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POSTS FROM CANADA

HOUSE OF COMMONS FIREARMS PETITION E-1608

SCRAP BILL C-71 and devote greater resources to policing in Canada – STARTED MAY 28, 2018

- 76,330 Signatures as of May 11, 2018 11 am MT

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1608>

HOUSE OF COMMONS FIREARMS PETITION E-1605

AIMING LIBERALS AT THE RIGHT TARGET – STARTED MAY 28, 2018

- 1,567 Signatures as of May 12, 2018 9:30 am MT

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1605>

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/03/28/firearms-petition-e-1605-aiming-liberals-right-target/>

INTERVIEW WITH PISTOL CHAMPION ALLAN HARDING

Q&A Excerpt: Do you need a PAL for air pistol? No, it's the easiest way to get started in Olympic shooting disciplines.

THE GUN BLOG - MAY 12, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/05/12/pistol-champion-allan-harding-comments-on-bill-c-71-competition/#more-16491>

- Age 42, lives in Gibsons, B.C., home of the Beachcombers TV show
- Shoots in the 10 m air pistol (.177) and 50 m pistol (.22) events following ISSF and Olympic rules: 1 hand, 1 shot at a time
- Competing to be Canada's first Olympic male pistol shooter since 1992

BILL C-71 IS A RED HERRING: SUBMISSION TO THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY

By Gary A. Mauser, Simon Fraser University (SFU) - Beedie School of Business - 6 Pages Posted: 11 May 2018

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3169575

ABSTRACT: Bill C-71 is founded on faulty assumptions. Assumptions that ignore the real problem of violent gang crime to focus exclusively – and unnecessarily – on law-abiding firearms owners – hunters, sport shooters, and firearms retailers – individuals who do not pose a threat to public safety. The problem is violent crime, not firearms ownership. There are many egregious problems with Bill C-71. In essence, this bill is a red herring, intended to distract the Canadian public from the government's failure to deal with gang violence. By selecting the year 2013 as the base of comparison, the government abuses statistics to argue shootings are increasing. Canada has a gang problem, not a gun problem. Criminal violence is driven by a small number of repeat offenders, not by the many Canadians who legally own firearms. While Canada's legal guns are more likely to be found outside of metropolitan areas, the vast bulk of gang related homicides involving firearms were committed in metropolitan areas in 2016. There is no convincing empirical support for the assumption in Bill C-71 that tightening up restrictions on law-abiding firearms owners (PAL holders) will somehow restrict the flow of guns to violent criminals, and therefore, contribute to reducing gang violence. The claim that criminals get their guns from "domestic sources" is false and misleading. This claim cannot justify additional restrictions on firearms ownership and use by PAL holders. Bill C-71 is unnecessary and does not contribute to public

safety. Canadian gun laws are already enormously complex and constitute a maze for unwary firearms owners. Since 1998, gun crime is predominantly administrative violations not violent crimes.

CANADIAN PUBLIC SAFETY MINISTER SUPPORTS TRANSPARENCY FOR RCMP FIREARM

CLASSIFICATION - While Canadian Shooting Sports Association disagrees with the Minister and the government over the goodness of Bill C-71, we wholeheartedly support his public statement about transparency for all firearm classification decisions made by the RCMP. By CSSA - Posted on May 11, 2018 by Ammoland

<https://www.ammoland.com/2018/05/canadian-public-safety-minister-supports-transparency-for-rcmp-firearm-classification/>

EDITORIAL: GUNS BLAZING

Few people in Atlantic Canada are opposed to responsible gun owners hunting geese, ducks, deer, moose and small game. What they do oppose are weapons like semi-automatic rifles which have no use except to do harm to other people.

Northern Pen - Published: May 11, 2018

<http://www.northernpen.ca/opinion/editorials/editorial-guns-blazing-209310/>

<http://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/editorial-exchange-guns-blazing>

CBC - GUN CONTROL ADVOCATES SCORE 2 WINS AGAINST WEAPONS MAKERS AS STURM RUGER AND REMINGTON TARGETED

Sturm Ruger must produce a report on safety for shareholders, while Remington faces funding crunch. By Pete Evans · CBC News · Posted: May 11, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/gun-control-1.4658463>

HISTORIC WWII PISTOL ONE OF 2,192 GUNS TURNED IN DURING APRIL GUN AMNESTY

Provincial and municipal police also collected 12,716 pieces of ammunition

By Kawartha NOW - Published May 11, 2018

<https://kawarthanow.com/2018/05/11/april-gun-amnesty-results/>

BILL C-71 BREAKS ANOTHER LIBERAL ELECTION PROMISE: NO EVIDENCE CANADA'S GUN CONTROL PROGRAMS ARE WORKING

Canada's Gun Control Regime (C-17 & C-68) Implemented 'Despite the Absence of Precise Data'

More than 20 years of research and 800 Access to Information Act requests. By Dennis R. Young – May 10, 2018

<https://dennisyoung.ca/2018/05/10/bill-c-71-breaks-another-liberal-election-promise/>

A TOTAL OF 1,503 GUNS WERE TURNED IN DURING THE ONTARIO-WIDE GUN AMNESTY PROGRAM, INCLUDING FOUR IN WOODSTOCK

The guns that were turned into the Woodstock Police will be destroyed. The OPP have a number of guns that will be retained for historical, educational and training purposes. By Sentinel-Review Staff Friday, May 11, 2018

<http://www.woodstocksentinelreview.com/2018/05/11/a-total-of-1503-guns-were-turned-in-during-the-ontario-wide-gun-amnesty-program-including-four-in-woodstock>

C-71 is UN-CONSTITUTIONAL

Goodale seems to be attempting to accelerate the confiscation of firearms from law abiding citizens, and to do so without political consequences to the Liberal Party of Canada. Clearly they intend to point to the RCMP and say that any proscriptions or confiscation of property are for the "public safety", but their saying it will not make it true. This is simply more of Alan Rock's desire for a police state and unarmed civilians. Sound familiar?

By Rob Sciuk - Published on May 10, 2018 <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/c-71-un-constitutional-rob-sciuk/>

CBC - MULTIPLE HANDGUNS AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES SEIZED AT AMBASSADOR BRIDGE

CBSA officers arrested and charged a truck driver on May 8 - CBC News · Posted: May 10, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/multiple-handguns-and-semi-automatic-rifles-seized-at-ambassador-bridge-1.4657330>

<http://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/guns-seized-at-ambassador-bridge>

MORE THE 2,100 FIREARMS TURNED OVER TO POLICE IN ONTARIO

With no questions asked, Ontario residents were able to voluntarily surrender unwanted or illegally-owned firearms, weapons, accessories or ammunition. During the month residents called polices' non-emergency number and officers went to their homes to collect the weapons safely. By Steph Crosier, Kingston Whig-Standard - Thursday, May 10, 2018

<http://www.thewhig.com/2018/05/10/more-the-2100-firearms-turned-over-to-police-in-ontario>

QUEBEC MOSQUE GROUP READY TO TAKE UP GOODALE'S OFFER FOR BRIEFING ON ASSAULT RIFLE BAN

- "If he's willing to hear us we can go to a (Parliamentary) committee, we're ready to explain in a clear fashion our opposition to these assault weapons," Boufeldja Benabdallah, president of the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec, said Wednesday. By Tim Naumetz. Published on May 9, 2018

<https://ipolitics.ca/2018/05/09/quebec-mosque-group-ready-to-take-up-goodales-offer-for-briefing-on-assault-rifle-ban/>

RCMP IS SO EAGER TO BAN GUNS IT'S ALREADY ENFORCING BILL C-71

TheGunBlog.ca — Canada's federal police agency is so eager to ban guns that it's ordering owners to register their firearms under a law that doesn't exist. "If you have not done so, the registration must be completed by June 30, 2018, in order for your firearm to be eligible for grandfathering," the RCMP said on its website on May 7 on a new page titled "How does Bill C-71 affect individuals?" But Bill C-71 doesn't affect individuals, businesses or anyone else because it isn't law. It's the draft text of legislation presented by the government in March and currently under review by parliament. It may become law, and it may not. For now it's a draft proposal. THE GUN BLOG - MAY 9, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/05/09/rcmp-is-so-eager-to-ban-guns-its-already-enforcing-bill-c-71/>

JUNIOR CANADIAN RANGERS COMPETE IN NATIONAL MARKSMANSHIP CONTEST

The 10-person Northern Ontario team was made up of five male Junior Rangers from Lac Seul First Nation and five females from Moose Factory. They shot against Junior Rangers from seven provinces and all three northern territories.

Posted 9 May 2018 by Sgt. Peter Moon in Anishinaabe

<http://www.netnewsledger.com/2018/05/09/junior-canadian-rangers-compete-national-marksmanship-contest/>

MONTREAL GAZETTE - ASSAULT WEAPONS SHOULD BE BANNED IN CANADA

It's up to the federal government to act now to prevent next mass shooting, Quebec Islamic Cultural Centre president Boufeldja Benabdallah says. By Boufeldja Benabdallah, Special to Montreal Gazette - Published on: May 8, 2018

<http://montrealgazette.com/opinion/opinion-assault-weapons-should-be-banned-in-canada>

JUNIOR RANGERS COMPETE IN NATIONAL SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP

A total of 63 Junior Rangers competed in the annual event which was held in the Lincoln and Welland Regiment armoury in St.Catharines. They shot with Daisy air rifles on a 10-metre range at a variety of targets, including paper, clay, falling plates, and one contest that employed digital targets. By TYSON WHITNEY - May. 8, 2018

<https://www.northislandgazette.com/community/junior-rangers-compete-in-national-shooting-championship/>

BILL C-71 TALKING POINT TUESDAY – MAY 8

Posted on May 8, 2018 by Christopher di Armani

Read the complete article at: <http://christopherdiarmani.com/12973/politics-2/bill-c71-talking-point-tuesday-8/>

CRIME THAT DOESN'T EXIST

Wasting time in Parliament and taxpayers' money to push forward a new gun registry

By Dave Hanson, President, P.E.I. Provincial Rifle Association - The Guardian - May 8, 2018

<http://www.theguardian.pe.ca/opinion/opinion-crime-that-doesnt-exist-208388/>

CBC - UNDER PRESSURE TO CLAMP DOWN ON SEMI-AUTOMATICS, TRUDEAU DEFERS TO POLICE

Conservative MP Glen Motz said the bill is "embarrassingly lacking" on measures to address gang-related gun violence.

By Jim Bronskill · CBC News · Posted: May 08, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-gun-bill-restrict-1.4654213>

<https://everythinggp.com/article/525555/under-pressure-clamp-down-semi-automatic-rifles-trudeau-defers-police>

<https://www.northbaynippissing.com/news-story/8595815-pm-says-politicians-shouldn-t-classify-guns/>

CSSA COMMENTARY: TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN MAYOR LEADS BY EXAMPLE ON BILL C-71

On April 9, 2018, that light came in the form of a unique motion from Mayor Vern Gortham at a meeting of the Township of Baldwin Council Meeting held in McKerrow, Ontario. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The**

Township of Baldwin send the attached explanatory letter to all Municipalities in Ontario for their support via email as well as by Canada Post to all MPs and Senators that represent our Province of Ontario. We don't need bill C-71 and it should be quashed without further ado. The motion passed unanimously. Letters were sent to all 121 MPs and 24

Senators who represent Ontario the next day. Read the Mayor's letter in the link below.

TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | May 8, 2018 <https://cssa-cila.org/2018/05/team-cssa-e-news-may-8-2018/>

TRUDEAU SAYS POLICE, NOT POLITICIANS, SHOULD DECIDE WHAT RESTRICTIONS TO PLACE ON

SPECIFIC FIREARMS - Trudeau's comments come after a group of people affected by last year's deadly Quebec City mosque shooting – a number of wounded, as well as family members of the six people killed – urged him to outlaw military-style weapons outright. He touted provisions of his government's firearms bill, which once passed would restore the authority of RCMP experts to classify firearms without political influence, repealing cabinet's authority to overrule Mountie determinations. By JIM BRONSKILL, OTTAWA THE CANADIAN PRESS - May 8, 2018

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-trudeau-says-police-not-politicians-should-decide-what-restrictions/>

CACHE OF HANDGUNS AND AMMUNITION SEIZED AT SOUTH SURREY BORDER CROSSING

One man faces 27 weapons and smuggling charges after the Canadian Border Service Agency seized a cache of hidden handguns and ammunition magazines at the Pacific Highway crossing last month. During the search, which was aided by CBSA detector dog Phoenix, a handgun was revealed behind the vehicle's factory panelling. A further examination resulted in the discovery of 18 more handguns and 32 over-capacity magazines hidden behind various panels.

By Scott Brown - May 8, 2018

<http://theprovince.com/news/crime/cache-of-handguns-and-ammunition-seized-at-south-surrey-border>

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/guns-seized-from-professional-gambler-with-kids-in-the-car-documents-1.3921097>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/gun-show-cbsa-unveils-large-weapons-seizure-made-at-pacific-hwy-crossing-1.4653687>

REALITY CHECK: ARE THE LIBERALS BRINGING BACK THE GUN REGISTRY WITH REFORM BILL?

So will this be a new registry or won't it? Technically, no. The term registry implies registration with some kind of an official authority in a position to grant something in exchange, whether it be access, status or a licence. The term record, on the other hand, is defined as "a piece of evidence about the past." Nothing in the new legislation would allow the government to access the records maintained by businesses on gun sales unless a judge can be convinced to issue a warrant. Nothing in the new legislation allows the government to keep a record of its interactions with businesses seeking

to verify the licence of someone who wants to purchase a gun, or bans the destruction of the data held by businesses. Nothing in the new legislation creates a centralized collection of data about the personal information of law-abiding gun owners: all of the information required to be kept by vendors will be kept by only those vendors. The question of whether requiring a business to keep a record amounts to the same thing as an official registry likely boils down largely to ideological point of view. By Amanda Connolly, National Online Journalist, Global News - May 8, 2018
<https://globalnews.ca/news/4194514/liberal-gun-reform-registry-ralph-goodale/>

GOODALE DEFENDS FIREARMS BILL AGAINST CRITICISM IT DOES NOTHING TO ADDRESS GUN CRIME, MASS SHOOTINGS - Conservative MPs in particular argue the Liberals are instead wasting their time imposing new burdens on licensed gun owners. By Brian Platt Brian Platt - Published on: May 8, 2018
<http://nationalpost.com/news/politics/goodale-defends-firearms-bill-against-criticism-it-does-nothing-to-address-gun-crime-mass-shootings>
<http://montrealgazette.com/news/politics/goodale-defends-firearms-bill-against-criticism-it-does-nothing-to-address-gun-crime-mass-shootings/wcm/42c6bdfb-9bfd-4cdc-821a-d767d87abdd0>

GOODALE SAYS HE'D CONSIDER BAN ON ASSAULT RIFLES
Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says he's ready to consider demands from victims of a Quebec gun massacre for a ban on assault weapons in Canada. Goodale's statement Tuesday was in response to requests from families and victims of the mass shooting last year that killed six worshippers in a Quebec City mosque.
By Tim Naumetz. Published on May 8, 2018
<https://ipolitics.ca/2018/05/08/goodale-says-hed-consider-ban-on-assault-rifles/>

SINCE APRIL 2017, JUST 243 OUT OF 26,250 ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM CANADA - Over 99% of illegal border crossers have been able to stay in the country – another example of how the Trudeau government is letting our border get treated like a joke. By SPENCER FERNANDO - MAY 7, 2018
<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2018/05/07/failure-since-april-2017-just-243-out-of-26250-illegal-border-crossers-have-been-removed-from-canada/>

CBC - REGINA GUN AMNESTY NETS 101 UNWANTED FIREARMS, BRINGS PROVINCIAL TOTAL TO 369 - The 29-day program, which ran from March 29 to April 27, allowed people to surrender firearms without facing repercussions. Regina's deputy chief Dean Rae said a few of the guns had been kept so long they were actually antiques. "There's an opportunity for us to turn those into a museum, but everything else will be disposed of," he said.
CBC News · Posted: May 07, 2018 <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/regina-gun-amnesty-1.4651940>
<https://globalnews.ca/news/4192749/hundreds-of-guns-returned-in-first-provincial-gun-amnesty/>

REGINA - FIREARMS AMNESTY NETS ALTERED GUNS, WORLD WAR-ERA RIFLES
A province-wide firearms amnesty program brought in 369 weapons this spring, as well as several thousand rounds of ammunition. By Arthur White-Crummey, Regina Leader-Post - May 7, 2018
<http://leaderpost.com/news/crime/firearms-amnesty-nets-altered-guns-world-war-era-rifles>

NINE RESTRICTED HANDGUNS AMONG DOZENS OF FIREARMS TURNED OVER TO POLICE
Among the items receive under the amnesty: • 37 Non-restricted firearms • 9 restricted firearms (handguns) • 1 replica firearm • 1 pellet gun • Several hundred rounds of ammunition By Stu Campaigne - TUESDAY, MAY. 8TH, 2018
<https://www.mynorthbaynow.com/29779/nine-restricted-handguns-among-dozens-of-firearms-turned-over-to-police/>

WHY DON'T INSURANCE COMPANIES ASK ABOUT YOUR GUNS?

OWNING A GUN, HUNTING, AND SPORT SHOOTING STILL NOT ON THE LIST OF 'RATED ACTIVITIES' BY INSURANCE COMPANIES. Updated Research by Dennis R. Young – May 7, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/05/07/dont-insurance-companies-ask-guns/>

WOUNDED QUEBEC CITY MOSQUE WORSHIPPERS URGE TRUDEAU TO BAN ASSAULT WEAPONS

In a letter Monday to Trudeau, more than 75 people express dismay that the Liberal government's firearms bill does not ban assault rifles like the one carried by mosque shooter Alexandre Bissonnette.

By Jim Bronskill, The Canadian Press - May 7, 2018

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4191932/wounded-quebec-city-mosque-worshippers-urge-trudeau-to-ban-assault-weapons/>

TRUDEAU'S ELECTION REFORM BILL IS ATTEMPT TO RIG THE SYSTEM AGAINST

CONSERVATIVES - Not only does the bill leave open some loopholes that could be used by foreign organizations to give money to groups in Canada attempting to sway the election and increase the amount that so-called 'third-party' groups can advertise, the bill cuts the amount that parties can spend during the campaign, something that will hurt the Conservatives the most. By SPENCER FERNANDO - MAY 7, 2018

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2018/05/07/trudeaus-election-reform-bill-is-attempt-to-rig-the-system-against-conservatives/>

I FISH. I HUNT. I VOTE!

CSIA: ELEVATING RECREATIONAL FISHING TO A NATIONAL PRIORITY - 8 MILLION REASONS

A Vision for a Federal Course Correction <http://www.keepcanadafishing.com/>

Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association <http://www.csia.ca/>

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/05/07/fish-hunt-vote/>

NIAGARA FALLS POLICE STAND BEHIND GUN BUYBACK PROGRAMS

"I think it gives people a safe opportunity to get rid of unwanted firearms," DalPorto said. "Many of these people don't want these guns to fall into the wrong hands. Falls Police Capt. Thomas Licata, the department's senior firearms instructor, believes that is a legitimate concern. By Rick Pfeiffer rick.pfeiffer@niagara-gazette.com - May 6, 2018

http://www.niagara-gazette.com/news/local_news/falls-police-stand-behind-gun-buyback-programs/article_799d4d91-1a43-5803-b05b-c67464fcc7d0.html

ALBERTA UNITED CONSERVATIVES LOOKING FOR BLOOD

Jason Kenney says the NDP are "a fiscal train wreck" with "reckless policies" inspired by failed socialism and resenting success. Kenney is also off to Ottawa Monday to tell federal politicians his Job No. 1 is to scrap that carbon tax. In a brief moment of looking in the mirror on this night of much merriment, Kenney admits the PCs were arrogant and the Wildrose undisciplined. "If I've ruffled some feathers by saying that, good." With the feathers the man ruffles in this happy room, you couldn't make one bird By Rick Bell - May 6, 2018 <http://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/bell-partying-united-conservatives-looking-for-blood/wcm/059fd096-01bc-4bd1-9c29-092e23824fac>

NATIONAL POST - MORE THAN 30 MISHAPS FROM ARMED ADULTS AT SCHOOLS

The "good guys with guns" the National Rifle Association says are needed to protect students from shooters: Yet in a span of 48 hours in March, the three were responsible for gun safety lapses that put students in danger.

The Associated Press - Ryan J. Foley And Larry Fenn - May 5, 2018

<http://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/ap-numerous-mishaps-traced-to-adults-who-had-guns-in-school>

CBC - CREE, INUIT GROUPS CALL TO ELIMINATE LEAD FROM AMMUNITION, FISHING TACKLE

The group wrote an open letter to Environment Minister Catherine McKenna, urging action, saying voluntary approaches have "proven ineffective" and the lead making it into the environment from these sources is "causing serious harm" in hunting and fishing communities that rely on subsistence hunting. This poses a particular threat to Indigenous communities and Indigenous children, it said. Over 80 individuals and organizations, including the Canadian Environmental Law Association and the David Suzuki Foundation, also signed the letter.

By Susan Bell · CBC News · Posted: May 01, 2018

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/cree-collective-eliminate-lead-ammunition-1.4642380>

FIVE YEARS LATER, SUN MEDIA'S QUESTIONS TO NATIONAL DEFENCE (DND) ABOUT SOLDIER'S INVOLVEMENT IN HIGH RIVER FIREARMS SEIZURES REMAIN UNANSWERED

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On June 21, 2013, the Minister of National Defence and the Chief of Defence Staff gave direct orders to the Canadian Armed Forces personnel deployed in Alberta for flood assistance "NOT TO ENGAGE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES." The soldiers deployed in High River disobeyed these direct orders and helped the RCMP to kick in doors, search homes and seize firearms. The Department of National Defence denied this at the time, failed to answer the questions asked by Sun Media, failed to provide the full story to Parliament in response to written questions by MP John Barlow and only after years of filing Access to Information Act requests have they admitted the truth. Unfortunately, no commanders have been held accountable for the soldier's actions and no disciplinary action has been disclosed to date. The soldiers' aiding and abetting of the RCMP was never mentioned in the investigative report of the High River Gun Grab completed by the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP. The most recent information disclosed by the Department of National Defence is provided below. By Dennis R. Young, May 4, 2018 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/05/04/sun-medias-questions-dnd-high-river-firearms-seizures-remain-unanswered/>

RUGER CHARGER HANDGUNS REGISTERED IN EACH PROVINCE & TERRITORY BY FRT #

RCMP Response to Access to Information Act request dated April 25, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/05/06/number-ruger-charger-handguns-province/>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

U.K. DON'T BLAME VIOLENT CRIME ON GANGS ALONE – BLAME IT ON THE INEQUALITY THAT MADE THEM - We do not yet know what motivated the killers this year, but through court trials resulting from the murders of 27 teenagers in the capital in 2017 – the year that these killings started to rise – we can gain insight into what triggered these crimes. Young people are killing each other because of a complex combination of factors rooted in inequality, austerity and prejudice. What these cases reveal is not a succession of the kind of lethal disputes over drug turf that have plagued America since the 1980s, but instead lives lost to petty social media squabbles, tit-for-tat revenge attacks and small-world rivalries. By Max Daly - Friday May 11, 2018

<https://inews.co.uk/news/uk/violent-crime-gangs-inequality/>

AUSTRALIA IS OFTEN HELD AS A MODEL FOR GUN CONTROL. THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT IMMUNE TO MASS SHOOTINGS. A family of seven was found dead on Friday after Australia's deadliest mass shooting since 1996. By German Lopez - Updated May 11, 2018

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/5/11/17345214/australia-mass-shooting-margaret-river-osmington>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-australia-killings/australian-police-find-seven-dead-in-rural-town-guns-seized-idUSKBN1IC08S>

THE STEPS YOU NEED TO TAKE TO OWN A FIREARM IN HAWAII

If you want to buy a gun in Hawaii, you must be at least 21 years old, and you need a permit. To get a rifle like an AR, AK, shotgun, or hunting rifle -- or any type of long gun -- you need a permit, which is renewable once a year, and you can purchase as many rifles as you want during that time period. But after you buy the rifle, you need to register the firearm with the police department in your county. For handguns like pistols or revolvers, the process is different, and much more time-consuming. Each individual handgun requires a separate permit in order to buy it. So you'd go to the gun store, pick the firearm you want to buy, get the serial number, go to the police station, and apply for a permit. The bottom line is that Hawaii has very strict laws when it comes to firearms ownership, and one of the lowest gun death rates in the nation, despite a very high number of registered firearms in the state. HONOLULU (KHON2 News - May 11, 2018 <http://www.khon2.com/news/local-news/the-steps-you-need-to-take-to-own-a-firearm-in-hawaii/1174721912>)

SCHOOL RIFLE TEAM BAN PROVES 'GUN SAFETY LAWS' CLAIMS ARE LIES

proposal in New York's legislature would outlaw all high school shooting sports programs in the state — including air rifle teams and archery clubs — on the premise that they feed into a gun and shooting culture that could lead to violence,” the Associated Press reported Thursday. So much for gun-grabber claims that what they’re attempting to pass “commonsense gun safety laws.” by David Codrea - Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 10, 2018 <https://www.ammoland.com/2018/05/school-rifle-team-ban-proves-gun-safety-laws-claims-are-lies/>

NEW YORK BILL TARGETS SCHOOL RIFLERY TEAMS, CITING 'GUN CULTURE'

A proposal in New York's legislature would outlaw all high school shooting sports programs in the state — including air rifle teams and archery clubs — on the premise that they feed into a gun and shooting culture that could lead to violence. By MARY ESCH Associated Press May 10, 2018 http://www.hastingstribune.com/bill-targets-school-riflery-teams-citing-gun-culture/article_3f8b534e-63c7-591e-8051-7a9aab73c614.html

MULTIPLE GUN MANUFACTURERS SEVER TIES WITH SPORTING GOODS CHAIN

Mossberg, Hi-Point, Springfield Armory, National Shooting Sports Foundation

by Beth Baumann |Posted: May 09, 2018 <https://townhall.com/notebook/bethbaumann/2018/05/09/multiple-gun-manufacturers-sever-ties-with-sporting-goods-chain-n2479170>

HANDGUN HUNTING WITH THE SUPER MAGNUMS

The Super Magnum handguns include a group of handguns designed to shoot popular handgun calibers, often with heavier bullets at higher velocities and generating 1,000 to almost 2,000 foot pounds of energy. Generally these handguns have been completely redesigned and are stronger and heavier in order to withstand the increased pressures they develop. Included in this group of handguns are the .357 Magnum, .44 Remington Magnum, .41 Magnum, .45 Winchester Magnum, .454 Casull, .460 Smith and Wesson Magnum, .475 Linebaugh, .480 Ruger, 50 Action Express, .500 Linebaugh, and 500 Smith and Wesson Magnum. By Smokey Merkley, Outdoors Commentary - May 8, 2018 https://idahostatejournal.com/outdoors/xtreme_idaho/handgun-hunting-with-the-super-magnums/article_63a23d8d-5682-5db5-8e54-5b78fdfb2c99.html

HUFFINGTON POST - AMID NATIONWIDE CALLS FOR GUN CONTROL, A DEFIANT NRA READIES ITS BASE FOR BATTLE - John Lott, the National Rifle Association’s favorite academic and gun researcher, had a question for the mostly older, white, male crowd seated in front of him. How many of them had heard someone say that federal gun research has been stymied for years because of Congress? Or that the U.S. has a uniquely high rate of gun

homicide compared to other nations? Or that guns make suicide easier? All those claims were lies, he said, told by gun control advocates and repeated by an unquestioning media intent on pushing an anti-gun agenda. Over the weekend the NRA held its 147th annual convention, and Lott, whose highly discredited book *More Guns, Less Crime*, is considered the bible of the gun lobby, addressed a packed room inside the Kay Hutchison Convention Center here in downtown Dallas. By Melissa Jeltsen - May 7, 2018 https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/nra-convention-dallas-gun-rights_us_5af06108e4b0ab5c3d67cce9

ILLINOIS - RURAL COUNTIES DECLARING THEMSELVES GUN RIGHTS 'SANCTUARIES'

Multiple rural Illinois counties have passed resolutions establishing so-called "sanctuaries" for gun owners in a bid to thwart the state legislature's efforts to enact stricter gun control. At least five counties declared themselves sanctuary counties for gun rights, co-opting a word that most conservatives associate with the liberal policy of ignoring federal immigration laws. By Lukas Mikelionis, Fox News May 7, 2018 <https://nypost.com/2018/05/07/rural-counties-declaring-themselves-gun-rights-sanctuaries/>

HOW TO HAVE 'THE TALK' WITH AGING PARENTS ABOUT THEIR GUNS

When a loved one starts suffering from dementia, taking away the car keys isn't the only tough conversation many families need to face - they also need to talk about removing any guns from the home, some doctors argue. By Lisa Rapaport - May 7, 2018 (Reuters Health) <https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-health-dementia-firearms/how-to-have-the-talk-with-aging-parents-about-their-guns-idUKKBN1I82FN>

GUN RIGHTS GROUPS WOULD DO WELL TO LEGALLY CHAMPION BLACK GUN OWNER

"A pregnant black woman is in prison for defending herself. Mainstream gun groups are silent," Vox reported Friday. "She had a concealed carry permit. The gun wasn't even loaded. Now she's facing two years in prison." by David Codrea - Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 7, 2018 <https://www.ammoland.com/2018/05/gun-groups-would-do-well-to-legally-champion-black-gun-owner/>

INSURANCE COMPANY FINED FOR NRA INSURANCE PROGRAM

Chubb and one of its units have agreed to pay a fine for their involvement in a National Rifle Association (NRA) insurance program. The insurer had to pay a US\$1.3 million (about CA\$1.7 million) settlement to the New York State Department of Financial Services (NYDFS) for participating in NRA's "Carry Guard" program. **The settlement follows an investigation by NYDFS, which found that the NRA's insurance program "unlawfully provided liability insurance to gun owners for acts of intentional wrongdoing."** The regulator also said the insurance – underwritten by Chubb unit **Illinois Union Insurance Company – "improperly provided" legal services for policyholders facing criminal charges for using their firearms in self-defence.** by Lyle Adriano 08 May 2018 <https://www.insurancebusinessmag.com/ca/news/breaking-news/first-lockton-now-chubb-gets-fine-for-nra-cover-99979.aspx>

DRUG GANGS SPREAD KNIFE CRIME EPIDEMIC TO SHIRES

City drug gangs bring bloodshed to counties. Sunday Times analysis of the most recent Home Office figures show that knife crime in Hertfordshire, Warwickshire, Cambridgeshire, Hampshire, Essex and Norfolk has almost doubled in three years. Official statistics suggest people are now more likely to be a victim of a knife attack in Bedfordshire than in Greater Manchester or Merseyside. By David Collins and Iram Ramzan - May 6 2018 The Sunday Times <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/county-lines-drug-gangs-spread-knife-crime-epidemic-to-shires-3zg2v9t1j>

EDITORIAL: JAMAICA'S GUN VIOLENCE CRISIS

Recall that Jamaica was one of the first countries to establish a Gun Court in 1974, designed to have swift trials and dispense harsh punishment. This was triggered by a rash of killings of prominent Jamaican businessmen and professionals. Prime Minister Michael Manley predicted then: "It will be a long war. No country can win a war against crime overnight, but we shall win. By the time we are finished with them, Jamaican gunmen will be sorry they ever heard of a thing called a gun." Mr Manley could not have predicted that 43 years later, gun-related murders would have reached unprecedented levels of 1,600-plus, as in 2017, or that the engine-red painted Gun Court would have lost its effectiveness as a deterrent to criminals Saturday - May 5, 2018

<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/commentary/20180505/editorial-jamaicas-gun-violence-crisis>

GUN LAWS IN JAMAICA

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gun_laws_in_Jamaica

Gun laws in Jamaica began to be tightened in the early 1970s, when Jamaica experienced a rise in violence associated with criminal gangs and political polarization between supporters of the People's National Party and the Jamaica Labour Party.[1] After a rash of killings of lawyers and businessmen in 1974,[2] the government of Michael Manley attempted to restore order by granting broad new law enforcement powers in the Suppression of Crime Act and the Gun Court Act. The Suppression of Crime Act allowed the police and the military to work together in a novel way to disarm the people: both soldiers could seal off entire neighbourhoods and policemen could systematically search the houses inside for weapons without a warrant.[3] The goal was to expedite and improve enforcement of the 1967 Firearms Act,[4] which imposed licensing requirements on ownership and possession of guns and ammunition,[5] and prohibited automatic weapons entirely.[6] Firearm licences in Jamaica require a background check, inspection and payment of a yearly fee, and can make legal gun ownership difficult for ordinary citizens.[7][8] The new judicial procedures of the Gun Court Act were designed to ensure that firearms violations would be tried quickly and harshly punished.[3]

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TORONTO SUN - EVEN MORE CONTROVERSIAL ISLAMIC JOB GRANTS RECIPIENTS EMERGE

Five more controversial Islamic organizations with a history of anti-gay slurs and ties to terrorism have been approved to receive the Trudeau government's Canada Summer Jobs Grant, the Sun has learned. Our taxpayer dollars should not be handed out without thorough vetting of who a recipient is and what they promote. By Candice Malcolm - May 7, 2018

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WASH. TIMES - CLIMATE SKEPTICS MORE ECO-FRIENDLY THAN GLOBAL-WARMING ALARMISTS: STUDY - Skeptics more likely to recycle, ride bus than those 'highly concerned' about climate. A study by Cornell and the University of Michigan researchers found that those "highly concerned" about climate change were less likely to engage in recycling and other eco-friendly behaviors than global-warming skeptics. Published in the April edition of the Journal of Environmental Psychology, the one-year study broke 600 participants into three groups based on their level of concern about climate change: "highly concerned," "cautiously worried," and "skeptical." The "highly concerned" cluster was "most supportive of government climate policies, but least likely to report individual-level actions, whereas the 'Skeptical' opposed policy solutions but were most likely to report engaging in individual-level pro-environmental behaviors," the researchers concluded. By Valerie Richardson - The Washington Times - Monday, May 7, 2018
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'LITTLE TO NO RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES AMONG WOMEN': CONSERVATIVE FEMINIST CRITICIZES LIBERALS GENDER RIGHTS - (The Liberals) are turning gender issues into this sort of wedge issue or identity-politics issue, which pits women who maybe hold a certain set of beliefs ... against what the government sees. Finance Minister Bill Morneau at the House of Commons Finance Committee: "We will drag along the neanderthals who don't agree with that, and that will be our continuing approach."
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ARE WE REALLY ALL ON TREATY LAND?

The phrase 'you are now on treaty land' is part of a slick marketing campaign with clear financial goals. By Brian Giesbrecht, Frontier Centre for Public Policy on May 6, 2018
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GOUGING THE MIDDLE CLASS MUST END, OR THE BRAIN DRAIN TO THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE UNABATED - This is nation-busting stuff, the kind of disincentive that underlies Canada's brain drain of doctors, nurses, tech workers, and entrepreneurs to the U.S. Worse yet, Ottawa's budget watchdog in its latest economic and fiscal outlook in April said the government lowballed deficits in February. Deficits will be \$4 billion higher for the next two years, meaning that taxpayers were misled by 20 per cent or the Liberals don't know how to count. Another \$8 billion is not a rounding error and is all the more unacceptable after the huge tax hikes imposed on the country's higher income earners who, frankly, support the system. By Diane Francis - May 4, 2018 <http://business.financialpost.com/diane-francis/gouging-the-middle-class-must-end-or-the-brain-drain-to-the-u-s-will-continue-unabated>

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Part 14 of John Robson's documentary comparing climate change alarmism with widely accepted facts about the past state and present condition of the Earth. By John Robson, Video, Frontier Centre for Public Policy - May 3, 2018
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