



THE PAST WEEK'S POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

FIREARMS LICENCE SCREENING BACKLOGS POSE SAFETY RISKS: RCMP AUDIT

Investigations into whether gun licences should be revoked due to violent incidents or mental illness have faced "significant delays" that could endanger public safety, says an internal RCMP review.

By Jim Bronskill, The Canadian Press - Friday, November 16, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/firearms-licence-screening-backlogs-pose-safety-risks-rcmp-audit-1.4179698>

<https://www.castanet.net/news/Canada/242148/Firearms-screening-backlogs>

CBC - POLICE SING PRAISES OF ARMOURED VEHICLE FOLLOWING STRING OF INCIDENTS IN WINNIPEG - ARV1 is designed to help protect officers in high-risk situations CBC News · Posted: Nov 16, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-police-high-risk-shooting-1.4909590>

WILL SCHEER'S PLAN FOR TOUGHER PENALTIES FOR GANG MEMBERS MAKE CANADA SAFER?

Spoiler alert: The Canadian Press Baloney Meter is a dispassionate examination of political statements culminating in a ranking of accuracy on a scale of "no baloney" to "full of baloney" (complete methodology below). This one earns a rating of "a lot of baloney." Here's why: [READ THE REST]

By Jim Bronskill, The Canadian Press - Published Thursday, November 15, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/will-scheer-s-plan-for-tougher-penalties-for-gang-members-make-canada-safer-1.4178306>

KELLY MCPARLAND: GUN CONTROL SHOULDN'T BE AS HARD AS OUR POLITICIANS MAKE IT

Take the Liberal plan, and the Tory plan, and tape them together. Implement both. Voters won't punish them for keeping them safe. By Kelly McParland - November 15, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/kelly-mcparland-gun-control-shouldnt-be-as-hard-as-our-politicians-make-it>

TORONTO THINKS REBRANDING SOME COPS CAN HELP STOP GUN VIOLENCE

A recent, enhanced version of neighbourhood policing now have officers carrying mobile devices meant to increase their accessibility, serving out four year terms in a specific community, and attending regular monthly meetings with community members. They also wear vests and baseball caps with "Neighbourhood Officer" emblazoned on them.

By Steven Zhou Nov 15, 2018

https://news.vice.com/en_ca/article/8xpg8z/toronto-thinks-rebranding-some-cops-can-help-stop-gun-violence

UNION REPRESENTING THOUSANDS OF CANADIAN JOURNALISTS CALLS THEMSELVES

'RESISTANCE' AGAINST SCHEER - Jerry Dias – the head of the massive Unifor Union which represents over 10,000 Canadian journalists – is calling himself part of 'the resistance' to Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer. How can Canadians trust the media if tons of media employees are represented by a group pledging to defeat the Conservatives?

By SPENCER FERNANDO - NOVEMBER 15, 2018 <https://www.spencerfernando.com/2018/11/15/dias-bias-union-representing-thousands-of-canadian-journalists-calls-themselves-resistance-against-scheer/>

TORONTO SUN - WISCONSIN COMPANY GIVES WORKERS GUNS FOR CHRISTMAS

Ben Wolfram — who co-owns Hortonville-based BenShot — told ABC News that he decided to buy the weapons as festive gifts. “I believe it is good for everybody’s safety to have a handgun in the home,” Wolfram said, adding two of his staff declined the offer. By Brad Hunter - November 15, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/news/world/wisconsin-company-gives-workers-guns-for-christmas>

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/nation-now/2018/11/13/handgun-employee-christmas-gift-small-business/1994835002/>

CTV - COP ACCUSED OF STEALING CASH DURING DRUG RAID WON'T FACE CHARGES

The BC Prosecution Service says in a statement there are gaps in the evidence and it can't find sufficient proof to support an allegation raised after the unnamed officer and the Abbotsford drug enforcement team seized cash, weapons and drugs from a suspect's home in November 2017. The Canadian Press - Last Updated Thursday, November 15, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/cop-accused-of-stealing-cash-during-drug-raid-won-t-face-charges-1.4178156>

YET ANOTHER QUEBEC SPORTING GOODS STORE ROBBED OF HANDGUNS

This time, the thieves targeted a store in Magog, but police suspect they are the masterminds behind handgun thefts in Sherbrooke and Alma. PRESSE CANADIENNE - Updated: November 14, 2018

<https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/yet-another-quebec-sporting-goods-store-robbed-of-handguns>

THIS IS WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS DOING TO STOP GUNS COMING TO BRAMPTON

Scheer announced this week announcing what his party would do to combat firearm and gang related crimes in Canada, as well as ending “a revolving door prison system.” The Tory leader outlined five specific measures a potential Conservative government would enact should they be returned to office in 2019.

- End automatic bail entitlement for repeat gang offenders. Scheer said “right now, dangerous criminal offenders with prior convictions can be released right back on the street.”
- Enshrine a list of criminal organizations into the Criminal Code, similar to the list of known terrorist entities. Scheer says it was lunacy to have to prove that members of the Hells Angels and MS13 were dangerous.
- Mandatory sentences for instructing someone to commit a crime on behalf of a gang.
- New sentences for ordering a violent offense on behalf of a criminal gang with mandatory sentences attached.
- Revoke parole for gang offenders who choose association on a gang list.

by Alan Kan on November 14, 2018

<https://www.inbrampton.com/this-is-what-the-federal-government-is-doing-to-stop-guns-coming-to-brampton>

DEAR MAYOR TORY, HELP POLICE WITHOUT HURTING ATHLETES: NILS EK

TheGunBlog.ca — Nils Ek, a Canadian national pistol competitor, sent the following letter to Toronto Mayor John Tory after the mayor renewed his call to ban handguns from sport shooters across Canada. He sent the letter last week and gave TheGunBlog.ca permission to publish it. THE GUN BLOG - 14 Nov 2018 <https://thegunblog.ca/2018/11/14/dear-mayor-tory-help-police-without-hurting-athletes-nils-ek/>

FEDS DELAY CONTENTIOUS GUN MARKING SCHEME AGAIN

The controversial regulations have now been delayed nine times by four successive federal governments. The federal government has again delayed plans to introduce a controversial marking scheme for firearms manufactured and imported into Canada despite promising during the 2015 election campaign to “immediately” enact the rules. By ALEX MACPHERSON, SASKATOON STARPHOENIX - Updated: November 14, 2018

<https://thestarphoenix.com/news/local-news/feds-delay-contentious-gun-marking-scheme-again>

LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER EMBEDDED IN THIS PETITION: SHOULDN'T POLICE KNOW WHERE THESE BAD GUYS WITH GUNS LIVE?

EXCERPT: “Criminal law requires more than two million lawful, licensed firearms owners to report their change of address. It seems a significant oversight in our criminal justice system that a similar law does not also apply to hundreds of thousands of convicted criminals who have been prohibited from owning firearms by the courts. Please introduce our proposed Motion in the House of Commons for a full debate and a free vote by all Members of Parliament.”

NOTE: Justin Trudeau has been named as the decision maker for this petition and will be notified periodically as the signature count rises. <https://dennisyoung.ca/2018/11/14/petition-letter-to-prime-minister/>
<https://www.change.org/p/justin-trudeau-shouldn-t-police-know-where-these-bad-guys-with-guns-live/u/23610841>

89 HOMICIDES IN 2018: TORONTO TIES RECORD FOR MOST MURDERS IN A YEAR

CTVNews.ca Staff - Published Wednesday, November 14, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/89-homicides-in-2018-toronto-ties-record-for-most-murders-in-a-year-1.4176466>

HOW B.C.'S NEW COUGAR REGULATIONS SHOULD BENEFIT HUNTERS

On the one hand, the new government was continuing to ignore science by banning the grizzly hunt, but on the other, it appeared as though it was buying hunters some social licence. Here's how.

By T.J. Schwanky, Outdoor Canada - November 14, 2018

<http://www.outdoorcanada.ca/how-b-c-s-new-cougar-regulations-should-benefit-hunters/>

DEPT. OF FISHERIES RELEASE FIREARMS INFORMATION

353-Page Response to Access to Information Act request Nov 2, 2018 - Received by Dennis R. Young Nov 13, 2018

<https://dennisyoung.ca/2018/11/16/dept-of-fisheries-release-firearms-information/>

Q2 - NUMBERS OF FIREARMS IN INVENTORY: 1,597

- Machine Guns – 12
- Submachine Guns – 67
- Rifle – 62
- Handguns – 1,226
- Shotguns - 230

Q7 - ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES, UNSAFE ACTS, ETC

- Accidental Discharges: 4
- Unsafe Acts: 2
- Careless Storage: 3
- Unauthorized use of firearms: 0

MILITARY MUM ON HOW COMMANDO ALLEGEDLY WALKED AWAY WITH \$23K IN GEAR

Canada's special forces can't explain how one of its commandos allegedly walked off with a generator, assault rifle parts and other equipment from its stockpile worth more than \$23,000 but it has restricted the duties of the soldier in question. The police investigation began after an individual reported to military police their concern about the source of items listed for sale online. By DAVID PUGLIESE, OTTAWA CITIZEN - November 13, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/military-mum-on-how-commando-allegedly-walked-away-with-23k-in-gear>

<https://www.nugget.ca/news/canada/military-mum-on-how-commando-allegedly-walked-away-with-23k-in-gear/wcm/1044bc97-fd96-42af-826c-71d47fb9fd51>

<https://theprovince.com/news/canada/military-mum-on-how-commando-allegedly-walked-away-with-23k-in-gear/wcm/daca1020-241a-429a-90ec-79a5a4d8968e>

<https://www.follownews.com/military-mum-on-how-commando-allegedly-walked-away-with-23k-in-gear-53t4w>

NATIONAL DEFENCE REPORTS 559 LOST WEAPONS & 14 STOLEN WEAPONS

DND Response to Access request DND File: A-2018-00801 dated October 24, 2018

Analyzed by Dennis R. Young – November 4, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/11/04/national-defence-reports-559-lost-weapons-14-stolen-weapons/>

TWENTY UNDECLARED FIREARMS SEIZED AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE LEADS TO AN ARREST

On October 16, 2018, a vehicle was referred to secondary for examination at the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls, Ontario. During the examination, CBSA officers, supported by a detector dog team, discovered 20 undeclared handguns concealed inside an after-market compartment in the vehicle.

News release Canada Border Services Agency - November 13, 2018 <https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2018/11/twenty-undeclared-firearms-seized-at-the-rainbow-bridge-leads-to-an-arrest.html>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/rainbow-bridge-arrest-1.4904232>

<https://www.cp24.com/news/n-y-man-hid-20-handguns-in-vehicle-cbsa-1.4175303>

PETITION UPDATE: TARGETTING BAD GUYS WITH GUNS – November 12, 2018

PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA: NO RECORDS ON 422,887 CONVICTED CRIMINALS PROHIBITED FROM OWNING GUNS

- No Records on the number who have violated their firearms prohibition order.
- No Records on how many of those violations involved a firearms crime.

Response to Access to Information Act request dated October 25, 2018.

Public Safety Canada ATIP file A-2018-00216 https://lnkd.in/e6_Biq2

MOTHER OF GIRLS SHOT AT SCARBOROUGH PLAYGROUND AMONG THOSE CALLING FOR HANDGUN BAN

- The mother of three young children who were shot at a Scarborough playground this past summer is adding her voice to those calling for a city-wide ban on handguns and assault weapons, telling CP24 that the violence in the city “is getting out of control.” Stacey King made the comment during the launch of an advocacy campaign organized by the Coalition for Gun Control on Tuesday morning. By Chris Fox, CP24.com - November 13, 2018

<https://www.cp24.com/news/mother-of-girls-shot-at-scarborough-playground-among-those-calling-for-handgun-ban-1.4174989>

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/11/13/moms-of-shot-kids-want-gun-control-not-prayers-mother-says-as-group-launches-campaign-for-handgun-ban.html>

COALITION FOR GUN CONTROL STARTS FLASHIEST CAMPAIGN TO BAN GUNS

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian Coalition for Gun Control kicked off its flashiest and maybe its priciest campaign to eliminate firearm ownership today with new high-contrast websites, videos, posters, billboards and a sculpture in front of Toronto City Hall. It aims for the “immediate ban on civilian ownership of handguns and military assault weapons,” the Toronto-based group said in a press release distributed by Cision. Wendy Cukier, the president of the coalition of more than 200 unidentified people and organizations, acts to disarm women and criminalize the millions of Canadians who use guns lawfully for protection, hunting, recreation and competition. THE GUN BLOG - 13 Nov 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/11/13/coalition-for-gun-control-starts-new-campaign-to-ban-firearms/>

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/coalition-for-gun-control-urges-canadians-to-trigger-change-for-handgun-and-assault-weapon-ban-700396711.html>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/coalition-for-gun-control-trigger-change-1.4904160>

TRUDEAU LIBERALS FRUSTRATED IN THE SENATE

The Liberals have no chance to bring in Bill C-71 by December 6th the anniversary of the infamous Montreal shooting back in 1989 by Gamil Gharbi (aka Marc Lepine).

JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS - 13 November 2018

<https://mailchi.mp/e2ec5b2c8a8d/lets-keep-disappointing-justin-trudeau?e=bc1823b8e2>

AGRICULTURE CANADA RELEASES FIREARMS INFORMATION

Departmental ATIP Response dated November 8, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/11/12/agriculture-canada-releases-firearms-information/>

1. Occupational Health and Safety: Firearms Use Directive (PDF Pages 1-13)
2. Report on Discharge of a Firearm from a Vehicle in an Unsafe Manner - Lethbridge Research Centre (PDF Pages 17-39)
Duplicate PDF pages 40-50 removed.
3. RCMP PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCY REPORT OF AGENCY FIREARM INVENTORY May 20, 2016 (PDF page 51)
NOTE: 13 Firearms listed.
4. AAFC FIREARMS 2016 REPORT – Identifying Discrepancies and Corrections to RCMP Firearms listed in Item 3 above (PDF Page 52)
5. SAP INVENTORY OF AAFC WEAPONS – AUGUST 2018 (PDF Pages 53-54)

Note #1: PDF pages 55-197 are duplicates of Item #1 and the drafting process have not been scanned and uploaded.

Note #2: PDF pages 198-243 are e-mails discussing possible offences related to Item #2 and have not been scanned and uploaded. The final decision was blanked out citing solicitor-client privilege.

GLOBE AND MAIL: WE MUST CRIMINALIZE GUN POSSESSION IN CANADA

Most Canadians are shocked to hear that Canada has the fourth highest level of gun violence amongst OECD nations. A revealing comparison is with Japan, which has an absolute ban on firearms. Japan reports an average of 0.005 firearm homicides per 100,000 people per year. Canada, by the same measure, averages 0.48, nearly 100 times that of Japan. By VAHAN KOLOLIAN - NOVEMBER 12, 2018 Vahan Kololian is chairman of the The Mosaic Institute.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-we-must-criminalize-gun-possession-in-canada/>

TORONTO STAR - ECHOES OF TRUMP RESOUND AT BERNIER'S CALGARY RALLY

Many Alberta conservatives like Bernier's libertarian approach: his emphasis on freedom from big government. He wants less tax credits for special groups and tax cuts for everyone. He wants less immigration and big cuts in foreign aid. **He wants a less restrictive firearms policies.** He would privatize Canada Post and turn CBC into a subscription service. He said he would allow for a debate on abortion if one of his MPs wanted to table a bill on the matter. And when he said "no more political correctness" the crowd roared in approval. There's nothing Trump-like about Bernier. He's dapper, funny, well-spoken, bilingual, and knows the issues inside out. By GILLIAN STEWARD - Mon., Nov. 12, 2018

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/star-columnists/2018/11/12/echoes-of-trump-resound-at-berniers-calgary-rally.html>

ONTARIO POLICE EX-CHIEF OPPOSES TRUDEAU, TORY, SAUNDERS ON GUNS

Chris Lewis, the retired commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, has repeatedly opposed the push by Trudeau and Toronto Mayor John Tory to take away guns owned by more than 2 million federally licensed men and women across Canada. He's now challenging one of their favourite talking points in the anti-gun assault, the Domestically Sourced Crime Gun conspiracy. 'I Don't Buy It' THE GUN BLOG - 11 Nov 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/11/11/ontario-police-ex-chief-opposes-trudeau-tory-saunders-on-guns/>

BRIAN LILLEY: LIBERAL LIE ON DOMESTIC GUNS EXPOSED, AGAIN

Now if Public Safety even had partial records on this kind of information, say just the number of guns stolen from homes, they would have to release it. They have no data. By Brian Lilley - November 10, 2018

<http://brianlilley.com/liberal-lie-on-domestic-guns-exposed-again/>

CBC - SHERWOOD PARK EXPLOSIONS SUSPECT HAD MULTIPLE GUNS IN VEHICLE, RCMP SAY

More than five firearms were found in Kosolowsky's vehicle, RCMP Supt. Dave Kalist confirmed Saturday morning. These included shotguns, hunting rifles and handguns. All were "properly" registered, Kalist said.

CBC News · Posted: Nov 10, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/kane-kosolowsky-sherwood-park-explosion-1.4900812>

CBC - SASKATOON POLICE WILL HOST SOCIAL MEDIA Q&A ON FIREARMS STORAGE AFTER JORDAN LAFOND INQUEST RECOMMENDATION

Inquest jury recommended police raise public awareness on firearms storage By Kelly Provost · CBC Nov 10, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/saskatoon-police-firearms-storage-social-media-1.4900654>

LIBERALS AGAIN DELAY FIREARM MARKING REGULATIONS DESPITE CAMPAIGN PROMISE

Many Canadian gun manufacturers exporting to the United States already mark their firearms in a manner that would meet or exceed requirements set out in the regulations to meet U.S. standards, and at least one importer has voluntarily applied import marks, according to an internal government memo. NEWS Nov 10, 2018

by Jim Bronskill The Canadian Press

<https://www.thespec.com/news-story/9026577-liberals-again-delay-firearm-marking-regulations-despite-campaign-promise/>

TARGETING BAD GUYS WITH GUNS

PETITION TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: SHOULDN'T POLICE KNOW WHERE THESE BAD GUYS WITH GUNS LIVE? *"We residents of Canada call on the Government to pass a motion making it mandatory for judges when imposing a firearms prohibition order, as part of a criminal sentence, a protection order or restraining order, also make it mandatory for these persons to report any change of address to police and this information be made available to police in a database on CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre)."* By Dennis R. Young - November 9, 2018

<https://lnkd.in/eKnCw4n>

<https://www.change.org/p/justin-trudeau-shouldn-t-police-know-where-these-bad-guys-with-guns-live>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

NEW ZEALAND - DUCK FOR COVER: GUN LAWS UP FOR DEBATE

Both Labour and National are drawing battle lines over another problem, and stirring a very angry hornets' nest: firearms laws. The Arms Act dates back to 1983 and hasn't had a significant refresh for 26 years. Police Minister Stuart Nash has requested a review of the legislation. Police will deliver their advice to him next week. By Andrea Vance - Nov 17 2018

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/108663673/duck-for-cover-gun-laws-up-for-debate>

GUN CONTROL VS. MENTAL HEALTH CARE: DEBATE AFTER MASS SHOOTINGS OBSCURES MURKY REALITY

- "Most violence is not committed by people who are mentally ill," said Dr. Renée Binder, a professor of psychiatry at the University of California-San Francisco and a past president of the American Psychiatric Association. "Even if you took everyone who had any kind of mental illness and locked them up and gave them meds, it would hardly make a dent on the problem of violence." By Rob Waters - November 16, 2018

<https://californiahealthline.org/news/gun-control-vs-mental-health-care-debate-after-mass-shootings-obscures-murky-reality/>

AMERICAN MILITARY NEWS - CANADIAN FEDERAL, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS DISCUSS TOTAL GUN BAN AFTER TRUDEAU'S DIRECTIVE

One of Canada's most prominent supporter of gun ownership is Michelle Rempel, a Conservative politician who was one of the many who fled Canada's parliament in 2014 when a gunman came in and opened fire, according to the Economist. Some claimed that a gun ban would have prevented that incident, but Rempel wasn't sold on that idea. After extensive research, Rempel decided that a gun ban was surely not the answer and now advocates for gun rights. NOVEMBER 16, 2018 CHERYL HINNEBURG

<https://americanmilitarynews.com/2018/11/canadian-federal-local-governments-discuss-total-gun-ban-after-trudeaus-directive/>

POLICE CHIEF PLEDGES OFFICERS WON'T ENFORCE WASHINGTON STATE GUN CONTROL LAW

In a Facebook post last week, Chief Loren Culp argued the U.S. Constitution ensured the private right of individuals to their firearms. "As long as I am Chief of Police," Culp wrote, "no Republic Police Officer will infringe on a citizens right to keep and Bear Arms, PERIOD!" BY: Mikhael Smits - November 16, 2018

<https://freebeacon.com/issues/police-chief-pledges-officers-wont-enforce-washington-state-gun-control-law/>

SUICIDE RATES IN UTAH CURRENTLY OUTNUMBER HOMICIDES AND ACCESS TO GUNS IS A DRIVING FACTOR, ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT

Suicide rates in Utah have been increasing since 2008 and currently outnumber homicides by a ratio of 8 to 1, according to the report, which was conducted by researchers from Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health. By Benjamin Wood - November 15, 2018

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/politics/2018/11/14/report-restricting-gun/>

WASH. POST - SURGEONS — MANY OF THEM GUN OWNERS — RECOMMEND NEW GUN-SAFETY APPROACHES

Now, a work group from the American College of Surgeons has chimed in with the release Wednesday of a new set of gun-safety recommendations that aims to bridge the political divide. The recommendations, which include robust background checks, enhanced gun-safety training, mandatory reporting requirements for people considered a threat to themselves or others, and the use of innovative technologies to prevent accidental firearms discharge, are striking not so much for their content as their authorship. By Frances Stead Sellers, November 14, 2018

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/surgeons--many-of-them-gun-owners--recommend-new-gun-safety-approaches/2018/11/14/5d6aa3aa-e77c-11e8-a939-9469f1166f9d_story.html?utm_term=.a43f744c723b

<https://www.vox.com/first-person/2018/11/12/18087262/doctors-guns-thousand-oaks-nra>

VIDEO: RARE LOOK INSIDE NATION'S GUN TRACING CENTER

The News 4 Trouble Shooters traveled the country to find out how police connect a criminal to a gun, how long it takes and why most of the searching is done by hand. by Emily Baucum, News 4 San Antonio - November 14th 2018

<https://news4sanantonio.com/news/trouble-shooters/rare-look-inside-nations-gun-tracing-center>

<https://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/lawmakers-react-to-investigation-into-nations-gun-tracing-center>

THE ECONOMIC APPROACH TO EVALUATING GUN CONTROL POLICIES

What do economists have to offer in evaluating gun control policies? Our answer, explained in our book, Gun Violence: The Real Costs, may come as a surprise. The costs of gun violence are not just counted in lost lives, but also in the decline of neighborhoods, cities, and whole countries that are heavily impacted—and by the anxieties of those who cannot leave.

By Philip J. Cook and Jens Ludwig - November 13, 2018

Philip J. Cook is Terry Sanford Professor Emeritus at the Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University.

Jens Ludwig is the director of the University of Chicago Crime Lab and a professor at the University of Chicago.

<https://www.theregreview.org/2018/11/13/cook-ludwig-economic-approach-evaluating-gun-control-policies/>

NY TIMES - Q. & A. TELL US 5 THINGS ABOUT YOUR BOOK: AN UNLIKELY RELATIONSHIP WITH GUNS - Let It Bang: A Young Black Man's Reluctant Odyssey Into Guns By RJ Young

By John Williams - Nov. 12, 2018

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/12/books/let-it-bang-rj-young-interview.html>

GUNS IN AMERICA: OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FIREARMS IN 5 CHARTS

- The US is the only G8 member that ranks in the top 20 nations for gun deaths.
- The US has a higher rate of gun violence than any other rich country.
- Americans are making and importing more and more guns.
- The US tops the list of countries with the most firearms, with more than one gun per person.
- Stronger gun laws mean fewer deaths from firearms.

By JOANNA PEARLSTEIN - 11.12.18

<https://www.wired.com/story/guns-in-america-five-charts/>

A NEW SURVEY REVEALS WHO OWNS GUNS IN CALIFORNIA—AND HOW MANY GOT THEM WITHOUT BACKGROUND CHECKS - One in four California gun owners own firearms that they somehow managed to buy without undergoing background checks, researchers at UC Davis' Violence Prevention Research Program reported Sunday. <https://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/publish/news/newsroom/13336>

By Dan Morain | Nov. 11, 2018 | HEALTH, JUSTICE

<https://calmatters.org/articles/heres-who-owns-guns-in-california-and-why/>

SMALL ARMS SURVEY - AN INTRODUCTORY GUIDE TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF SMALL ARMS, LIGHT WEAPONS, AND ASSOCIATED AMMUNITION

The goal of this Handbook is to provide the reader with a basic understanding of how to identify and analyse small arms and light weapons, and to track their proliferation. Edited by N.R. Jenzen-Jones and Matt Schroeder, November 2018

<http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/resources/publications/by-type/handbooks/weapons-id-handbook.html>

HOW THE POLICE SMASHED A DARK WEB PLOT TO SMUGGLE GLOCK HANDGUNS INTO LIVERPOOL

- Detectives in Liverpool were contacted after a vigilant US Homeland Security special agent discovered the Austrian-made Glock 19 handguns, suppressor and bag of 9mm ammo hidden inside a guitar amp on September 11 this year. Merseyside police then launched a covert operation to target Joseph Halsall, Daniel Humphreys and Josh Ali , who had used the dark web to order the weapons from the US.

By Tom Duffy Neil Docking, Crown Court Reporter - November 10, 2018

<https://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/how-police-smashed-dark-web-15397075>

FORBES - WHY THE ARMS TRADE TREATY IS NO ANSWER FOR THE SAUDI PROBLEM

The ATT, on the other hand, is not a policy: it is a treaty. By signing onto it, you are not simply responding to the Khashoggi murder, or to the Yemen war: you are committing yourself to following the treaty's rules in all future circumstances. by Ted Bromund - Oct 31, 2018

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/tedbromund/2018/10/31/why-the-arms-trade-treaty-is-no-answer-for-the-saudi-problem/#514603c01a7a>

OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

WHAT COMES AFTER MULTICULTURALISM?

Of all the alternatives that have been tried and rejected, nationalism seems like the best possibility.

By Philip Carl Salzman, Frontier Centre for Public Policy on November 16, 2018

Philip Carl Salzman is professor of Anthropology at McGill University, senior fellow at the Frontier Centre for Public Policy, and fellow of the Middle East Forum.

<http://troymedia.com/2018/11/16/after-multiculturalism/>

TERENCE CORCORAN: IS CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY KILLING ALBERTA OIL?

- Corporate social responsibility (CSR) and environmental and social corporate governance (ESG), has everyone in thrall even though there's no evidence it produces real benefits to shareholders or the economy. And it has stopped the pipelines.
- The rainforest should also be no place for bank CSR activities. But, in 2008, RBC pledged \$500,000 to the Tides Canada Foundation to help fund the Great Bear Rainforest protection racket. Tides, whose objective is to kill Alberta's oilsands, raised millions to close off 64,000 square kilometres of British Columbia forest. In other words, RBC's corporate social responsibility — funded through its "Blue Water Project" — helped set up a rainforest that now serves as a barrier to getting Alberta oil to market
- The idea that Corporate social responsibility (CSR) and environmental and social corporate governance (ESG), has have no business in the boardrooms of the nation — and that such activity can undermine the economy — is not new. **In 1970, Nobel economist Milton Friedman devastatingly detailed the many risks associated with CSR as a model. The short-sightedness of business executives, he said, is exemplified in their speeches on social responsibility. "This may gain them kudos in the short run. But it helps to strengthen the already too prevalent view that the pursuit of profits is wicked and immoral and must be curbed and controlled by external forces. Once this view is adopted, the external forces that curb the market will not be the social consciences, however highly developed, of the pontificating executives; it will be the iron fist of government bureaucrats."**

By Terence Corcoran, Financial Post - November 14, 2018

<https://business.financialpost.com/opinion/terence-corcoran-is-corporate-social-responsibility-killing-alberta-oil>

WE HAVE AN IDENTITY PROBLEM

- Therefore, if a fetus has XX chromosomes, a female is born, and if a fetus has XY chromosomes, a male is born.
- What's an open-and-shut case in biology can become confused in the political/social arena, particularly when one's sex is referred to as one's gender.
- In 2014, Facebook introduced 50 gender options, including intersex, gender nonconforming, non-binary and androgynous.
- Here's something for you to consider: For males between the ages of 17 and 21 to pass the Army's fitness test, they must do 35 pushups, do 47 situps and run 2 miles in 16 minutes, 36 seconds. Females in the same age group pass the fitness test by doing 13 pushups, doing 47 situps and running 2 miles in 19 minutes, 42 seconds. Would it be OK for males who cannot meet the male requirement to claim that they are females?

By Walter E. Williams |Posted: Nov 14, 2018

<https://www.cnsnews.com/commentary/walter-e-williams/walter-williams-we-have-identity-problem>

NASA SCIENTISTS: LACK OF SUNSPOTS TO BRING RECORD COLD

Global warmists will eat crow for awhile while the earth cools and it becomes obvious that the sun is the primary determinant for earth's temperature. The global warming meme is a fraud that does not respect objective science. - TN Editor
WRITTEN BY: DR. TONY PHILLIPS NOVEMBER 13, 2018

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THE CHILL OF SOLAR MINIMUM

Sept. 27, 2018: The sun is entering one of the deepest Solar Minima of the Space Age. Sunspots have been absent for most of 2018, and the sun's ultraviolet output has sharply dropped. New research shows that Earth's upper atmosphere is responding. "We see a cooling trend," says Martin Mlyneczek of NASA's Langley Research Center. "High above Earth's surface, near the edge of space, our atmosphere is losing heat energy. If current trends continue, it could soon set a Space Age record for cold."

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POLAR BEAR NUMBERS IN CANADIAN ARCTIC POSE THREAT TO INUIT, CONTROVERSIAL REPORT

SAYS - Report bitterly contested by scientists who say threat comes from climate change, which has pushed bears closer to humans – not because the population is growing. By Leyland Cecco in Toronto - Tue 13 Nov 2018

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GUNTER: LIBERALS' ANTI-OIL POLICY STIFLING THE INDUSTRY

But another big problem that is little discussed, has been the willingness of the biggest of the big oil companies to play footsie with the federal Liberals and Alberta NDP. By Lorne Gunter - November 13, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-liberals-anti-oil-policy-stifling-the-industry>

EDITORIAL: TRUDEAU'S CARBON TAX A PIG IN A POKE

Trudeau's mandatory carbon price is currently set at \$20 per tonne of emissions next year, rising to \$50 per tonne in 2022. Given that his government's own experts have said this is far too low to achieve even Trudeau's Paris accord targets, how much higher does he plan to raise his carbon price after 2022 to meet his targets? Because without that information, what Trudeau is really doing is asking Canadians to buy a pig in a poke. Postmedia News - November 12, 2018

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GUNTER: CANADA'S IMPACT ON BRINGING THE GREAT WAR TO AN END

Thereafter, for the final 100 days of the war, Canadians served as the Allies "shock troops" in decisive battles at Second Somme, Canal du Nord, Cambrai, Mons and elsewhere. The four Canadian divisions defeated all or part of 47 German divisions – one quarter of all the German troops on the Western Front. These victories came at a horrific cost. Forty-five thousand Canadians – around 20 per cent of our total casualties for the entire war – were killed, wounded or captured in the Hundred Days campaign. But many historians (and not just Canadian ones), refer to this final, decisive stage of the First World War as "Canada's Hundred Days." **Lest we forget.** By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - November 10, 2018

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LOWERED EXPECTATIONS NEW NORM FOR CANADA'S VETERANS

"Thank you for your service" should never be reduced to a demeaning move-on-and-suck-it-up approach. As Canadians, we may not glorify war like other nations, but we certainly have to stop allowing our government to humiliate those willing to die for our right to let others wear a uniform in our defence.

By Sean Bruyey and Robert Smol - Special to Toronto Sun - November 10, 2018

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THE SILENCE OF THE PEOPLE: THE POLITICS OF INDIGENOUS POWERLESSNESS

The federal government is moving full-speed ahead to dramatically reform the relationship between the Crown and Canada's Indigenous people through a new Indigenous Rights, Recognition and Implementation Framework and through a suite of legislative changes. However, the voices of the people who will be most directly affected by these changes—ordinary Indigenous people—are nowhere to be heard.

BY SHEILLA JONES - FRONTIER CENTRE FOR PUBLIC POLICY NO. 125 - OCTOBER 2018

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