despite sitting on huge resources, the NWT Premier says. By Claudia Cattaneo - January 29, 2018

<http://business.financialpost.com/commodities/energy/how-can-we-develop-nwt-premier-wants-arctic-drilling-ban-lifted-to-boost-indigenous-communities>

CANADIANS DON'T WANT AN ANTI-ISLAMOPHOBIA DAY: POLL

Forum Research polled 1,408 Canadian voters and found half (49%) disapproved of designating such a day. Almost 40% disapproved strongly. By Liz Braun - January 27, 2018

<http://torontosun.com/news/national/canadians-dont-want-an-anti-islamophobia-day-poll>

FORUM RESEARCH: MAJORITY SAY THEY PAY ATTENTION TO POLITICS BETWEEN ELECTIONS

Almost two-thirds say they don't trust promises made before an election - January 27, 2018

Read more at: <http://poll.forumresearch.com/post/2824/trust-january-2017/>

A 'CLIMATE SKEPTIC' JUST TOOK CHARGE OF EU ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Lawmakers were aghast that a man who once called climate change a fraud and described himself as an opponent of climate science was going to be coordinating the EU's environment policy for the next six months. MEPs demanded he clarify his personal stance. Dimov demurred. He would not say anything about his personal opinion on climate change,

noting only that there is a "political consensus" within the EU on climate change and that he will "keep this consensus alive." However, he said, there is always room for "challenges and doubts." By Dave Keating - January 25, 2018
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/davekeating/2018/01/25/a-climate-skeptic-just-took-charge-of-eu-environment-policy/#b790c501e5ed>

YOU CAN'T SOLVE A PROBLEM THAT CAN'T BE DISCUSSED

People who suggest that aspects of Indigenous culture stand in the way of progress, are called racist. Indigenous advocates do not tolerate dissent, and even the old war horses in the Conservative party, those who should know better, have caved in to this politically correct pressure. By Brian Giesbrecht, Frontier Centre for Public Policy - January 25, 2018
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ARE WE REALLY JEOPARDIZING NAFTA TO PROTECT 13,500 FARMERS?

By Danny LeRoy, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Lethbridge & Jason Clemens, Executive Vice President, Fraser Institute. Appeared in Maclean's, January 22, 2018
<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/article/are-we-really-jeopardizing-nafta-to-protect-13500-farmers>

NOT FAKE, BUT MISLEADING NEWS ON MINIMUM WAGES

At one stage, CBC reporter Nick Purdon, moved by the plight of the three men, reflected on how eight per cent of Canadians live like this. No, they don't. Eight per cent of Canadians may earn the minimum wage (in fact, the StatsCan report I'm going to rely on here says 6.8 per cent, though that was for 2013). But very few are middle-aged men relying on their minimum wage job for their entire income.

By William Watson, Professor of Economics, McGill University - Fraser Forum January 19, 2018
<https://www.fraserinstitute.org/blogs/not-fake-but-misleading-news-on-minimum-wages>

WORST-CASE GLOBAL WARMING SCENARIOS NOT CREDIBLE: STUDY

Earth's surface will almost certainly not warm up four or five degrees Celsius by 2100, according to a study released Wednesday (Jan 17) which, if correct, voids worst-case UN climate change predictions. A revised calculation of how greenhouse gases drive up the planet's temperature reduces the range of possible end-of-century outcomes by more than half, researchers said in the report, published in the journal Nature. "Our study all but rules out very low and very high climate sensitivities," said lead author Peter Cox, a professor at the University of Exeter. PUBLISHED JAN 18, 2018
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