

THE PAST WEEK'S POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

HANDGUNS STOLEN FROM PELHAM BUSINESS

Twenty-one handguns, worth an estimated \$20,000, were stolen from a Pelham weapons store Wednesday said Niagara Regional Police. NEWS 07:02 PM The Welland Tribune - October 6, 2018 https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news-story/8947931-handguns-stolen-from-pelham-business/

CSSA COMMENTARY: THREE WAYS TO INFLUENCE SENATORS ON BILL C-71

Senator André Pratte introduced Bill C-71 into the Senate on September 25, 2018, and opened Second Reading debate on September 27, using every disingenuous Liberal talking point – like the Danforth murderer's illegal handgun – as rationale for further restricting licensed firearm owners. TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | October 5, 2018 https://cssa-cila.org/2018/10/team-cssa-e-news-october-5-2018/

MINISTER MICHAEL TIBOLLO BRINGS 'IT'S NOT GUNS THAT KILL PEOPLE' ARGUMENT TO

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE - He was asked if the government would support Toronto's push to ban handgun sales. "It's not guns that kill people," Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services Michael Tibollo said. "It's the people who have guns illegally that kill people." By Emma Paling - 10/05/2018

 $\frac{https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2018/10/05/minister-michael-tibollo-brings-its-not-guns-that-kill-people-argument-to-ontario-legislature \underline{a}\ 23552344/\underline{\ }$

GLOBE AND MAIL - POLICE FORCES ACROSS THE COUNTRY SHOULD GIVE UP THEIR WEAPONS

Further muddying the waters is the fact that police forces are not mandated to keep statistics – and many don't – on their use of force, especially lethal use of force. It took researchers at the CBC six months to compile a list of the 461 fatal encounters between police and civilians across Canada from 2000 to 2017. Their final report, called Deadly Force, was the first such national database assembled in Canada. By ANGELA WRIGHT - CONTRIBUTED TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL - UPDATED OCTOBER 5, 2018 Angela Wright is a writer, political analyst and an associate with the Toronto-based Zero Gun Violence Movement. https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-police-forces-across-the-country-should-give-up-their-weapons/?cmpid=rss

CBC - DEADLY FORCE: FATAL ENCOUNTERS WITH POLICE IN CANADA: 2000-2017

Of the 461 cases involving a fatal police encounter, the CBC could only identify 18 cases where criminal charges were laid against an officer. Of these cases, there have been two convictions. Some of the cases are still before the courts. By Jacques Marcoux and Katie Nicholson, CBC NEWS - April 5, 2018

 $\frac{https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/iteam/deadly-force-cbc-analysis-1.4603696}{https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform-custom/deadly-force}$

POLICE LOBBY GROUP TO CREATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FIREARMS

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, a lobby group that opposed new gun bans for federally licensed hunters and sport shooters while supporting new restrictions in Bill C-71, is creating a special committee on

firearms as the government prepares new prohibitions. "The CACP Board of Directors approved the creation of a Special Purpose Committee on Firearms in August," the Ottawa-based association said in a letter to members. "We must assemble this group as soon as possible so they can prepare a report to be submitted to the Board by March of 2019.

THE GUN BLOG - OCTOBER 5, 2018

https://thegunblog.ca/2018/10/05/police-lobby-group-to-create-special-committee-on-firearms/#more-19705

PORTERS LAKE MAN AVOIDS JAIL ON SHOOTING CHARGES

A Porters Lake man who fired 20 shots at home invasion suspects as they fled his house in July 2017 has avoided going to jail for two gun-related offences. Kyle Earl Munroe, 33, pleaded guilty last month to charges of careless use and unauthorized possession of a firearm, a .22-calibre rifle. Justice Timothy Gabriel accepted a joint recommendation from lawyers for a one-year conditional sentence Thursday in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax. By Steve Bruce (sbruce@herald.ca) - October 5, 2018

https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/local/porters-lake-man-avoids-jail-on-shooting-charges-247887/

THE NFA WILL FIGHT EFFORTS BY THE QUEBEC CFO TO DISARM NON CRIMINAL MOTORCYCLE

ENTHUSIASTS - NFA President Sheldon Clare concluded that: "The NFA wants to make it clear that it is not against efforts of police forces to disarm genuine criminals. However, this recent initiative by the Quebec CFO appears to be ill advised and botched. It also runs contrary to the rules of procedural fairness, in that a large number of honest gun owners who also happen to be motorcycling enthusiasts have been unfairly and indiscriminately targeted. That is the wrong which the NFA seeks to address." NFA Media Release - October 4, 2018

https://nfa.ca/2018/10/04/the-nfa-will-fight-efforts-by-the-quebec-cfo-to-disarm-non-criminal-motorcycle-enthusiasts/

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE - OCTOBER 4, 2018

https://www.cacp.ca/committees.html

CACP SPECIAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE ON FIREARMS CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The CACP Board of Directors approved the creation of a Special Purpose Committee on Firearms in August. We must assemble this group as soon as possible so they can prepare a report to be submitted to the Board by March of 2019. Please forward the names and contact information of suggested committee members to the CACP National office at Gayle@cacp.ca

CACP SUBMISSION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY ON BILL C-71 (FIREARMS) 05/29/18 - 05/29/19

Directeur Mario Harel (President of the CACP) and Superintendent Gord Sneddon (CACP Firearms Advisor, Toronto Police Service) presented to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security earlier today regarding Bill C-71: An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms. https://www.cacp.ca/index.html?asst_id=1645

TORONTO MURDER 82-2018: 'GUN VIOLENCE IS OUTTA CONTROL'

So far cops are being tight-lipped on the city's latest murder. No suspect descriptions have been given. Detectives are now scouring surveillance footage from the scene of the crime. By Brad Hunter, Toronto Sun - October 4, 2018 https://torontosun.com/news/crime/toronto-murder-82-2018-gun-violence-is-outta-control

FIGHTING LIBERAL BILL C-71 - WORST ATTACK ON CANADIAN FIREARMS OWNERS IN A GENERATION (GUEST: TONY BERNARDO, CSSA) - Tony Bernardo joins me tonight to discuss what the new gun law means for Canadian gun owners and how they're fighting back.

By SHEILA GUNN REID, REBEL HOST | THE GUNN SHOW - October 3, 2018

https://www.therebel.media/fighting_liberal_bill_c_71_worst_attack_on_canadian_firearms_owners_in_a_generation_guest_tony_ber nardo_cssa

https://www.therebel.media/liberal s bill c 71 means more red tape for gun owners

MUST-DO HUNT: THE FANTASTIC PHEASANTS OF ONTARIO'S PELEE ISLAND

We found both the Bismuth and Fast Lead delivered the hard-hitting performance you need, particularly when roosters get out there a ways. By Ken Bailey, OUTDOOR CANADA - October 3, 2018 - Based in Edmonton, Outdoor Canada's longtime hunting editor Ken Bailey has hunted every major Canadian game animal, in every corner of the country. http://www.outdoorcanada.ca/peleeisland/

GOLDSTEIN: WHY BANNING HANDGUNS IS A FARCE

That's what the Trudeau government is studying, ignoring the fact handguns — the weapon of choice for Toronto's guntoting gangsters — have been banned in Canada since 1934, except for collectors and target shooters, and the reason it doesn't work is that criminals don't obey the law. By Lorrie Goldstein - October 3, 2018 https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-why-banning-handguns-is-a-farce

SENATE DEBATE: BILL C-71 TO AMEND CERTAIN ACTS AND REGULATIONS IN RELATION TO FIREARMS - 1st Session, 42nd Parliament - Volume 150, Issue 233 - Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Second Reading—Debate Continued - On the Order: Resuming debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Pratte, seconded by the Honourable Senator Coyle, for the second reading of Bill C-71, An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms. SENATOR TONY DEAN (Independent Senators Group): *In my own experience as a gun owner, I acquired a Possession and Acquisition Licence in 2010 under the old gun registry. I did my training, a day and half, and I passed my test. I acquired a Possession and Acquisition Licence, or PAL, and it arrived in the mail two or three months later. I have to say that not previously owning a gun or maybe not having considered owning a gun, I found that process surprisingly lax. Given what I was able to purchase, I found the rules of entry set pretty low on the bar. [READ THE REST] https://sencanada.ca/en/content/sen/chamber/421/debates/233db_2018-10-03-e#35*

BILL C-71, MEANT TO TIGHTEN REGULATIONS AROUND FIREARMS, PASSES THROUGH HOUSE OF

COMMONS - Tony Bernardo, executive director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association, said in an interview with The Omega that while the government isn't at the point of confiscating guns, Bill C-71 may set a precedent for future laws. "Confiscation is deferred, for now," Bernardo said. "Owners still get to shoot their guns, but only at the discretion of the Chief Firearms Office, which may change at the drop of a bureaucratic hat. How do you boil a frog alive? Slowly. Raise the temperature so imperceptibly the frog doesn't not Policy Wanks: by Christian Varty - Oct. 3, 2018 http://truomega.ca/2018/10/03/policy-wanks-a-new-weekly-column-by-christian-varty/

SILENCE IS NO LONGER A LUXURY, GUNS ARE AN EQUALIZER: SUE GREEN

TheGunBlog.ca — "This is the first time I've gone public as a gun owner. ... As much as I was content being discreet, I strongly believe we need to change gun culture in Canada and I don't have that luxury anymore. None of us do." Read the rest of the guest article by Sue Green. THE GUN BLOG - OCTOBER 3, 2018

https://thegunblog.ca/2018/10/03/silence-is-no-longer-a-luxury-guns-are-an-equalizer-sue-green/#more-19670

TORONTO SUN - PUTTING THE POLICING BACK IN POLICING

In a year on its way to record shootings, stabbings and murder, the quiet move by Ford and Community Safety Minister Michael Tibollo has been heralded as vital. "I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Mario Di Tommaso as Deputy Minister of Community Safety, effective October 22nd," Premier Ford said in an internal memo. After 38 years on

Toronto Police he has worked in almost every unit — homicide, drugs, major crime. Di Tommaso is the perfect fit for the Ford government's goal of making every city and town in the province safer. By Joe Warmington - October 3, 2018 https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/warmington-putting-the-policing-back-in-policing

INDIVIDUALS TARGETED BY THE RECENT FLURRY OF FIREARMS LICENSE (PAL-RPAL) REVOCATIONS IN QUEBEC

 $\underline{https://nfa.ca/2018/10/03/individuals-targeted-by-the-recent-flurry-of-firearms-license-pal-rpal-revocations-in-quebec/}$

MEMORANDUM

From: Canada's National Firearms Association (NFA)

To: Individuals targeted by the recent flurry of firearms license (PAL-RPAL) revocations in Quebec

Re: Revocation of Firearms License (PAL-RPAL), based upon allegations of belonging to or being in relation with outlaw biker gangs.

Over the last few days, i.e. around September 24, 2018, the Quebec Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) issued multiple notices revoking the firearms licences of individuals who belong or once belonged to a motorcycle club, in spite of the fact that, by and large, the individuals targeted have no criminal record and do not in any way participate in criminal activities. We are deeply preoccupied with this situation. In all instances, the reasons stated for the PAL revocation appear to be the same. The CFO has allegedly "determined that these individuals either belong to or are in relation with an outlaw biker gang". READ THE REST - https://nfa.ca/2018/10/03/individuals-targeted-by-the-recent-flurry-of-firearms-license-pal-rpal-revocations-in-quebec/

CBC - MANITOBA SHERIFFS WANT TO BE ARMED BECAUSE OF 'POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS' JOB, SAFETY FLAWS AT PROVINCIAL COURTS Former sheriff says he quit due to dangers on the job

By Austin Grabish · CBC News · Posted: Oct 02, 2018

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/manitoba-sheriffs-push-to-be-armed-1.4836687

WINNIPEG: UNDER THE GUN

There were just nine days in 2017 without reports of firearms sightings in Winnipeg. The calls took officers to every corner of Winnipeg, suggesting few neighbourhoods are devoid of guns and immune to the crime that can accompany them. That's the picture painted by data obtained by the Free Press through a freedom of information request, which shows guns are being seen — and heard — throughout the city at a pace some residents may find surprising.

By: Ryan Thorpe and Graeme Bruce | Posted: 10/2/2018

https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/911-calls-guns-494845431.html

ATF WARNS PUBLIC AFTER 400 GUNS STOLEN IN TENNESSEE

Investigators are looking into exactly how many guns were taken, but the estimate of 400 stolen firearms makes it one of the largest single gun thefts the ATF has investigated, bureau spokesman Michael Knight said. ATF agents and the Memphis Police Department are reviewing manifests and bills to determine where the guns were shipped from and where they were going. "It's a very tedious process that we're looking at to make sure that every firearm is accounted for, from the shipper as well as from the receiver," Knight said. The Associated Press by Adrian Sainz - October 1, 2018 https://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/atf-about-400-guns-stolen-from-ups-facility-in-tennessee https://globalnews.ca/video/4509496/400-guns-stolen-from-ups-facility-in-tennessee

CSSA COMMENTARY: RURAL MPS VOTE FOR BILL C-71 OR HIDE — MAD MAX A NO SHOW

Monday's vote on Bill C-71's 3rd Reading went pretty much as expected. The bill passed easily and now moves to the Senate, where it must pass three readings and committee hearings before it can become law.

TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | September 30, 2018 https://cssa-cila.org/2018/09/team-cssa-e-news-september-30-2018/

WHOSE GUNS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT BANNING?

Why not just ban gang shootings? That would have the same effect, i.e. none, but at least it would take account of the facts. By Lawrie McFarlane / Times Colonist - SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

https://www.timescolonist.com/opinion/columnists/laurie-mcfarlane-whose-guns-are-we-talking-about-banning-1.23446612

GUN OWNERS UNDER FIRE BUT CLUBS FLOURISHING IN BURLINGTON, HAMILTON

Burlington Rifle and Revolver Club has 2,400 members. "All of the public's firearms exposure has been negative, and owners have felt victimized because the law is geared only to impact them, not impact crime. The firearms community needs to turn the volume up, it's a voice that should be heard" — Firearms rights advocate and retired Hamilton police officer Mark Morelli by Jon Wells, Burlington Post - September 30, 2018

https://www.insidehalton.com/news-story/8934742-gun-owners-under-fire-but-clubs-flourishing-in-burlington-hamilton/

PHOTOS: 2018 CANADIAN MOUNTED SHOOTING FINALS IN RED DEER

The three-day 2018 Canadian Mounted Shooting Finals, which feature shooters from across Canada competing in pistol, shotgun and rifle, began Saturday. By SEAN MCINTOSH - Sep. 29, 2018

https://www.reddeeradvocate.com/news/photo-2018-canadian-mounted-shooting-finals-in-red-deer/

TORONTO STAR LETTER: GUNS ARE NOT THE PROBLEM

Stop making legal firearm owners the victims. By Dave Jones, Langley, B.C. - Sat., Sept. 29, 2018 https://www.thestar.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editors/2018/09/29/guns-are-not-the-problem.html

KILLING CARDING: THE DEADLY TOLL OF PUTTING STREET CHECKS ON ICE

As police across the GTA progressively stopped doing street checks over the past five years, gun violence and murders spiked violently, statistics obtained by the Sun through the Freedom of Information Act show.

By Chris Doucette - September 29, 2018

https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/killing-carding-the-deadly-toll-of-putting-street-checks-on-ice

HAMILTON AREA FIREARMS ENTHUSIASTS FEEL THE CALL TO BAN HANDGUNS IS DRIVEN BY MISUNDERSTANDING - The two solitudes in the gun control debate have never seemed more starkly defined. by Jon Wells, The Hamilton Spectator - September 29, 2018 https://www.thespec.com/news-story/8933723-hamilton-area-firearms-enthusiasts-feel-the-call-to-ban-handguns-is-driven-by-misunderstanding/

BILL C-71 SENATOR ANDRÉ PRATTE COMMENTS ON TIMING, COMMUNICATION

TheGunBlog.ca — Senator André Pratte, the sponsor of the Canadian government's Bill C-71 in the upper house of parliament, didn't exclude passage of the planned law this year, but didn't indicate any specific timing, he told TheGunBlog.ca today in a short Q&A. He also advised sending personal e-mails instead of form letters when contacting senators. Pratte told the Senate earlier this week that Bill C-71 wouldn't be amended to include the new gun bans being examined by the government. THE GUN BLOG - SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

https://thegunblog.ca/2018/09/29/bill-c-71-senator-andre-pratte-comments-on-timing-communication/#more-19610

\$50M REASONS FOR TORONTO POLICE NOT TO CUT UNITS FIGHTING GUNS, GANGS AND DRUGS

"This is extra money that is not budgeted that Ford and Tory have to go out and get for the police and it's for them to step up the fight on the gangs and their guns," said a source. If true, and if the drug and guns and gangs squads don't lose their teams, this was a big political win for Tory on the crime fighting front. It's also a big win for the extra people who will be

kept alive. By Joe Warmington – Sept 29, 2018 https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/warmington-50m-reasons-for-toronto-police-not-to-cut-units-fighting-guns-gangs-and-drugs

FIREARMS LICENSE HOLDERS HALF AS LIKELY TO COMMIT A HOMICIDE By Dr. Caillin Langmann,

M.D. Ph.D. - So the weighted firearm homicide rate by licenced firearm holders is actually 0.375, approximately half that of the average Canadian population. This takes into consideration that most licenced firearms holders are male and males tend to commit homicide more than females. By Dr. Caillin Langmann, M.D. Ph.D. FRCPC ABEM, Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, McMaster University – September 26, 2018

https://www.facebook.com/caillin.langmann/posts/10156537056191006

https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/09/30/firearms-license-holders-half-as-likely-to-commit-a-homicide/

CBC - SASKATCHEWAN WILD BOAR FARM RAISES 'MEAT WITH AN ATTITUDE'

'It's a totally different meat than domestic' By Jenn Sharp · CBC News · Posted: Sep 30, 2018 https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/saskatchewan-wild-boar-farm-raises-meat-with-an-attitude-1.4841119

MP LARRY BAGNELL TAKES FLAK FOR NOT VOTING ON GUN CONTROL BILL

Jonas Smith, Yukon's recently-named Conservative candidate in the next federal election, criticized Bagnell for not taking a position on Bill C-71. "We elect people to represent us and to make tough decisions for us and he did neither by skipping the vote," Smith said. There were 185 members of parliament in favour of the bill at third reading on Sept. 24; 79 voted no; 70 didn't vote: and two MPs paired. By JULIEN GIGNAC - Sep. 28, 2018 https://www.yukon-news.com/news/mp-larry-bagnell-takes-flak-for-not-voting-on-gun-control-bill/

TORONTO STAR - TORONTO POLICE BRASS INSIST GUNS AND GANGS UNIT IS A 'PRIORITY'

"We are staffing our guns and gangs capability, our unit, the same today, that we will next week, next month," said Deputy Chief McLean. The unit is a "priority," she said. What is changing is the size of the Neighbourhood Officer Program, which stations dedicated officers in neighbourhoods for four-year terms. It is set to grow from neighbourhood officers in 33 neighbourhoods to 41, and, eventually 60 of the city's 144 neighbourhoods — and perhaps beyond. By JIM RANKIN, Staff Reporter - Fri., Sept. 28, 2018

https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/09/28/toronto-police-brass-insist-guns-and-gangs-unit-is-a-priority.html

CBC - LIBERAL MP KAREN LUDWIG SETS SIGHTS ON SELLING GUN REFORMS

At the Gun Dealer in McAdam, owner Ross Faulkner estimated it's going to cost him \$50,000 to \$60,000 to meet the new regulations for record keeping. CBC News \cdot Posted: Sep 28, 2018

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/karen-ludwig-gun-control-reforms-1.4842639

Memory Lane: Get a glimpse into history with stories and photos reprinted from past issues of the Round Up OCTOBER 2, 1996: ALBERTA LAUNCHES CHALLENGE TO BILL C-68

https://www.sundreroundup.ca/article/memory-lane-16-20181004

A move by the province to challenge the gun registry and licensing provisions of federal gun control legislation — Bill C-68 — was a step in the right direction, according to several local stakeholders. Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson called the challenge a positive move, and something he supports. "I disagree with the legislation," he said. "It's not going to solve the problem of crime, and crime is the problem." The Alberta government had announced on Sept. 26 its intention to ask the Alberta Court of Appeal to rule on whether the federal government can legally impose firearms licensing and registration on the provinces and territories. The province planned to argue that the registry and licensing provisions were unconstitutional because they involve property rights, which fall under provincial jurisdiction. Under the bill, all firearm owners had to be licensed and all of their firearms registered by 2003. Although Brian Evans, Alberta's Minister of Justice

at the time, said C-68 was unfair, he added the province "strongly supports the provisions of Bill C-68 to deter crime and provide stiffer sanctions for those who use a firearm to commit a crime or smuggle illegal firearms."

STEPHEN HARPER ON BILL C-68 - JANUARY 19, 2002

EXCERPT: I was and still am in total agreement with the statement made in the House of Commons by former Reform Leader Preston Manning on June, 13, 1995. As Leader of the Official Opposition I will use all the powers afforded to me as Leader and continue our party's fight to repeal Bill C-68 and replace it with a firearms control system that is cost effective and respects the rights of Canadians to own and use firearms responsibly.

 $\underline{https://dennisryoung.ca/wp\text{-}content/uploads/2017/09/Stephen\text{-}Harper\text{-}on\text{-}Bill\text{-}C\text{-}68.pdf}$

PRESTON MANNING ON BILL C-68 - JUNE 13, 1995

 $\underline{https://dennisryoung.ca/wp\text{-}content/uploads/2017/09/Preston\text{-}Manning\text{-}on\text{-}Bill\text{-}C\text{-}68\text{-}June\text{-}13\text{-}1995\text{.}pdf}$

HOW THE FIREARMS ACT (BILL-68) VIOLATES THE CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Study directed by: Dr. F.L. (Ted) Morton, University of Calgary. Research costs funded by:

- The Responsible Firearm Owners Coalition of British Columbia,
- The Responsible Firearm Owners of Alberta
- The Recreational Firearms Community of Saskatchewan

First Presented in Saskatoon, SK – October 5, 2002 https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/09/03/firearms-act-bill-68-violates-charter-rights-freedoms/

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

'US GUNS TO MEXICO' REPORT FEELS LIKE 'DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN'

"As immigrants flow across US border, American guns go south," the Associated Press claims. "While the flow of drugs and immigrants into the U.S. has been well-documented for decades and become a regular part of the political debate, what is often overlooked is how gangs and drug cartels exploit weaknesses at the border to smuggle guns from the U.S. into Latin America." Overlooked by whom? Oh, yeah, that would be by the Associated Press.

Ammoland Inc. Posted on October 5, 2018 by David Codrea

https://www.ammoland.com/2018/10/us-guns-to-mexico-report-feels-like-deja-vu-all-over-again/#ixzz5TAdy24nV

WASH. POST LETTER - THIS IS THE KIND OF PUSHBACK GUN-CONTROL LAWS WOULD FACE

According to the FBI's 2017 Crime Report, of the 10,982 homicides committed with firearms, only 403 of those slayings involved rifles of any kind. Rifles such as the AR-15 were used in less than that amount. This is not to say 403 deaths are insignificant, just that rifles, including AR-15s, are used in a small percentage of all homicides. For comparison, 1,591 people were killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 467 were murdered with blunt instruments, and 696 were reportedly beaten to death. Yet we don't hear calls to ban knives, hammers or fists. Banning the most popular rifle in the country would not stop bad people from doing bad things and would have little to no impact on violent crime. By David Adams, North Chesterfield, Va., Vice President of the Virginia Shooting Sports Association - October 4, 2018 [READ THE REST] <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/this-is-the-kind-of-pushback-gun-control-laws-would-face/2018/10/04/1885c95c-c758-11e8-9c0f-2ffaf6d422aa_story.html?utm_term=.9b7e2b615da3

US SWINGS TOWARDS TIGHTER GUN LAWS AHEAD OF MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Individual states act as Republicans and Democrats seek to tap growing public anger over mass shootings By David Millward - October 4, 2018

https://www.thenational.ae/world/the-americas/us-swings-towards-tighter-gun-laws-ahead-of-midterm-elections-1.777233

ABOUT 400 GUNS STOLEN FROM UPS FACILITY IN TENNESSEE: ATF

Two people driving a U-Haul truck stole the weapons from a UPS facility in Memphis on Sunday, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said Monday. The agency is asking for the public's help in the case: It offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction. By News on the Net -- ABC News - October 2, 2018 https://canadafreepress.com/article/about-400-guns-stolen-from-ups-trnd/index.html https://www.newsweek.com/over-400-guns-stolen-one-biggest-firearm-thefts-us-history-1148248

POLITICAL SCIENTISTS STUDY WHY PROGRESSIVE MIND MANIPULATION FAILS ON GUN OWNERS

On 2 September, 2018, Kansas University released a summation of a study on how gun owners affect politics. The study will be presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting in 2018, in Boston.

By Dean Weingarten - gunwatch.blogspot.com - Monday, October 01, 2018

https://gunwatch.blogspot.com/2018/10/political-scientists-study-why.html

ASSOCIATED PRESS SHOWS OBAMA-ERA GUN CONTROL FAILURE BUT BLAMES TRUMP

Completely missing from the AP column was an admission that the 2011 law was in place when the 2013 study was conducted, yet researchers still note that more than 250,000 guns were being smuggled into Mexico each year. In other words, the law President Trump repealed was not working while it was in place. By Awr Hawkins - 1 Oct 2018 https://www.breitbart.com/california/2018/10/01/associated-press-shows-obama-era-gun-control-failure-blaming-trump/

TRUMP SAYS CLOSE TO FINALIZING EFFECTIVE BAN ON GUN BUMP STOCKS

"We're knocking out bump stocks," Trump said at a White House news conference. "We're in the final two or three weeks, and I'll be able to write out bump stocks." Reuters - October 1, 2018 https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-guns-bumpstocks/trump-says-close-to-finalizing-effective-ban-on-gun-bumpstocks-idUSKCN1MB3C3

OVER 116,000 INJURED IN THE U.S. FROM GUN-RELATED INJURIES

(NBC) - Gunshot wounds are far deadlier than other types of trauma. Researchers from Johns Hopkins University analyzed 12 years of data from Maryland's Trauma Registry. They found gun victims were 14 times more likely to die from their injuries than those involved in car accidents, falls, stabbings or other assaults. The study also showed gunshot victims are five times more likely to need a blood transfusion and require 10 times more blood units than other trauma patients. Over 116,000 people are injured and over 38,000 people die each year in the US from gun-related injuries - October 1, 2018 https://www.kwqc.com/content/news/Over-116000-injured-in-the-US-from-gun-related-injuries-494782111.html

CALIFORNIA ALREADY HAD THE STRICTEST GUN CONTROL LAWS IN THE NATION. THEY JUST PASSED A BUNCH MORE - What stops the mentally ill from buying guns? By Doug Criss, CNN - Mon Oct 1, 2018 https://www.cnn.com/2018/10/01/politics/california-gun-laws-trnd/index.html

NEW GUN-CONTROL LAWS TAKING EFFECT IN MARYLAND

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