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THE PAST WEEK'S POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

MORE THAN A THIRD OF TORONTO POLICE 'CRIME GUNS' AREN'T FIREARMS

TheGunBlog.ca — The data show 469, or 65 percent, of the 726 “crime guns” seized by Toronto police in 2017 were counted among the three classes of firearms in the Firearms Act: “Non-restricted,” “Restricted” or “Prohibited.” That leaves 35 percent that weren’t firearms regulated by the Firearms Act. THE GUN BLOG - SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 [READ THE REST OF THIS ANALYSIS]

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/09/15/more-than-a-third-of-toronto-police-crime-guns-arent-firearms/#more-18961>

FEBRUARY 16, 2018 - IT IS SIMPLY AMAZING WHAT THE RCMP DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL THE FIREARMS THEY TRACE!

By Dennis R. Young – February 16, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/02/16/rcmp-doesnt-know-firearms-trace/>

MOE, SCHEER LINE UP AGAINST PROPOSED HANDGUN BAN

The federal government is forging ahead with its plan to study a complete ban on handguns — but don’t expect Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe to line up behind Ottawa’s latest gun control initiative.

By ALEX MACPHERSON, SASKATOON STARPHOENIX - Updated: September 15, 2018

<https://thestarphoenix.com/news/local-news/moe-scheer-line-up-against-proposed-handgun-ban>

BILL C-71 AND NEW GUN BANS DIVIDE LIBERAL MPS, NEWS REPORTS SAY

TheGunBlog.ca — The risk of new gun bans for lawful Canadian shooters and the confiscations and restrictions promised in Bill C-71 are dividing members of parliament in the governing Liberal Party, news reports said this week. Bill C-71, the government’s proposed law to prohibit more firearms and further restrict hunters and sport shooters, is “not overly supported” by Liberal representatives from rural electoral districts, CTV News reported yesterday. The Liberals are gambling that new prohibitions will attract voters, but it’s a risky bet for many MPs. Supporting confiscations could repeat the past and get them voted out of office. Opposing bans could prompt the party leader to demote the MPs or block them from seeking re-election. The previous Liberal rural caucus chair was replaced in his role this spring after expressing fears about the government’s plans to invent new crimes for hunters and sport shooters in Bill C-71.

THE GUN BLOG - SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 [READ THE REST]

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/09/15/bill-c-71-and-new-gun-bans-divide-liberal-mps-news-reports-say/>

TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT HAS NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT BILL C-71 AMENDMENTS TO AUTHORIZATIONS TO TRANSPORT FIREARMS

THE FINDINGS

1. The RCMP and Goodale’s Department don’t have any evidence of the cost or effectiveness of issuing ATTs to licensed gun owners.
2. The Ontario CFO issued 244,902 ATTs between 2010 and 2017 and report zero persons charged with a criminal offence while failing to have a valid ATT.

3. According to statistics provided by the Ontario CFO the Harper Government's Bill C-42 reduced the number of ATTs issued in Ontario each year by two thirds and cut the provinces annual ATT processing costs by 67%.
4. For the years between 2010 and 2017, not one of the five police services in Toronto, Hamilton, Peel Region, Durham Region and Ottawa had records showing even one licensed firearm owner being charged with a firearms offence while failing to have a valid ATT.

By Dennis R. Young – September 14, 2018 [READ THE FULL REPORT HERE]

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/09/14/no-evidence-to-support-bill-c-71-att-amendments/>

CSSA COMMENTARY: MISLEADING QUESTIONS AND IGNORANCE SKEW OPINION POLL RESULTS

Facts matter, but they don't win votes. They also don't shape public policy or win elections for a government more concerned about re-election than public safety. TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | September 14, 2018

<https://cssa-cila.org/2018/09/team-cssa-e-news-september-14-2018/>

TORONTO STAR - GUN CONTROL IS A WOMEN'S ISSUE

The presence of a firearm in the household greatly increases the risk of death in cases of domestic violence. This is a well-researched fact that every Canadian should know. Indeed, this fact is the reason why YWCA Toronto has been part of the growing movement for gun control in Canada for some 20 years now. We know that gun control saves women's lives. By HEATHER MCGREGOR - Fri., Sept. 14, 2018

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2018/09/14/gun-control-is-a-womens-issue.html>

RCMP HAVE NO RECORDS TO SUPPORT CLAIMS OF 'STRAW PURCHASES'

June 14, 2018 – CBC NEWS: "It's the main source of how firearms are being purchased and how they come into people's hands on the streets nowadays," said Sgt. Eric Stewart, head of the Guns and Gangs unit for the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT)."

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/straw-purchasing-domestic-weapons-trafficking-increase-1.4704987>

September 13, 2018 - RCMP ATIP RESPONSE: "Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Edmonton, Alberta and Ottawa, Ontario. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate records which respond to your request." <https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/09/13/no-records-to-support-rcmp-claims-of-straw-purchases/>

LETTER: MORE GUN LAWS WOULD BE MISGUIDED

As President of The Bulkley Valley Rod and Gun Club I get to see daily how responsible Canadians enjoy and use firearms for either sport shooting or hunting. I see great safe handling practices, safe storage and ethical use. Despite that there is some consideration by the federal government to ban certain types of firearms in what I believe is a misguided attempt to create change. We all want to see a zero fatality rate but I think that we also all know that this will not occur in a society where complex issues are not solved by simply writing yet another law. By Brian Atherton, President BV Rod and Gun Club - Sep. 12, 2018 [READ THE REST]

<https://www.interior-news.com/opinion/more-gun-laws-would-be-misguided/>

TORONTO SUN - EXPLOSION OF GUN VIOLENCE NOT CONFINED TO TORONTO

And cops in Peel have openly acknowledged that the suspension of carding in 2016 and the subsequent introduction of strict provincial regulations governing street checks have contributed to increased gun violence. "The result is criminals feel empowered, thinking officers won't stop them and they now are more confident they will get away with carrying guns and knives," police said. By Chris Doucette - Updated September 12, 2018 <https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/explosion-of-gun-violence-not-confined-to-toronto>

CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD: THERE'S A STRANGE RELUCTANCE TO STUDY HEALTH-CARE WORKERS WHO KILL

Too little is known about health-care professionals who deliberately try to harm patients, and there's remarkably little appetite to study the phenomenon. Of 131 prosecutions globally since the 1970s, only two were in Canada. By Christie Blatchford - Updated: September 12, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/christie-blatchford-theres-a-strange-reluctance-to-study-health-care-workers-who-kill>
<https://montrealgazette.com/opinion/christie-blatchford-theres-a-strange-reluctance-to-study-health-care-workers-who-kill/wcm/3f043ae0-9331-49e9-9206-5cd7129c0999>

TORONTO STAR EDITORIAL: IT'S TIME FOR A BAN ON HANDGUNS

The traditional view is that there's little point on cracking down on handguns in Canada because most are smuggled across the border from the United States. But there's new evidence from police that many more crimes are being committed using guns acquired legally in this country. A Canadian ban would be more effective than long thought. By STAR EDITORIAL BOARD - Wed., Sept. 12, 2018

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorials/2018/09/12/its-time-for-a-ban-on-handguns.html>

CBC - AS LIBERALS CONTEMPLATE HANDGUN BAN, AN URBAN-RURAL CAUCUS DIVIDE EMERGES

Tony Bernardo, executive director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association, said the mandate to study the handgun ban is "indicative of intent" to follow through. "It's very disappointing that an elected government would turn on two million law-abiding citizens that haven't done anything wrong and start looking at punitive measures of taking their lawfully owned property," he said. "You don't expect that stuff in a democracy."

By John Paul Tasker · CBC News · Posted: Sep 12, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/tasker-liberal-handgun-ban-caucus-divide-1.4819711>

ARM POLICE ON AND OFF DUTY, SAYS FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION

TheGunBlog.ca — All police should be allowed to carry guns on and off duty to boost personal and national security, according to a French parliamentary report yesterday. One of the authors is the former head of the national police SWAT team who was present at the Bataclan raid in Paris in November 2015. THE GUN BLOG - SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/09/12/arm-police-on-and-off-duty-says-french-parliamentary-commission/#more-19110>

TORONTO STAR - WILL A GUN BAN WORK IN TORONTO? YES

A handgun ban is a proven, essential step that we ignore at our peril.

By JOE CRESSY - Tues., Sept. 11, 2018 - Joe Cressy is the City Councillor for Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina.

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/thebigdebate/2018/09/11/will-a-gun-ban-work-in-toronto-yes.html>

TORONTO STAR - WILL A GUN BAN WORK IN TORONTO? NO

The distribution of all kinds of crimes is strongly non-uniform. Provided Toronto follows the pattern of U.S. cities — and there's no reason to suppose that it does not — criminals are about 30 times more likely to get shot than ordinary people. Relatives and friends in the social network of criminals are still about 15 times more likely to get shot than “ordinary” people because they tend to be present when shootings happen. So-called “stray bullets” or domestic shootings are unusual, except for terrorism: 2 per cent of the population are the targets of 98 per cent of the shootings and this 2 per cent are targeted mostly because of their own criminal activity.

By CHRISTIAN LEUPRECHT, DAVID B. SKILLICORN - Tues., Sept. 11, 2018. Christian Leuprecht is a professor in leadership at the Royal Military College, cross-appointed to Queen's University and a Munk Senior Fellow at the Macdonald Laurier Institute. David B. Skillicorn is professor in the School of Computing at Queen's University.

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/thebigdebate/2018/09/11/will-a-gun-ban-work-in-toronto-no.html>

LETTER: BILL C 71 WILL DO NOTHING TO FIGHT GANGS, CURB GUN VIOLENCE

Demonizing objects and people they don't like or agree with has long been a tactic of the rabid anti-gun lobby. Most gun deaths in Canada are suicides. The bulk of homicides are the result of drug gang warfare. Why don't we crack down on drug gangs instead of the meticulously screened and vetted legal gun owners?

By David Vernon, Maple Ridge - Sep. 11, 2018 [READ THE REST]

<https://www.mapleridgenews.com/opinion/letter-bill-c-71-will-do-nothing-to-fight-gangs-curb-gun-violence/>

CONSERVATIVES TACKLE GUN LEGISLATION AT PUBLIC MEETING

Brandon-Souris MP Larry Maguire hosted the town hall at the Valleyview Community Centre, where he stood alongside Alberta MP Blaine Calkins, who represents the riding of Red Deer-Lacombe.

By Michael Lee | brandonsun.com | September 11, 2018

<https://www.brandonsun.com/local/Conservatives-tackle-gun-legislation-at-public-meeting-492925921.html>

GUN BAN, REFUGEE CLAIMANTS TO BE HOT TOPICS AT LIBERAL CAUCUS RETREAT

Toronto MP John McKay said his constituents are virtually unanimous about wanting to ban handguns. "I don't think I speak out of turn when I say that there is no tolerance for people having guns in Toronto, period -- long guns, short guns, in-between guns, fast guns, slow guns," he said. Kim Rudd, who represents the largely rural Ontario riding of Northumberland-Peterborough South, said she's received emails and calls on both sides of the issue, but the majority support a ban on handguns. "No one wants our country to mirror the gun violence in the U.S.," said Rudd. "It's not just about whether it's a rural town or an urban town -- it's about how we keep Canada as a country what we want it to be." While the government must take care to protect the legitimate rights of farmers, hunters and sport shooters, Rudd said, "Most people ... question why anyone would need a handgun or need an assault rifle."

By Joan Bryden, The Canadian Press - September 11, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/gun-ban-refugee-claimants-to-be-hot-topics-at-liberal-caucus-retreat-1.4088456>

FIREARMS INDUSTRY SHOOTS DOWN HANDGUN BAN

A handgun ban isn't the answer to curb shootings and will only put jobs at risk, warns Canada's firearms industry. There are 4,500 sporting arms business owners in Canada that employ 25,000 workers, according the **Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association**. Handguns represent 35% of their business. By Kevin Connor - September 10, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/firearms-industry-shoots-down-handgun-ban>

DO WE NEED A HANDGUN BAN IN CANADA? DENNIS R. YOUNG SAYS "NO"

Guest Dennis R. Young, Independent Firearms Researcher and Firearms Rights Advocate

Interview by Danielle Smith, Newstalk 770, Calgary - Published Sep 10, 2018 12:48 PM

<https://omny.fm/shows/danielle-smith/do-we-need-a-handgun-ban-in-canada-dennis-r-young>

DO WE NEED A BAN HANDGUN IN CANADA? WE HEAR FROM BOTH SIDES

Guests Dr. Wendy Cukier, founder and president of the Coalition for Gun Control, and a professor at the Ted Rogers School of Management and guest Dennis Young, Independent Firearms Researcher and Firearms Rights Advocate share their points of view. Interviews by Danielle Smith, Newstalk 770, Calgary - Sep 10, 2018 12:48 PM

<https://omny.fm/shows/danielle-smith/do-we-need-to-ban-handguns-in-canada-we-hear-from>

THERE'S A WAY TRUDEAU CAN CURB GUN VIOLENCE, AND IT'S NOT A BAN

Bringing back registries of who buys and sells firearms would create meaningful results without punishing law-abiding gun owners. By Frank Smalec Born and raised Calgarian, technical writer and gun owner - September 10, 2018

https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/frank-smalec/firearm-ban-gun-registry-canada_a_23520502/

CONSERVATIVE MPS HOLD TOWN HALL TO TALK GUN REFORM

- “This bill, C-71, does not solve the problem we have right now in Canada,” Kevin Waugh said, “And that's criminals getting a hold of guns.”
- “We have issues in this country. We have issues with illegal firearms getting into the hands of people who shouldn't have firearms. We should be dealing with that,” said Glen Motz, MP for Medicine Hat-Cardston-Warner. “Let's develop legislation that deals with that and not legislation that deals with those Canadians - the hunters, the fishermen, and the farmers, sport shooters, trappers - who are not the problem in the country. Let's target those individuals that are.”

By Stephanie Villella, Video Journalist - Published Sunday, September 9, 2018

<https://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/conservative-mps-hold-town-hall-to-talk-gun-reform-1.4086505>

VIOLENT CITY: DEADLY TOLL OF KILLING PROACTIVE POLICING

Toronto's mayor maintains a handgun ban can help stem the bloodshed because it may “save one life.” The mayor and other gun ban proponents have also repeatedly claimed some 50% of guns cops take off the streets were legally purchased in Canada. But that number actually 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. By Chris Doucette, Toronto Sun - September 9, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/gun-ban-why-aim-for-saving-one-life-instead-of-10-a-year>

TORY LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN PROMISING ACTION ON GUNS AND TRANSIT

Tory said his administration is working with Queen's Park and the feds to cut gun murders. Millions in new funding will put an additional 200 extra cops on the streets this year with another 200 next year.

By Brad Hunter, Toronto Sun - September 9, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/tory-launches-campaign-promising-action-on-guns-and-transit>

JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS: DO “CRIME GUNS” COME FROM PAL HOLDERS?

Do “crime guns” come from PAL holders? Toronto Police Service (TPS) statistics undermine the claim that law-abiding gun owners are the source of Toronto “crime guns.” No more than 12% – 14% of “crime guns” were seized from PAL holders, while at least 25% were smuggled from the US, according to the Toronto Police Service tables that TPS gave to Dennis Young in response to his ATI request on 24 August 2018. POSTED BY: BCWFPAA - SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

<http://justiceforgunowners.ca/do-crime-guns-come-from-pal-holders/>

WHO CONTROLS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S GUNS?

The RCMP and Goodale's Dept. say they don't know so I filed 12 more ATIPs

By Dennis R. Young – September 8, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/09/08/guns-owned-by-the-federal-govt-and-who-controls-them/>

CBC - LOWER MINIMUM AGES MEAN HUNTING IS A FAMILY AFFAIR FOR MASSEY DRIVE CLAN

THIS FALL - Youths aged 16 and older can now join in the moose hunt, which begins this weekend

CBC News · Posted: Sep 08, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/family-hunting-nl-1.4814180>

NP VIEW: THE LATEST STORY USED TO JUSTIFY GUN BANS? IT'S NOT TRUE

The Toronto police's own data do not show a surge in guns being linked to domestic sources

National Post View - September 7, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/np-view-the-latest-story-used-to-justify-gun-bans-its-not-true>

JUSTIN TRUDEAU HOLDS ROUND-TABLE ON GUNS AND GANGS AT SURREY YMCA

PM speaks with seniors, youth and representatives from grassroots movement called Wake Up Surrey

By TOM ZYTARUK - Sep. 4, 2018

<https://www.peacearchnews.com/news/justin-trudeau-holding-round-table-on-guns-and-gangs-at-surrey-ymca/>

I POLITICS AM: TRUDEAU TO TALK 'GANGS AND GUN CONTROL' AHEAD OF \$1,000-A-PLATE PARTY FUNDRAISER IN SURREY

Trudeau will cap off his day by taking the stage at a \$1,000-per-person party-organized fundraiser at a Surrey banquet hall, where he'll address a sold-out crowd of local Liberals.

By Kady O'Malley. Published on Sep 4, 2018

<https://ipolitics.ca/2018/09/04/ipolitics-am-trudeau-to-talk-gangs-and-gun-control-ahead-of-1000-a-plate-party-fundraiser-in-surrey/>

FEDERAL, MUNICIPAL POLITICIANS LOOKING AT HANDGUN BAN, POLICE UNION SKEPTICAL

With a handgun ban acquiring more and more attention by city councils across Montreal and Toronto, more gun control might hit the nation sooner than we expect. by Dean Tea - September 4, 2018

<https://www.thepostmillennial.com/federal-municipal-politicians-looking-at-handgun-ban-police-union-skeptical/>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

INTERNATIONAL SMALL ARMS COMPETITION SHOWS OFF IMPRESSIVE RANGE OF GUNS

(PHOTOS) An event this month in Canada hosts military teams from across the globe and gives a peek at a wide array of both classic and modern firearms. The Canadian Armed Forces Small Arms Concentration, in which some 300 shooters from Canada's military as well as teams from the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the United States are competing, was first organized back in 1868. Held from Sept. 10-22 at the Connaught Ranges and Primary Training Centre in Ottawa, the friendly but competitive shooting match has several stages and has lots of hardware on display.

9/13/18 | by Chris Eger

<https://www.guns.com/2018/09/13/international-small-arms-competition-shows-off-impressive-range-of-guns-photos/>

'A HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS': US ACCUSED OF FAILING TO PROTECT CITIZENS FROM GUN

VIOLENCE - Amnesty report recommends universal background checks, age limits, military-style weapons ban and a national gun registry By Lois Beckett in San Francisco - Wed 12 Sep 2018

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/sep/12/us-gun-control-human-rights-amnesty-international>

SOUTH AFRICA 'CLOSE TO WAR ZONE' WITH 57 MURDERS A DAY

A total of 20,336 people were murdered in the 12 months to March this year, a rise of 6.9 percent over the previous year and one of the sharpest increases since the end of apartheid 24 years ago. "Fifty-seven a day -- that's how (many) South Africans are murdered. It borders close to the war zone, while there is a peace. And there is no war in South Africa,"

Police Minister Bheki Cele told lawmakers in Cape Town. Wednesday, 12 September 2018 09:53 PM

<https://www.france24.com/en/20180911-safrica-close-war-zone-with-57-murders-day-minister>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/7239269/south-africa-gang-crime-murders-war-zone/>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6154699/South-Africa-close-war-zone-57-murders-day-minister.html>

TWO FROM COLUMBUS CHARGED IN OHIO-TO-CANADA GUN SMUGGLING RING

A federal grand jury has charged four individuals. According to the indictment, from at least January 2018 until April 2018, co-conspirators served as either straw purchasers, couriers or resellers of firearms purchased in Columbus and eventually resold in Canada. 10TV WEB STAFF - PUBLISHED: 09/12/18

<https://www.10tv.com/article/two-columbus-charged-ohio-canada-gun-smuggling-ring>

SEMI-AUTOS AREN'T THE WEAPON OF CHOICE FOR 'ACTIVE SHOOTERS'

A study published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that semi-automatic rifles were used in only about 25 percent of such U.S. incidents from 2000 to 2017. The rest of the time, firearms including handguns, rifles and shotguns were the weapon of choice. By Polly Mosendz, Bloomberg News - September 11, 2018

<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/semi-autos-aren-t-the-weapon-of-choice-for-active-shooters-1.1136009>

POLLSTER: NOT ALL YOUNG FIREARM OWNERS OPPOSE STRICTER GUN LAWS

The Ipsos survey, which was released late last month, found that 61 percent of millennials between the ages of 18 and 34 years old believed the U.S. would be safer with stricter gun control laws. Meanwhile, 28 percent of millennials in the survey said they were gun owners and of those 43 percent said they carry a gun on them relatively often. Among Gen Xers ages 35-54, 25 percent are gun owners, and 21 percent of gun-owning baby boomers said they also carried a gun on them relatively often. Among Gen Xers ages 35-54, 25 percent are gun owners, and 21 percent of gun-owning baby boomers said they also carried a gun on them relatively often. By Julia Manchester - September 11, 2018

<http://thehill.com/hilltv/what-americas-thinking/406155-support-for-second-amendment-and-gun-control-is-not-mutually>

NATIONAL REVIEW - DID FRANCE'S GUN CONTROL HURT ITS RESISTANCE TO THE NAZIS?

The French came closer to having a Second Amendment than one might imagine. Indeed, they could have had one more clearly written than ours: Just a month after the storming of the Bastille in 1789, a draft of the Declaration of Rights stated that "every citizen has the right to keep arms at home and to use them, either for the common defense or for his own defense, against any unlawful attack which may endanger the life, limb, or freedom of one or more citizens." Alas, it was not to be. By ROBERT VERBRUGGEN - September 11, 2018

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2018/09/book-review-gun-control-in-nazi-occupied-france-world-war-2-resistance/>

SHOOTINGS WITH SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLES MORE DEADLY THAN HANDGUNS, STUDY SAYS

More people were shot, and more killed, when the perpetrator of an "active shooting" in the US had a semiautomatic rifle, according to a new study of 248 incidents published in the Journal of the American Medical Association

By Lois Beckett - Tue 11 Sep 2018

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/sep/11/semiautomatic-rifle-study-most-people-shot-incidents>

U.K. POLICE URGE CITIZENS TO REPORT NEIGHBORS FOR 'OFFENSIVE OR INSULTING' SPEECH

Freedom from criminal investigation and arrest may now be subject to someone else's feelings or perceptions in England thanks to hate crime laws. By Benjamin R. Dierker - SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

<http://thefederalist.com/2018/09/11/u-k-police-urge-citizens-report-neighbors-offensive-insulting-speech/>

SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL BANKS PUSH POLICIES THAT CIRCUMVENT U.S. CONSTITUTION AND FEDERAL LAWS

Known as Operation Choke Point, the Department of Justice-led effort pressured banks not to do business with gun retailers. By Stephen P. Halbrook | canadafreepress.com | September 13, 2018

<https://canadafreepress.com/article/some-of-the-worlds-most-powerful-banks-push-policies-that-circumvent-u.s.-c>

FEDERAL COURT STRIKES DOWN CALIFORNIA LAW THAT BANS HANDGUN SIGNS

Federal Judge Troy Nunley ruled that a California law banning licensed gun dealers from displaying handgun-related signs or advertising is unconstitutional and violates their First Amendment rights. The lawsuit, *Tracy Rifle and Pistol v. Becerra*, is supported by Second Amendment civil rights groups The Calguns Foundation (CGF) and Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) as well as industry association California Association of Federal Firearms Licensees (CAL-FFL).

By Duncan Johnson | ammoland.com | September 11, 2018

<https://www.ammoland.com/2018/09/federal-court-strikes-down-california-law-that-bans-handgun-signs/#axzz5Qq0oGh6B>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH ENDS WITH BANG-UP NUMBERS

NEWTOWN, CT — With the conclusion of the second annual National Shooting Sports Month®, which took place throughout the month of August, it's clear that the National Shooting Sports Foundation® (NSSF®) has developed a sure way to get people involved in the shooting sports. Editor's Note: Today's feature was provided to us by the National Shooting Sports Foundation <http://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/6cc681ea-edbf-459f-a7c3-7f762bbb5990>

NY TIMES: CALIFORNIA TRIES NEW TACK ON GUN VIOLENCE: AMMUNITION CONTROL

Sold from vending machines in Pennsylvania, feed depots in Nevada, pharmacies in Georgia and jewelry stores in Texas, ammunition is in many states easier to buy than cold medicine. But in California, which already enforces some of the nation's most restrictive gun laws, there is a movement underway against the unfettered sale of bullets.

By Ian Urbina, New York Times - Sept. 9, 2018

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/09/us/california-gun-control-ammunition-bullets.html>

FORBES - YOU DON'T HAVE TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC TO SEE SOME OF BRITAIN'S RAREST GUNS

Westley Richards has been building best quality firearms for the world's most discriminating customers since the firm opened its doors in 1812. With a long list of Royal Warrants going back to HRH Prince Albert in 1840, Westley Richards can accurately be described as "Gunmakers to the Kings." By Keith Wood - Sep 9, 2018

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/keithwood/2018/09/09/you-dont-have-to-cross-the-atlantic-to-see-some-of-britains-rarest-guns/#78f22e1e121a>

SURPRISE: PROBLEMS WITH WIDELY TOUTED ANTI-GUN RESEARCH

"I am not interested in giving any serious thought to John Lott or his claims." Those are the words of University of Alabama associate professor Adam Lankford in response to Fox News after economist John Lott called Lankford's highly publicized study into question. Other researchers, academics, and journalists who questioned Lankford's work – or even asked to see his data – were rebuffed by the UA professor. John Lott thought that 31% seemed high, so he asked if Lankford would share his dataset – a common courtesy among academics and researchers. Lankford refused. Repeatedly. So Lott built his own dataset using the University of Maryland Global Terrorism Database, Nexis, and web searches for mass shootings. Lott hired people who spoke foreign languages to help with this effort.

NRA-ILA - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20180907/surprise-problems-with-widely-touted-anti-gun-research>

<https://crimeresearch.org/2018/08/at-the-new-york-post-america-doesnt-actually-lead-the-world-in-mass-shootings/>

USA TODAY: VERY FEW WHO MAY HAVE LIED TRYING TO BUY GUNS ARE INVESTIGATED OR CHARGED, STUDY FINDS - WASHINGTON

— Few gun buyers are ever prosecuted for lying on forms they are required to complete as part of a background check when purchasing a weapon, a new federal study concludes. In the 29 states where federal officials handle the background checks, there were only 12 prosecutions in fiscal 2017 of people who

were found to have provided false information, such as failing to disclose a felony conviction, according to the Government Accountability Office. It is a federal crime for people trying to obtain guns to make a false statement or furnish false or misrepresented identification that is intended to deceive people on the legality of the sale of the firearm. Violators face up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000. Of a total of 8.6 million transactions processed by federal officials that year, 112,710 were rejected but only about 12,700 were referred for further investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. By Bill Theobald, USA TODAY Published Sept. 6, 2018
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/09/06/gun-laws-report-finds-few-rejected-during-background-checks-charged/1213216002/>

RAHM EMANUEL'S PROBLEMS WERE HIS OWN CREATION

Chicago's rampant crime rate left Rahm Emanuel with little choice but to withdraw from the city's mayoral race. One recent poll showed that only 31% would vote for his re-election, and 62% wanted to vote for someone else. Last year, Chicago had 650 homicides. The number was down from 2016, but still almost 90 more than New York and Los Angeles combined. Unfortunately, the true number is even worse, because Chicago has been intentionally misclassifying murders as non-murders. By John R. Lott, Jr. |Posted: Sep 05, 2018
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CANADA WEIGHS HANDGUN BAN, AS VIOLENCE RISES

Canada has tighter gun laws than in the United States and suffers much less gun crime. But this summer, that country's largest city Toronto has seen a sharp rise in the number of shootings and gun homicides. Some people are calling it the "summer of the gun." That's challenging Canada's sense of itself as a safe, relatively gun-free society. Even some conservative politicians say handguns should be banned outright. By BRIAN MANN • SEP 4, 2018
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