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## THE PAST WEEK'S POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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### POSTS FROM CANADA

#### EDITORIAL FROM 1921 GUN MAGAZINE SHOWS SAME CHALLENGES AS TODAY

TheGunBlog.ca — The more things change, the more they stay the same. The editorial in the March 1921 edition of Rod and Gun in Canada shows gun owners face the same challenges today as a century ago. Dennis Young, a leading advocate for gun owners, published a PDF of the editorial on his website yesterday. Read the full text below.

THE GUN BLOG - AUGUST 25, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/08/25/editorial-from-1921-gun-magazine-shows-same-challenges-as-today/>

#### STILL WAITING FOR PCO TO RELEASE BILL C-68 CABINET SECRETS

WHAT'S THE HOLD-UP? PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE HAS HAD MORE THAN A YEAR TO PROVIDE BILL C-68 CABINET DOCUMENTS - By Dennis R. Young – August 24, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/08/24/still-waiting-pco-release-bill-c-68-cabinet-secrets/>

#### WHEN CAN YOU SHOOT SOMEONE TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY?

UCP rural crime plan says rural landowners want 'clarity' on that question By JONNY WAKEFIELD - August 24, 2018

<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/crime/when-can-you-shoot-someone-to-protect-your-property-ucp-rural-crime-plan-says-rural-landowners-want-clarity-on-that-question>

#### TORONTO POLICE UNION PRESIDENT: 'A GUN BAN IS NOT THE SOLUTION'

Michael McCormack, the president of the Toronto Police Association, is at least the fourth senior active or retired Canadian police leader this month to oppose or question demands by politicians and media to take away the lawful property of honest men and women. Toronto has Canada's largest municipal police force.

THE GUN BLOG - AUGUST 24, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/08/24/toronto-police-union-president-a-gun-ban-is-not-the-solution/>

#### BERNIER'S NEW PARTY WOULD FACE 'UPHILL BATTLE' PRYING FIREARM VOTERS FROM TORIES

Bernier scored top marks from the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights during the leadership race, drawing the only A+ from the firearm group. Rod Giltaca, president of the fledgling coalition that has grown to one of the most influential lobbies on firearm law, says his outfit is staying out of the Tory feud that could break out over the next year. Tony Bernardo, executive director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association, was also at the convention and agreed that Bernier's pickings would be slim. By Tim Naumetz. Published on Aug 24, 2018

<https://ipolitics.ca/2018/08/24/berniers-new-party-would-face-uphill-battle-prying-firearm-voters-from-tories/>

#### MASS SHOOTINGS RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY IN CANADA

The public requires decisive action on the part of the authorities to bring back the sense of safety. The tenacity and persistence that brings change to the society are necessary to help them to move on.

24 Aug, 2018 - The Organization for World Peace by Helen Jingshu Yao, An international student in Canada, interested in the topics concerning humanity, feminism, and equal access to education for all.

<http://theowp.org/mass-shootings-raise-concerns-about-public-safety-in-canada/>

## **TORONTO STAR - GUN LOBBY TAKES AIM AT CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION IN HALIFAX**

Rod Giltaca, CEO of the Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights (CCFR), said he was “shut down” and “refused dialogue” when he recently testified about gun regulations before a Liberal government committee. So he figured he might have better luck with the Official Opposition. Giltaca says they’re different from other gun lobbyists in Canada because they don’t oppose gun licensing entirely. By TARYN GRANT, StarMetro Halifax - Thu., Aug. 23, 2018  
<https://www.thestar.com/halifax/2018/08/23/gun-lobby-takes-aim-at-conservative-convention-in-halifax.html>

## **THE HILL TIMES - CANADA MUST CRIMINALIZE ALL GUN POSSESSION**

**To get rid of gun violence, we need to address its primary cause: the availability of guns.**

By VAHAN KOLOLIAN - AUG. 23, 2018 - Vahan Kololian is the chairman and co-founder of the Mosaic Institute. It’s a national “think and do tank” based in Toronto, committed to reducing social divisions and preventing conflict. This piece was written with the help of Siddhartha Sengupta, Akshay Sharma, and Wendy Sung-Aad. A long-form report on this subject is available at <https://mosaicinstitute.ca/gunpolicypaper/>  
<https://www.hilltimes.com/2018/08/23/canada-must-criminalize-gun-possession/155204>  
<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20180823/canada-new-policy-paper-recommends-criminalizing-all-gun-possession>

## **ROD AND GUN IN CANADA EDITORIAL - MARCH 1921**

Excerpt: “The amendments to the criminal code, which call for a permit to own firearms other than shotguns, owned prior to October 16, 1920, are causing untold inconvenience throughout the Dominion owing to their prohibitive nature. Although it is generally understood that the law was changed owing to fear of general conditions of unrest and that the sportsman was not to be molested, this has not been the case.”

NOTE: Thanks to Christian Inkster who found this Editorial at the family farmstead.

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/08/24/rod-gun-canada-editorial-march-1921/>

## **NEW POLICY PAPER BY THE MOSAIC INSTITUTE RECOMMENDS CRIMINALIZING ALL GUN POSSESSION - TORONTO, Aug. 23, 2018 /CNW/ - Today, the Mosaic Institute released its policy paper, Let's**

Eradicate Gun Violence by Criminalizing All Gun Possession. The piece outlines the Institute's position and recommendation on gun possession across Canada - stating that in order to address the primary cause of gun violence (i.e. possession), the country must take a strong stance and federally criminalize possession of all firearms.

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/new-policy-paper-by-the-mosaic-institute-recommends-criminalizing-all-gun-possession-691529781.html>

## **CBC - 'STRAW PURCHASER' JAILED FOR GUN TRAFFICKING — BUT MOST OF HER WEAPONS**

**REMAIN MISSING** - Christina May Stover sentenced to 3½ years for 'one of most serious crimes one can commit'

By Jason Proctor · CBC News · Posted: Aug 22, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/guns-firearms-straw-purchaser-1.4793574>

## **GUN BAN SUPPORT TRIGGERS DEFECTION FROM SURREY ELECTION SLATE**

But fellow Surrey councillor Dave Woods, a former RCMP officer, said that position was made without consulting him — one reason that Woods is pulling out of Surrey First. “The problem is gangs, not guns,” said Woods, adding, “I’ve lost confidence in Gill as a potential leader and I would not be voting for him as mayor.”

By Jon Woodward, Reporter, CTV Vancouver - Wednesday, August 22, 2018

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/gun-ban-support-triggers-defection-from-surrey-election-slate-1.4064447>

### **TOXIC TRUTH: HOW MISINFORMATION IS LEADING THE CHARGE TO BAN LEAD TACKLE**

The federal government claims that 460 tonnes of lead sinkers are lost every year. The quantum leap of logic here assumes every lead sinker bought by anglers is lost that same season and eaten by an unsuspecting loon. This tonnage figure also includes five- to ten-pound downrigger balls used for deep sea trolling. Just how big are these loons? By Phil Morlock, Chair of the Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association Government Affairs Committee.

OUTDOOR CANADA HUNTING SPECIAL 2018 – Page 26 [www.outdoorcanada.ca](http://www.outdoorcanada.ca)  
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/08/23/toxic-truth-misinformation-leading-charge-ban-lead-tackle/>

### **GOODALE SAYS HANDGUN BAN STUDY IS ‘UNDER WAY,’ GLOBE REPORTS**

The newspaper’s Ottawa bureau chief reported July 26, citing an unnamed senior official from an unnamed organization, that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau would decide in mid-August whether to ban handguns from men and women with a firearm Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL), possibly by including the measure in Bill C-71. Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale said a ban would be examined for effectiveness and fairness, according to the Globe. “That examination is under way,” Goodale told reporters yesterday, the Globe and Mail said. “I don’t have a specific timeline other than to say I understand the urgency of the matter and that the people who are making these representations want to see a serious consideration of this idea in a timely way.” THE GUN BLOG - AUGUST 22, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/08/22/goodale-says-handgun-ban-study-is-under-way-globe-reports/>

### **OTTAWA SAYS IT WON’T MOVE ON HANDGUN BAN AHEAD OF FEDERAL CABINET RETREAT IN**

**B.C.** - In an interview Tuesday, Organized Crime Reduction Minister Bill Blair ruled out the possibility of a decision in Nanaimo, but said the cabinet will be talking about gun policy during their two days of meetings. “I think this is a longer-term, more complex discussion,” the former Toronto police chief said.

By IAN BAILEY, NANAIMO, B.C. - August 22, 2018 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/british-columbia/article-ottawa-says-it-wont-move-on-handgun-ban-ahead-of-federal-cabinet/>

### **'THEIR ENTIRE PURPOSE IS TO KILL': VANCOUVER CANDIDATES SUPPORT HANDGUN BAN**

Independent mayoral candidate Shauna Sylvester told CTV News a surge in gun-related violence in Metro Vancouver has her firmly believing that assault rifles and handguns have no place on city streets. “Handguns and assault rifles do not belong in our city. Their entire purpose is to kill. Why would any person living in the city need to have them?”

By Jon Woodward, Reporter, CTV Vancouver, @CTV\_Jon - Published Tuesday, August 21, 2018  
<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/their-entire-purpose-is-to-kill-vancouver-candidates-support-handgun-ban-1.4062827>

### **GUNTER: HANDGUN BANS ARE ALL ABOUT DRAMATIC, SHOWY ACTION**

No matter how high-minded progressives such as Toronto Mayor John Tory believe they are, their ban proposal will achieve nothing except seizing property from law-abiding Canadians who are no threat to anyone.

By Lorne Gunter - August 21, 2018  
<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-handgun-bans-are-all-about-dramatic-showy-action>

### **POLITICS BRIEFING: GUN CONTROL TO BE TOPIC OF DEBATE AT LIBERAL CABINET RETREAT**

Last month, The Globe and Mail reported that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was seriously considering Toronto’s call for a handgun ban and had asked advisers to report back on the issue in time for this week’s cabinet meetings.

By CHRIS HANNAY AND JAMES KELLER - August 21, 2018  
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-politics-briefing-gun-control-to-be-topic-of-debate-at-liberal/>

## **THE SCARY PART ISN'T A GUN BAN, IT'S THAT OUR LEADERS WANT ONE**

TheGunBlog.ca — The scary thing about living in Canada today isn't only the threat of gun confiscation, it's that our leaders want it so badly and nobody is standing in the way. And the only whisper of concern from the official opposition party in parliament was a press release that opened with, "We will wait to see the details of any handgun ban." The government is already confiscating more than half a million firearms as their owners die (under the Firearms Act of 1995) and has a bill in parliament to confiscate even more guns after their owners die (Bill C-71).

THE GUN BLOG - AUGUST 21, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/08/21/the-scary-part-isnt-a-gun-ban-its-that-our-leaders-want-one/>

## **READER SAYS GUNS ONLY SERVE ONE PURPOSE: KILLING**

And that old trope about banning knives too is just ridiculous. Knives are used for many things other than killing. They are hardly the same thing. He uses the ridiculous notion that guns don't kill ("ban a piece of steel.") Whether for sport or food with hunting, taking down enemies in war, defending your property or committing crime, guns are for killing.

By Larry Lootsteen, Kitchener Post - August 21, 2018

<https://www.waterloochronicle.ca/opinion-story/8851538-reader-says-guns-only-serve-one-purpose-killing/>

## **MONTREAL CALLS FOR NATIONAL HANDGUN BAN**

Montreal city council unanimously adopted a motion calling for a nationwide ban on handguns and military-style assault weapons amid a growing debate about gun violence and further restrictions on firearms. The move, which follows a similar motion by Toronto, unites Canada's two largest cities in pressuring the federal government on its proposed gun-control legislation, Bill C-71. Montreal's motion goes further than Toronto's, which called only for a handgun ban within the city. By INGRID PERITZ, MONTREAL - PUBLISHED AUGUST 20, 2018

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-montreal-calls-for-national-handgun-ban/>

## **SEIZURE OF GUNS MADE OF CANES, BROOMSTICKS, BICYCLES ON THE RISE, SAY WINNIPEG**

**POLICE** - Winnipeg police Const. Jay Murray said while he did not have exact numbers, officers are seeing more and more instances of improvised weapons being used in robberies and assaults. Murray says criminals are using all manner of items to build homemade weapons. "I think anything that they can get their hands on that has the shape of a tube can be used to create one of these firearms." By Sharon Pfeifer, Online Producer Global News - August 20, 2018

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4394027/guns-improvised-weapons-increasing-winnipeg/>

**CBC - 'WE'RE SEEING A SPIKE IN VIOLENCE ACROSS OUR COUNTRY': VANCOUVER POLICE CHIEF ON GUN VIOLENCE** - Canadian Association of Police Chiefs creates committee to study gun violence. Canada actually has very strict gun laws. There are lots of law-abiding citizens out there who do possess guns for very legitimate purposes. When you look at the steps you have to go through to possess a firearm in Canada, it's actually quite rigorous. Once you do get a license, the actual purchasing, the transportation, the storage ... all of that has very strict laws in Canada. Having said that, the government is proposing Bill C-71 which is meant to enhance the existing gun laws we have and the Canadian Association of Police Chiefs does support that. CBC News · Posted: Aug 20, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/we-re-seeing-a-spike-in-violence-across-our-country-vancouver-police-chief-on-gun-violence-1.4790554>

## **CANADIANS NEED THE TRUTH ABOUT TORONTO'S DANFORTH AVENUE TERRORIST ATTACK**

The silence from police officials on this specific issue has been deafening. by Scott Newark - August 20, 2018

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2018/08/20/canadians-need-the-truth-about-torontos-danforth-avenue-terrorist-attack/>

### **SOVIET-ERA HANDGUN AT CENTRE OF COULTON BOUSHIE'S DEATH A POPULAR PISTOL**

A total of 25,358 restricted and prohibited handguns of various makes were registered in Saskatchewan up to February, 2017, the RCMP registry of restricted and prohibited firearms shows. The Tokarev T33, despite its vintage and design as a combat gun, has been registered by individuals across the country. A total of 16,872 Tokarevs were registered in Canada up to February, 2017, the registry reveals. By Tim Naumetz. Published on Aug 20, 2018

<https://ipolitics.ca/2018/08/20/soviet-era-handgun-at-centre-of-coulton-boushies-death-a-popular-pistol/>

### **TORONTO 'CRIME GUNS' TRACED TO CANADA FELL TO NEW LOW IN 2017**

Only 20 percent of firearms, airguns, toy guns or replicas seized by the Toronto Police Service and deemed "crime guns" were traced to Canada in 2017, the least since at least 2014, according to calculations by TheGunBlog.ca based on police statistics. The earliest year available was 2014. The data were sent by e-mail today by Meaghan Gray, a spokeswoman for the police, in response to questions from TheGunBlog.ca. The figures were first reported last night by the Toronto Sun.

THE GUN BLOG - AUGUST 19, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/08/19/toronto-crime-guns-traced-to-canada-fell-to-new-low-in-2017/#more-18567>

### **THREE TOP COPS DON'T SUPPORT BANNING GUNS FROM LAWFUL OWNERS**

THE GUN BLOG - AUGUST 19, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/08/19/three-top-cops-dont-support-banning-guns-from-lawful-owners/>

1. Brenda Lucki, Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Largest police force in Canada): "I'm not sure if a complete ban is the answer, or tweaking the legislation to ensure more accountability," RCMP Commissioner Lucki told CBC radio in an interview yesterday when asked about an "absolute ban" on handguns. "It's difficult for me to say, honestly."
2. Chris Lewis, Commissioner (Retired), Ontario Provincial Police (Second-biggest police force in Canada): "I agree," Lewis, the OPP's former chief responded on Twitter. "It would be unmanageable and unfair to the majority of handgun owners who obey the law and always use their guns safely. Let's effectively deal with the criminals that do NOT obey the current criminal law."
3. Adam Palmer, President, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police; Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department: "We do have a very strict system," Palmer, elected president of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police this week, told CTV News on Aug. 15. "... Even if we make them more illegal than they already are, criminals will still come into possession of them, and still use them for illegal purposes."

### **A MAJORITY OF TORONTO RESIDENTS FAVOUR STRICTER GUN CONTROL IPSOS POLL SUGGESTS**

Regarding Mayor John Tory's proposal to ban handguns from the city, 86% of Toronto residents agreed with the Mayor.

by Cosmin Dzsurdzsa - August 19, 2018

<https://www.thepostmillennial.com/a-majority-of-toronto-residents-favour-stricter-gun-control-ipsos-poll-suggests/>

### **TORONTO STAR - A DEFENCE LAWYER'S TAKE ON HOW TO STOP CRIMINALS GETTING**

**HANDGUNS** - Whatever legal handgun owners tell you, even if they are part of the certain majority of them that are law-abiding, they are a huge part of the problem of illegal handgun possession simply by their having the privilege of having handguns which other less scrupulous individuals must, therefore, also enjoy. A ban on all Canadian handgun possession would not be a complete answer to this carnage. There will still be handguns smuggled in from the United States, although law enforcement will have far less handgun crime and only one flow of handguns to criminals to focus upon.

By REID RUSONIK - Sun., Aug. 19, 2018

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2018/08/19/a-defence-lawyers-take-on-how-to-stop-criminals-getting-handguns.html>



## **MARK HOLLAND: HERE ARE THE FACTS ABOUT NEW GUN LAWS**

We built this new law after consulting with firearms owners across Canada. And they've told us that the law is more than reasonable. Robert Snider, the president of the Moncton Fish and Game Association, says that "the legislation will have minimal or no impact on our members who hunt." [1] Josh Makuch, a veteran who served in Afghanistan, says these changes "are no more invasive than those that apply to the sale of a car, or a routine employer background check." [2]

By Mark Holland, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety.

LETHBRIDGE HERALD OPINION ON AUGUST 18, 2018.

<https://lethbridgeherald.com/commentary/opinions/2018/08/18/here-are-the-facts-about-new-gun-laws/>

## **'ABSOLUTELY WE WERE NOT CONSULTED': FIREARMS ORGANIZATION DISMAYED WITH LIBERALS' GUN BILL CONSULTATION CLAIMS**

"Absolutely, we were not consulted while the bill was in development," said Canadian Shooting Sports Association executive director Tony Bernardo, adding he only received a briefing the day the bill was announced. "I'm about as surprised as everyone else was to see our name on there. No consultation happened; it never happened," added Tracey Wilson, vice-president of the Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights. Representatives of two other prominent groups - the National Firearms Association (NFA) and the Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association (CSAAA) - also reported not being asked for formal feedback on the bill.

By ALEX MACPHERSON, SASKATOON STARPHOENIX, Updated: July 11, 2018

<https://thestarphenix.com/news/local-news/pro-gun-groups-say-they-werent-consulted-on-federal-gun-control-bill>

## **LILLEY: CALLS FOR GUN BAN OFF TARGET**

By the time the gang bangers let their bullets fly in the streets they have already broken a half-dozen laws before pulling the trigger. Adding new laws or banning ammunition sales won't change their minds or their actions.

By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - August 18, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-calls-for-gun-ban-off-target>

## **BULLETS AND BLOODSHED: SMOKE AND MIRRORS WON'T STOP GANGS AND GUNS**

In reality, data supplied by Toronto Police to the Sun shows the 50% figure only refers to firearms deemed "crime guns" that are traceable. In fact, only about 20% of the crime guns seized last year were domestically sourced and less than 9% of all the firearms seized in 2017 were sourced to Canada. The misleading 50% figure is based on the total number of traceable "crime guns" seized by cops between 2014 and 2017, which on average accounted for 31% of all firearms seized. By Chris Doucette, Toronto Sun - August 18, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/bullets-and-bloodshed-smoke-and-mirrors-wont-stop-gangs-and-guns>

## **ANNUAL GUN SALE COMES AMID GUN CONTROL DEBATE**

Handguns expected to be a top seller during annual Shooter's Choice event in Waterloo

NEWS Aug 16, 2018 by James Jackson - Waterloo Region Record

<https://www.therecord.com/news-story/8843743-annual-gun-sale-comes-amid-gun-control-debate/>

## **HOUSE OF COMMONS FIREARMS PETITION E-1608**

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

- 86,612 Signatures - Closed for Signatures July 26, 2018

<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**

- 1,765 Signatures – Closed for Signatures July 26, 2018

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

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

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

### **NBC NEWS - GUN CONTROL, TEACHER GROUPS THREATEN LEGAL ACTION AGAINST DEVOS OVER POSSIBLE FIREARMS FUNDING**

The Education Department could face a legal challenge if it moves forward with a plan allowing states to spend federal funds on guns for school employees. by Adam Edelman - August 24, 2018

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/gun-control-teacher-groups-threaten-legal-action-against-devos-over-n903676>

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/aug/23/democrats-gun-control-activists-push-back-against/>

<http://thehill.com/homenews/news/403533-gun-control-teacher-groups-unite-against-possible-federal-funding-for-guns>

### **SUMMER BIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TO OPEN IN NOVÉ MĚSTO NA MORAVĚ**

The Summer Biathlon World Championships begin in the Czech Republic tomorrow ©IBU Twenty-eight countries will be represented at this year's Summer Biathlon World Championships, beginning tomorrow in the Czech Republic. In all, 250 athletes will compete at the International Biathlon Union (IBU) event in Nové Město na Moravě.

By Dan Palmer Thursday, 23 August 2018

<https://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1069136/summer-biathlon-world-championships-to-open-in-nove-mesto-na-morave>

### **BBC - TRUMP ADMINISTRATION 'CONSIDERS FUNDING GUNS IN SCHOOLS'**

The Department of Education (DoE) is looking at allowing states to use academic enrichment funds for firearms, the New York Times first reported. DoE spokeswoman Elizabeth Hill told CBS News: "The department is constantly considering and evaluating policy issues, particularly issues related to school safety." August 23, 2018

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-45288773>

### **LATEST STUDY: MORE THAN 17 MILLION CCW PERMIT HOLDERS IN U.S.**

The Crime Prevention Research Center's (CPRC) recently released "Concealed Carry Permit Holders Across the United States: 2018" report found that despite a new norm in gun sales, the number of people getting a permit to carry for self-defense continues to climb. "In 2018, the number of concealed handgun permits soared to over 17.25 million," it states, "a 273 percent increase since 2007." CRPC President John R. Lott Jr. said that the numbers now show 7.14 percent of American adults have permits. by Guy J. Sagi, Shooting Illustrated - Thursday, August 23, 2018

<https://www.shootingillustrated.com/articles/2018/8/23/latest-study-more-than-17-million-ccw-permit-holders-in-us/>

### **FIVE CALIFORNIA GUN BILLS TO WATCH IN THE LEGISLATURE'S FINAL DAYS**

BY TARYN LUNA - August 23, 2018

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article217147240.html>

### **U.K. - STASH OF 30 GUNS FOUND IN ILLEGAL GUN FACTORY IN EAST SUSSEX**

A stash of 30 handguns have been discovered inside an illegal gun factory on an industrial estate in east Sussex, the National Crime Agency has said. By Tanveer Mann - Wednesday 22 Aug 2018

<https://metro.co.uk/2018/08/22/illegal-gun-factory-discovered-on-industrial-estate-in-sussex-7870860/>

<https://www.ammoland.com/2018/08/large-scale-illegal-gun-factory-found-in-uk/#axzz5P62iaC3W>

## **THE FAILURE OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS REPORTING UNDER THE ARMS TRADE TREATY**

Nations are then required to update their initial reports as they go about implementing the Treaty. To date, not a single nation — not one — has submitted an update. That means that the initial reports submitted in past years, which are now aging or out of date, are increasingly irrelevant or even deceptive guides to actual state practice.

By Ted Bromund - August 22, 2018 <https://www.forbes.com/sites/tedbromund/2018/08/22/the-failure-of-conventional-arms-reporting-under-the-arms-trade-treaty/#7015535c9038>

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/08/22/this-treaty-takes-us-money-while-repeatedly-attacking-us/>

## **UK GOVERNMENT URGED TO CLAMP DOWN ON ANTIQUE GUNS BEING USED BY CRIMINALS**

Several law enforcement agencies in UK have called on the government to act fast and tighten gun laws to tackle the problem of antique firearms being used by criminals. Sputnik has learned UK gang members are buying antique firearms which can be made into lethal weapons. Experts at the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) in Birmingham have examined ballistic material from two murders in the West Midlands in the last few years which were carried out using obsolete firearms. They also suspect a third killing was carried out using an antique gun. August 21, 2018

<https://sputniknews.com/europe/201808211067356433-antique-guns-caliber-birmingham/>

## **HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF U.S. GUNS ARE UNLICENSED AND UNTRACEABLE**

The number of guns in a state do not predict homicide rates or violent crime.

Ammoland Inc. Posted on August 21, 2018 by Dean Weingarten

<https://www.ammoland.com/2018/08/hundreds-of-millions-of-u-s-guns-are-unlicensed-and-untraceable/#ixzz5OvDytJJ8>

## **HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS MORE ISRAELIS OKAYED TO CARRY GUNS UNDER NEW RULES**

Eased restrictions, allowing IDF combat vets to carry guns even without proving need, aimed at improving response to terror attacks, minister says By MICHAEL BACHNER - 20 August 2018

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/hundreds-of-thousands-more-israelis-okayed-to-carry-guns-under-new-rules/>

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/08/21/middleeast/israel-gun-laws-relaxed-intl/index.html>

<https://www.jpost.com/Israel-News/Public-Security-Minister-Gilad-Erdan-relaxes-Israelis-gun-control-criteria-565352>

## **SOUTH AFRICA BEGINS SEIZING WHITE-OWNED FARMS**

SOUTH Africa has targeted the first two farms for unilateral seizure after the owners refused an offer of one-tenth of the land's value. By Frank Chung @franks\_chung - August 20, 2018

<https://www.news.com.au/finance/economy/world-economy/south-africa-begins-seizing-whiteowned-farms/news-story/8937f899bd3f131bfc4ffb648ea5c53b>

## **THE OUTDOOR WIRE - AUGUST 20, 2018**

**STUDY: 17.25 MILLION CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS, BIGGEST INCREASES FOR WOMEN AND MINORITIES** - The Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC) has just issued its newest annual report on the number of concealed handgun permits in the US. Some updated numbers are shown at the bottom of this post. Here's executive summary: Despite the expectations of many after the 2016 elections, the number of concealed handgun permits has again increased. In 2018, the number of concealed handgun permits soared to over 17.25 million – a 273% increase since 2007. 7.14% of American adults have permits. Unlike surveys that may be affected by people's unwillingness to answer some personal questions, concealed handgun permit data is the only really "hard data" that we have on gun ownership across the United States. Still, an even larger number of people carry because in 14 states people don't need a permit to carry in all or virtually all those states. <http://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/64ab2b4f-43d0-46ab-800d-7467da16879d>



## **BAGHDAD GUN SHOPS THRIVE AFTER IRAQIS RETHINK GUN CONTROL POLICIES**

After the toppling of Saddam Hussein in 2003, illegal weapons trade flourished across the country. Looted guns from ransacked police stations and military bases were sold in streets and public areas to residents seeking to protect themselves in a state that was largely lawless. The authorities have since been battling to curb illegal weapon sales and the government has stepped up efforts to control gun ownership through regulation. The latest initiative came into force this summer and allows citizens to own and carry handguns, semi-automatic rifles and other assault weapons after obtaining official authorization and an identity card that also details the individual's weapons. Reuters - August 19, 2018

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2018-08-19/baghdad-gun-shops-thrive-after-iraqis-rethink-gun-control-policies>

## **STATE WON'T DO BUSINESS WITH BANK OF AMERICA, CITI OVER THEIR GUN POLICIES**

In another illustration of how the national debate over guns is playing out in the business world, Louisiana is banning two of the nation's biggest banks from participating in an upcoming bond sale. The state's bond commission on Thursday voted 7-6 to bar Citigroup and Bank of America from taking part in a debt offering, citing their "restrictive gun policies."

By KATE GIBSON MONEYWATCH August 17, 2018

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/state-wont-do-business-with-bank-of-america-citi-over-their-gun-policies/>

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

### **ANDREW COYNE: WHY THIS CRAZY LEAP IN THE DARK BY MAXIME BERNIER?**

Most of the criticisms Bernier makes of the Conservative Party "under its current leadership," while valid, could have been made at any time in the 14 years since its founding. By Andrew Coyne - August 24, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/andrew-coyne-why-this-crazy-leap-in-the-dark-by-maxime-bernier>

### **JOHN IVISON: SCHEER LEAVES IT LATE BUT 'POSITIVE VISION' SPEECH OFFERS ROAD TO VICTORY FOR CONSERVATIVES**

Scheer was chosen as leader over Bernier because many Conservatives were nervous the Quebecer was impulsive, erratic and made bad decisions — a verdict he validated this week. The man's head is full of bees and he's so self-centred he'd have the butter off your bread. Scheer might often sound like he's saying grace at the Regina Kiwanis Club, but he has quietly guided the Conservatives to a position where they are out-fundraising the Liberals two to one; are tied in the polls; and are recruiting excellent candidates to run for them next year. By John Ivison - August 24, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-scheer-leaves-it-late-but-positive-vision-speech-offers-road-to-victory-for-conservatives>

### **CANADA'S BACKLOGGED ASYLUM SYSTEM IS 'NOT SUSTAINABLE,' IMMIGRATION MINISTER SAYS IN LEAKED LETTER**

- The language is unusually strong for Ahmed Hussen, who speaks often about Canada's 'strict and efficient immigration and border-control system' By Maura Forrest and Adrian Humphreys - August 24, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/canadas-backlogged-asylum-system-is-not-sustainable-immigration-minister-says-in-leaked-letter>

### **JOHN IVISON: BERNIER SEES HIMSELF AS LEADER OF A NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT, BUT HE'LL MOST LIKELY FIND OBSCURITY**

- Scheer, the man who beat Bernier for the leadership, gave an uninspiring response Thursday afternoon, claiming his former rival has chosen to help Justin Trudeau rather than the Conservative caucus. The situation demanded that Scheer show some passion and boldly refute Bernier's charge that his party has become intellectually and morally corrupt. Instead, he sounded monotone and looked colourless, a grey suit against a grey backdrop. By John Ivison - August 23, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-bernier-sees-himself-as-leader-of-a-new-movement-but-hell-most-likely-find-obscurity>

## **MAXIME BERNIER: WHY I AM LEAVING THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF CANADA**

I am in politics to defend ideas, real conservative ideas. Because I passionately care about Canada's future. Because I know that the free-market conservative philosophy has the best solutions to ensure our society is more prosperous, secure, and peaceful. However, my party's stand on several issues have convinced me that under the current leadership, it has all but abandoned its core conservative principles. By Maxime Bernier - Published on August 23, 2018

[http://www.maximebernier.com/why\\_i\\_am\\_leaving\\_the\\_conservative\\_party\\_of\\_canada](http://www.maximebernier.com/why_i_am_leaving_the_conservative_party_of_canada)

## **TORIES PLANNED TO 'BELITTLE' MAXIME BERNIER IN MEETING**

"The strategy was to belittle him, not remove him," a senior Conservative source told the Sun. "We didn't want to give him a full year to organize. There was absolutely, unequivocally no plan to kick him out of caucus."

By Anthony Furey - August 23, 2018

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## **HON. MICHELLE REMPEL: PATHWAY TO CANADA ANNOUNCEMENT**

First and foremost, Canada's Conservatives recognize that Canada is a country that has been built by immigrants and First Nations alike who have worked hard to build Canada and its pluralism. Canada is, and should remain, a country that welcomes newcomers. The question is under what principles and what policies. The question is how, not if. Ottawa, ON – August 22, 2018 [https://www.michellerempel.ca/m\\_p\\_rempel\\_s\\_pathway\\_to\\_canada\\_remarks](https://www.michellerempel.ca/m_p_rempel_s_pathway_to_canada_remarks)

## **JOHN ROBSON: I WROTE THE CONSERVATIVES' ELECTION PLAN FOR THEM. YOU'RE WELCOME**

No one say the name 'Maxime Bernier' ever, under any circumstances. Or mention abortion. Or gay marriage. Change the subject to tax policy, quick! By John Robson - August 21, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-i-wrote-the-conservatives-election-plan-for-them-youre-welcome>

## **GOLDSTEIN: TRUDEAU PLAYS THE RACE CARD AGAINST SCHEER**

While the Conservative hierarchy accused Bernier of disloyalty, many rank-and-file Tories agree with him and many Conservative MPs have essentially said the same thing in attacking Trudeau for what they say is his cynical use of identity politics. By Lorrie Goldstein - August 21, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-trudeau-plays-the-race-card-against-scheer>

### **FUREY: TRUDEAU'S RE-ELECTION STRATEGY? CALL EVERYONE RACIST**

It looks like Trudeau's re-election strategy hinges on calling people racist and then dividing them by forcing them to pick sides on these issues. Political consultant Gerry Nicholls described it as a "dark strategy" on my radio show Monday morning. No kidding. It's quite a departure from "sunny ways." By Anthony Furey - August 21, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/furey-trudeaus-re-election-strategy-call-everyone-racist>

### **GUNTER: JUSTIN TRUDEAU A STUDY IN HYPOCRISY**

He claims to be a practitioner of "positive politics," as he is engaging in "fear and division."

By Lorne Gunter, Edmonton Sun - August 20, 2018

<https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-justin-trudeau-a-study-in-hypocrisy>

### **SELLEY: BEFORE JUSTIN TRUDEAU CRIES 'INTOLERANCE,' HE NEEDS TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR**

He will attack any suggestion of a problem with uncontrolled border crossings that his government is trying and failing to stop, even as the backlog of claims grows By Chris Selley - Updated: August 20, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/chris-selley-before-justin-trudeau-cries-intolerance-he-needs-to-look-in-the-mirror>

### **JOHN IVISON: JUSTIN TRUDEAU BLOWS DOG-WHISTLE ON CONSERVATIVE XENOPHOBIA**

Scheer and his caucus can course-correct this week. A party that has a whiff of xenophobia will lose the support of thousands By John Ivison - Updated: August 20, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-justin-trudeau-blows-dog-whistle-on-conservative-xenophobia>

### **WARMINGTON: PM TRUDEAU'S ENCOUNTER WITH HECKLER RAISES QUESTIONS**

"I want to know when you are going to refund the \$146 million we paid for your illegal immigrants," the woman yelled in French. "Madame," said Trudeau, "this intolerance towards immigrants has no room in Canada."

By Joe Warmington - August 20, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/news/national/warmington-pm-trudeaus-encounter-with-heckler-raises-questions>

### **GOLDSTEIN: TORIES MUST STOP PANICKING ABOUT BERNIER**

If Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer and his party are to have any hope of winning next year's election, they have to stop panicking every time Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberals accuse them of racism and dividing Canadians.

By Lorrie Goldstein, Toronto Sun - August 18, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-tories-must-stop-panicking-about-bernier>

### **GUNTER: BERNIER MAY BE RIGHT, BUT SAVE IT FOR THE CAUCUS ROOM**

Last year, he lost the national Conservative leadership to Andrew Sheer by less than 2% of the total vote on the final ballot. And he's right about the Trudeau government pushing too much diversity. The Liberals do practice "extreme multiculturalism" and promote the "cult of victimhood." Too much diversity and an extreme multiculturalism is bad for a pluralistic society. That may seem counterintuitive, but too much focus on what makes us different from one another drives us apart. It doesn't bring us together. By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - August 18, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-bernier-may-be-right-but-save-it-for-the-caucus-room>

### **IT'S TIME FOR A FRESH LOOK AT ENERGY EAST**

Over and above the stimulus in terms of jobs and spending that a \$15-billion private-sector investment would bring to all regions of Canada, a successful relaunch of Energy East would: Reduce our dependence on foreign oil, notably from

Saudi Arabia (imports of 75,000–80,000 barrels a day). Governments are remembered best for getting big things right. It is ultimately a matter of choice and political will.

By DEREK BURNEY, SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL - PUBLISHED AUGUST 17, 2018

Derek Burney was Canada's ambassador to the United States from 1989 to 1993. He led the Canadian delegation in concluding negotiations of the Canada-U.S. free-trade agreement.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-its-time-for-a-fresh-look-at-energy-east/>

### **CARBON CONFUSION IN THE SMOKY SUMMER OF 2018 – ARE FOSSIL FUELS REALLY THE**

**CULPRIT?** - Canada's economic landscape today includes a basket of challenges that didn't exist when the Liberals were elected. They included higher corporate taxes, the pending carbon tax, the reconstruction of the NEB, cancelling Northern Gateway, a west coast tanker ban, the stalled NAFTA negotiations, and a tariff war with the U.S. that affects the cross-border flow an increasing number of goods and services. Proving it is listening, Ottawa agreed to reduce the carbon tax exemption on large, carbon intensive export industries; steel, iron, lime, nitrogen fertilizers and cement. Environment Minister Catherine McKenna insisted this will not affect Canada's 2030 Paris commitments. Nobody who studies the details believes Canada will actually achieve them, with or without the recent carbon tax adjustments.

By David Yager, August 16, 2018 - EnergyNow Media

<https://energynow.ca/2018/08/carbon-confusion-in-the-smoky-summer-of-2018-are-fossil-fuels-really-the-culprit-david-yager/>

### **WENTE: WHO'S PLAYING IDENTITY POLITICS? EVERYONE**

Personally, I think Mr. Bernier has a point about Justin Trudeau and identity politics. "Inclusion" is all very well, but I often wish he'd spend a bit more time on "integration." And Mr. Trudeau's claim that "diversity is our strength" is fatuous drivel. Diversity is not our strength. Unity is our strength. What makes Canada strong is our ability to unite people of diverse backgrounds with a shared set of goals and values. That is what we're good at.

By Margaret Wente, Globe and Mail - August 16, 2018

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-whos-playing-identity-politics-everyone/>

### **RELAX, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG ABOUT DEBATING MULTICULTURALISM – IN FACT, IT'S**

**HEALTHY** - Maxime Bernier: "Having people live among us who reject basic Western values such as freedom, equality, tolerance and openness doesn't make us strong. People who refuse to integrate into our society and want to live apart in their ghetto don't make our society strong." By Anthony Furey - August 15, 2018

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