



THE PAST WEEK'S POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

owner-cdn-firearms-digest@scorpion.bogend.ca

Updated: Friday, November 23, 2018

POSTS FROM CANADA

MP BERGEN SAYS GUN LAWS SHOULDN'T TARGET LAW ABIDING CITIZENS

Member of Parliament for Portage-Lisgar Candice Bergen, says this new endeavour by the Liberals is the same as previous ones. "It seems like every time they say they're going to crack down on guns and gangs; they instead enact legislation that targets law-abiding Canadians. Written by Ryan Funk - Published: Saturday, 24 November 2018

<https://pembinavalleyonline.com/local/mp-bergen-says-gun-laws-shouldn-t-target-law-abiding-citizens>

ANDREW COYNE: LIBERALS' \$600M AID PACKAGE FOR NEWS MEDIA WILL IRREVOCABLY POLITICIZE THE PRESS

- I don't actually think the government will appoint a group of card-carrying Liberal hacks to this 'independent panel.' They won't need to. The publishers' association even went so far as to suggest a model of how the money might be delivered, complete with promises of what sort of coverage they would provide in exchange.

By Andrew Coyne - November 23, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/andrew-coyne-liberals-600m-aid-package-for-news-media-will-irrevocably-politicize-the-press>

NEW STATISTICS CANADA REPORT SHOWS GANG-RELATED HOMICIDES HAVE DOUBLED SINCE

2015 - "Gang-related homicides committed with a firearm represented 12 percent of all homicides in 2015. By 2017, this proportion had grown to 21 percent." By Lucas Holtvluer November 23, 2018

<https://www.thepostmillennial.com/new-statistics-canada-report-shows-gang-related-homicides-have-doubled-since-2015/>

MY COMMENT: Many of these gangsters will have been convicted of a violent crime and prohibited from owning firearms. Police should know where these criminals hang their hats and their handguns. Share this petition with your friends so Trudeau, Goodale and Blair get the message. <https://www.change.org/p/justin-trudeau-shouldn-t-police-know-where-these-bad-guys-with-guns-live>

ANIMAL-WELFARE ACTIVISTS WORRY PRO-HUNTING CULTURE IS 'MILITARIZING' PROVINCIAL CONSERVATION AGENCIES

- One critic says B.C.'s conservation service takes a 'bullets are cheaper' approach to enforcement and operates like a 'rogue agency' By Douglas Quan - November 23, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/animal-welfare-activists-worry-pro-hunting-culture-is-militarizing-provincial-conservation-agencies>

JOHN IVISON: ANDREW SCHEER'S 'PROBLEMATIC' LEADERSHIP SPARKS CONCERN AMONG CONSERVATIVES

- If the Conservatives win, or even hold Justin Trudeau to a minority, Scheer's position is assured. Any other outcome leaves him vulnerable. By John Ivison - November 23, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-andrew-scheers-problematic-leadership-sparks-concern-among-conservatives>

CBC - MAN MISTAKENLY HELD BY OFFICERS AT GUNPOINT WANTS APOLOGY, BUT POLICE

STAND BY ARREST - Police thought Dante Newman looked like Kyler Johnson, 23, wanted for a homicide in Corktown. By Amara McLaughlin · CBC News · Posted: Nov 23, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/toronto-man-arrested-in-mistaken-identity-case-1.4917425>

WATCH: JEWELLERY STORE EMPLOYEES IN CANADA CHASE AWAY ROBBERS WITH SWORDS

The four men who were trying to rob the store did not know what they were in for.

By Kamil Karamali, Stunning video. Owners of Ashok Jewellers in Mississauga sent me this surveillance footage — three people using swords to fend off a daylight robbery attempt on Wednesday. Nov 22, 2018

<https://scroll.in/video/903340/watch-jewellery-store-employees-in-canada-chase-away-robbers-with-swords>

CBC - 'EXPLOSIONS' IN BOUNDARY CREEK CAME FROM FIREARMS PRACTICE, POLICE SAY

RCMP say they've solved the mystery of what sounded like explosions in Boundary Creek over the weekend. The man said he'd been shooting at Tannerite — an explosive used in firearms practice — which caused the loud noises. "No laws were broken," the release said. Tannerite is commonly available in sporting goods stores in Canada. People using it for target practice are able to tell by the explosion that they've hit their mark. CBC News · Posted: Nov 22, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/rcmp-solve-explosion-mystery-1.4916925>

BORDER SERVICES WORKING WITH RCMP AFTER MORE THAN 70 GUNS STOLEN FROM

SASKATCHEWAN - According to RCMP, the owner is a master of firearms instructor with the Canadian Firearms Centre, so he was authorized to have the guns, and they were stored properly. CJME, STORTHOAKS, SASK. THE CANADIAN PRESS - November 22, 2018

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-border-services-working-with-rcmp-after-more-than-70-guns-stolen-from/>

<https://www.ckom.com/syn/648/441178/rcmp-concerned-after-70-guns-stolen/>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4691844/firearms-stolen-southern-saskatchewan-gun-collector/>

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2018/11/22/mounties-investigate-theft-of-more-than-70-guns-in-southeast-saskatchewan.html>

SCHEER MISSING THE TARGET ON GUNS

Gun owners want safety and strict licensing, too, Scheer added Monday. Except that's not what people in Canadian cities largely want, based on various opinion polls. They want what Prince George-Peace River-Northern Rockies MP Bob Zimmer, many other members of Scheer's caucus and diehard rural Conservatives won't give up until it is snatched from their cold, dead hands: an outright ban on guns. By Editor-in-chief Neil Godbout, Prince George Citizen NOV 22, 2018

<https://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/opinion/editorial/scheer-missing-the-target-on-guns-1.23507283>

CSSA COMMENTARY: BILL BLAIR: COMPLETELY OUT OF TOUCH OR JUST PLAIN DISINGENUOUS?

Bill Blair, Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction, lashed out at Lethbridge MP Rachael Harder on Tuesday for hosting a family-oriented fundraising event at the Lethbridge Fish and Game Association's Sport Shooting Facility. TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | November 22, 2018

<https://cssa-cila.org/2018/11/team-cssa-e-news-november-22-2018/>

MORE THAN 70 GUNS STOLEN FROM RURAL HOME

Multiple police agencies are investigating after 77 firearms were stolen from the home of an avid gun collector in southeastern Saskatchewan. REGINA LEADER-POST - Updated: November 22, 2018

<https://leaderpost.com/news/crime/more-than-70-guns-stolen-from-rural-home>

LETTER: ARE LICENCED GUN OWNERS TO BLAME FOR GUN CRIME?

Never let it be said that the Star Editorial Board will let facts confuse their opinion.

By Ali Orang, Richmond Hill - Thu., Nov. 22, 2018

https://www.thestar.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editors/2018/11/22/are-licenced-gun-owners-to-blame-for-gun-crime.html

RE: STAR EDITORIAL: [Toronto has lost a decade in the fight against gun violence - Nov. 20](#)

HARDER FIRES BACK AT FEDERAL MINISTER

Lethbridge MP Rachael Harder is hitting back at federal Border Security and Crime Reduction minister Bill Blair for criticizing a local Conservative Party fundraiser held at the Lethbridge Fish and Game Association Sport Shooting Facility last weekend. By Tim Kalinowski, Lethbridge Herald - November 22, 2018

<https://lethbridgeherald.com/news/lethbridge-news/2018/11/22/harder-fires-back-at-federal-minister/>

UNIFOR PRAISES TRUDEAU'S \$600 MILLION MEDIA BAILOUT

The Unifor union represents many thousands of media workers. They call themselves “the resistance” to the Conservatives, and say they’re “Andrew Scheer’s worst nightmare.” Trudeau is doing exactly what they wanted, and Unifor is doing exactly what he wants. BY SPENCER FERNANDO - NOVEMBER 22, 2018

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2018/11/22/unifor-praises-trudeaus-600-million-media-bailout/>

GUNS AND GANGS BLAMED FOR ALBERTA'S HIGHEST RATE OF FIREARM HOMICIDE IN TWO DECADES

The Statistics Canada release reports that while Indigenous peoples only represent five per cent of the Canadian population, they accounted for 24 per cent of all Canadian homicide victims in 2017. The homicide rate for Indigenous females was 4.22 per 100,000 people, an increase of 32 per cent from the previous year. Indigenous males were more than 10 times more likely to be a homicide victim compared to a non-Indigenous male.

By OMAR MOSLEH, StarMetro Edmonton - Wed., Nov. 21, 2018 <https://www.thestar.com/edmonton/2018/11/21/guns-and-gangs-blamed-for-albertas-highest-rate-of-firearm-homicide-in-two-decades.html>

STATISTICS CANADA BLAMES GUNS, GANGS AS HOMICIDE RATE HITS 10-YEAR HIGH

There were 660 reported homicides in Canada last year, the agency says.

NEWS Nov 21, 2018 by Lee Berthiaume The Canadian Press

<https://www.thespec.com/news-story/9044840-statistics-canada-blames-guns-gangs-as-homicide-rate-hits-10-year-high/>

RURAL NUMBERS RISE MOST AS GUN HOMICIDES HIT QUARTER-CENTURY HIGH

This comes as the federal government weighs a ban on handguns By TYLER DAWSON - November 21, 2018

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/rural-numbers-rise-most-as-gun-homicides-hit-quarter-century-high/wcm/1461b982-2a7b-4494-aec-57065bf07e38>

<https://nationalpost.com/news/rural-numbers-rise-most-as-gun-homicides-hit-quarter-century-high>

BILL BLAIR SLAMS CONSERVATIVE MP'S 'GUNS AND GUINNESS' FUNDRAISER

Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction Minister Bill Blair is slamming a Conservative MP for hosting a “Guns and Guinness” fundraiser last weekend. In a statement to the Star, the former Toronto police chief said it is “deeply disappointing” that an opposition member would hold a firearms- and alcohol-themed event when Canada is seeing “seeing record levels of tragic homicides involving firearms.”

By ALEX BALLINGALL, Ottawa Bureau - Tues., Nov. 20, 2018

<https://www.thestar.com/politics/federal/2018/11/20/bill-blair-slams-conservative-mps-guns-and-guinness-fundraiser.html>

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2018/11/21/as-illegal-gun-crime-surges-bill-blair-is-instead-spending-his-time-attacking-a-conservative-mp-for-a-fundraiser-with-law-abiding-canadian-firearm-owners/>

STABBING IS TOP METHOD OF HOMICIDE, SO WHY SUCH A FOCUS ON GUNS?

Of the 604 homicide victims reported by police in 2015, stabbing was the method used in 214 cases (37 percent), shooting in 178 cases (30 percent) and beating in 132 cases (23 percent), Statistics Canada said in its annual homicide report released yesterday. So why do we ignore knives and focus so much on guns? THE GUN BLOG - 24 Nov 2016

<https://thegunblog.ca/2016/11/24/stabbing-is-top-method-of-homicide-so-why-such-a-focus-on-guns/>

JUSTIN TRUDEAU BUYING THE MEDIA IN TIME FOR 2019 ELECTION

Michelle Rempel, MP: Free speech in Canada died today. Trudeau just announced a \$600M initiative to give money to “journalists” who are “trusted sources”. Criteria to be set by people appointed by Trudeau. I don’t care how you vote. If you care about free speech, you should oppose and share this. By News on the Net - November 22, 2018

<https://canadafreepress.com/article/justin-trudeau-buying-the-media-in-time-for-2019-election>

GANG SHOOTING HOMICIDE RATE DOUBLES SINCE LIBERALS TOOK OFFICE

TheGunBlog.ca — Fatal gang shootings rose in Canada for a third straight year in 2017, Statistics Canada said today. They almost doubled as a share of total homicides since 2015, the year the Liberal Party was elected to government. “The proportion of gang-related homicides committed with a firearm has been steadily increasing since 2015,” the Ottawa-based statistics agency said today in its annual homicide report. “Gang-related homicides committed with a firearm represented 12 percent of all homicides in 2015. By 2017, this proportion had grown to 21 percent.”

THE GUN BLOG - 21 Nov 2018

<https://thegunblog.ca/2018/11/21/gang-shooting-homicide-rate-doubled-since-liberals-took-office/>

<https://www.change.org/p/justin-trudeau-shouldn-t-police-know-where-these-bad-guys-with-guns-live/u/23655568>

JUSTICE MINISTER CRITICIZES CONSERVATIVE REPORT SUGGESTING REVIEW OF RCMP

CONTRACT POLICING - “I would like to take the time to thank the RCMP for the fantastic work that they do,”

Ganley said By JONNY WAKEFIELD, Updated: November 20, 2018

<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/justice-minister-criticizes-conservative-report-suggesting-review-of-rcmp-contract-policing>

MY LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Four telephone polls of High River residents reveal a glaring exception to Minister Ganley's statement: “I would like to take the time to thank the RCMP for the fantastic work that they do.” If the RCMP did such a 'fantastic job' in High River by kicking in hundreds and hundreds of doors and searching homes and seizing private property without warrants, why is the provincial and federal government keeping important Charter rights violations documents from public view?

<https://www.change.org/p/premier-of-alberta-call-a-judicial-inquiry-into-the-high-river-forced-entries/u/23648409>

STATISTICS CANADA REPORT: HOMICIDE IN CANADA, 2017

Homicide in Canada hit its highest rate in almost a decade in 2017. Much of the increase was the result of more firearm-related and gang-related incidents. The firearm-related homicide rate increased 18% from 2016 to 0.72 per 100,000 population—the highest rate since 1992. Police reported 660 homicide victims in Canada in 2017, 48 more than in 2016. The homicide rate rose 7% in 2017 to 1.80 victims per 100,000 population—the highest level since 2009.

Statistics Canada Released: 2018-11-21

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/181121/dq181121a-eng.htm?HPA=1>

THIRD ANNUAL INCREASE IN GANG-RELATED HOMICIDES

After declining 37% from 2009 to 2014, the gang-related homicide rate rose for a third consecutive year in 2017. Overall, there were 0.44 gang-related homicides per 100,000 population, the highest rate since comparable data became available in 2005. Chart 2: Gang-related homicides, Canada, 1997 to 2017 - In 2017, police reported 163 gang-related homicides, 23 more than in 2016. These represented one-quarter (25%) of all homicides. The overall rise in gang-related homicides from 2016 to 2017 was mainly the result of large increases in British Columbia (+15 victims) and Alberta (+12). Together, these two provinces accounted for almost half (47%) of all gang-related homicides in Canada.

HOMICIDES COMMITTED WITH A FIREARM REACH HIGHEST RATE IN 25 YEARS

In 2017, there were 266 firearm-related homicides reported in Canada, 43 more than in 2016. Handguns accounted for about 6 in 10 firearm homicides in 2017. Prior to 1990, rifles or shotguns were used far more frequently than handguns. However, a shift toward an increased use of handguns can be seen starting in the early 1990s. Chart 3: Homicides, by most common method, Canada, 1987 to 2017 - **Firearm-related homicides have been rising since 2014, and gang-related violence has been the primary driver.**

PARLIAMENTARY OUTDOOR CAUCUS ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THE SHIMANO NORTH AMERICA FISHING/PARLIAMENTARY OUTDOOR CAUCUS SCHOLARSHIP

Today we, Gudie Hutchings, Phil Morlock and Bob Zimmer, are excited to announce the ten recipients of the inaugural Shimano North America Fishing/ Parliamentary Outdoor Caucus Scholarship. These ten post-secondary students have shown tremendous dedication to advancing their education in fish and wildlife management/research science. We are honoured to be able to announce these \$3,000 scholarships as they continue in their studies and we can't wait to see what they will accomplish in the future. Parliament Hill | November 21, 2018

<https://www.facebook.com/1146133812075167/posts/2058600704161802/>

<https://www.facebook.com/parliamentaryoutdoorcaucus/videos/2058561360832403/UzpfSTcyODY0NjUwMDU3Njk3MjoxODUxNDU1ODcxNjI5MzU3/>

CBC - RCMP TIGHTENS ONLINE POSTING RULES AFTER MISLEADING MESSAGE ON GUNS

Committee is looking into whether the RCMP was in contempt of Parliament

By Catharine Tunney · CBC News · Posted: Nov 20, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rcmp-contempt-parliament-process-1.4913250>

VINCENT HARINAM AND GARY MAUSER: A GUN BAN WON'T REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME

Before calling for a ban on firearms, Canadians should carefully consider the empirical evidence as well as the secondary consequences. Gun laws must be proven to reduce violent crime or they are nothing more than hollow promises.

By Vincent Harinam, a PhD researcher at the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge University and Gary Mauser, a professor emeritus at Simon Fraser University, is recognized as one of Canada's foremost experts on guns. November 20, 2018 <https://theprovince.com/opinion/op-ed/vincent-harinam-and-gary-mauser-a-gun-ban-wont-reduce-violent-crime>

MARCH 20, 2018 - WHAT GOODALE'S 'GUNS AND GANGS SUMMIT' MISSED ALL TOGETHER

- Little real evidence that Canada's gun control programs are working
- No Value-for-Money Audits - No Cost/Effectiveness Evaluations in the last 25 years!

By Dennis R. Young, Canada Free Press - March 20, 2018

<https://canadafreepress.com/article/what-goodales-guns-and-gangs-summit-missed-all-together>

CBC - ANDREW SCHEER PUSHES LIFETIME FIREARMS BAN FOR CRIMINALS, CALLS LIBERAL POLICIES 'LAZY'

A Conservative government would impose lifetime bans for violent criminals, convicted gang members BY John Paul Tasker · CBC News · Posted: Nov 20, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/andrew-scheer-pushes-lifetime-firearms-ban-for-criminals-calls-liberal-policies-lazy-1.4913638>

SCHEER LAYS OUT TORY PLAN FOR GUN VIOLENCE, REJECTS CALLS FOR HANDGUN BAN

Scheer has taken a strong stance against the push for a handgun ban, saying it would penalize law-abiding gun owners while failing to address the ongoing use and smuggling of illegal guns by criminals and gang members. Scheer announced the first part of his public safety policy earlier this month, in which he outlined more punitive measures for gang members

and organized crime organizations. He also wants to impose tougher jail sentences and limit parole and bail opportunities for gang members who are repeat and violent offenders. By Canadian Press - November 19, 2018

<https://canoe.com/news/national/scheer-lays-out-tory-plan-for-gun-violence-rejects-calls-for-handgun-ban>

POLICE CHIEF WANTS TO ADDRESS 'PROBLEM WITH GUNPLAY' AS TORONTO EXCEEDS HOMICIDE RECORD

Gang violence at root of record number of slayings this year, Mark Saunders says

By Amara McLaughlin · CBC News · Posted: Nov 19, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/mark-saunders-fatal-toronto-shootings-1.4911083>

LIBERALS MUST DO MORE TO TARGET GANGS TO END GUN VIOLENCE

By Bob Zimmer, MP Report - Alaska Highway News - NOVEMBER 19, 2018

<https://www.energeticcity.ca/2018/11/mp-bob-zimmer-weekly-report-on-the-handgun-ban/>

DANIELLE SMITH: WHAT TO DO ABOUT CANADIAN JIHADIS

I asked Newark whether there was an option for jihadis not to return at all. If they desire to live in an authoritarian Islamic state under sharia law, there are lots of countries to choose from. Why not help them resettle in Iran? Or Saudi Arabia? To my surprise, Newark said that might be an option. Islamic law discourages adherents of the faith from living in non-Muslim countries because it is too hard to practise their religion faithfully and avoid Western temptations. Newark said we could work with the International Islamic Council to resettle them in a country more to their liking. That's the option I'd vote for. By Danielle Smith, Radio Host 770 CHQR - November 19, 2018

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4678383/canadian-jihadis/>

QUESTIONS RAISED OVER CAPE BRETON CULL THAT HAS COST OTTAWA \$7,900 PER MOOSE

More than 120 moose have been killed since the program was introduced three years ago. Ottawa flies in Aboriginal hunters into the park, and helps them remove the carcass, with the food distributed to Mi'kmaq communities and food banks across Nova Scotia. The five-year "Bring Back The Boreal Forest" reforestation and hunting pilot program saw its budget double from \$1 million to \$2.1 million, Parks Canada says. Park conservation manager Rob Howey argues the harvest of 122 animals from an estimated herd of 1,800 since the fall of 2015 has been a worthwhile expenditure. By Michael Tutton, The Canadian Press - Published Monday, November 19, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/questions-raised-over-cape-breton-cull-that-has-cost-ottawa-7-900-per-moose-1.4182655>

CONSERVATIVE TASK FORCE REPORT SUGGESTS SWEEPING CHANGES TO ADDRESS RURAL

CRIME - RCMP contract policing in Alberta should be reviewed to see if it is sufficient or should be replaced by an expanded regional policing model or a "fully empowered provincial police service," a new task force report released by Alberta members of the federal Conservative Party says. Some of those include changes to the Criminal Code such as the revising of the criteria for "reasonable use of force" by property owners and to consider remote locations, timeliness of response and the failure of an offender to leave someone's property after been confronted. It's a recommendation echoed in the UCP's rural crime report released in July that urged a federal review of self-defence laws in the Criminal Code.

By JURIS GRANEY - Updated: November 19, 2018

<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/crime/monitoring-bracelets-and-tax-credits-conservative-task-force-report-suggests-sweeping-changes-to-address-rural-crime>

ONTARIO MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FORESTRY

Proposal loaded to the Registry: November 19, 2018

Proposal to establish a hunting season for double-crested cormorants in Ontario

<https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM2NTE1&statusId=MjA4MDQ4&language=en>

OPEN LETTER #1 TO SENATORS

RE: IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT BILL C-71 STILL NEED ANSWERS

On April 25, 2018 Larry Maguire, MP for Brandon-Souris, introduced three Order Paper Questions in the House of Commons asking the Government some very important questions that need answers before Bill C-71 is made the law of the land. On June 11, 2018, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale tabled the Government's responses. The problem is many of the questions Larry Maguire asked of the government were left unanswered.

By Dennis R. Young - November 18, 2018 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/11/18/open-letter-1-to-senators-on-bill-c-71/>

VIDEO: CANADA'S WELCOME MAT FOR JIHADIS POSES THREAT TO US

Watch the following eye-opening report on the infiltration of radical Islamists into Canada:

BY CLARION PROJECT Sunday, November 18, 2018

<https://clarionproject.org/welcome-mat-for-jihadis-canada-threaten-us/>

CONSENT A FUNDAMENTAL TENET OF DEMOCRACY

Rather than write detailed legislation that is openly debated in Parliament and in committees, politicians increasingly leave the difficult work of legislating to bureaucrats. It's high time the responsibility of legislation and accountability returns to elected officials.

By Lydia Miljan is a professor of political science at the University of Windsor and a senior fellow of the Fraser Institute. Jason Clemens is the executive vice-president of the Fraser Institute. TORONTO SUN - Nov 17, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/miljan-and-clemens-consent-a-fundamental-tenet-of-democracy>

JUNE 13, 1995 - REFORM LEADER PRESTON MANNING ON BILL C-68, THE FIREARMS ACT

EXCERPT: I therefore submit in conclusion that Bill C-68, if passed into law, will not be a good law. It will be a bad law, a blight on the legislative record of the government, a law that fails the three great tests of constitutionality, of effectiveness and of the **democratic consent of the governed**. What should be the fate of a bad law? It should be repealed, which is precisely what a Reform government will do when it eventually replaces this government.

<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Preston-Manning-on-Bill-C-68-June-13-1995.pdf>

RCMP AUDIT OF THE CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM CONTINUUM OF ELIGIBILITY FOR

FIREARMS LICENSING <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/audit-the-canadian-firearms-program-continuum-eligibility-firearms-licensing>

CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY FILES: To assess the timeliness of the Continuous Eligibility screening process, audit testing was performed on a total of 66 files which had incurred a FIP event, including files for which the final outcome of the eligibility investigation was still pending. In general, the file review determined that although the CFP is notified of a FIP event relatively quickly through the continuous eligibility process (two-day average) and the CPS in turn provides disclosure and notifies CFO offices of these occurrences in a timely fashion, there are significant delays in both initiating investigations and in the duration of eligibility investigations themselves. In many cases, where charges have been laid against a client, it appears the CFP chooses to await the court outcome before making an eligibility decision.

- Revocations and Valid Licences: testing of files relating to revoked licences (16) as well as files relating to licences that had been flagged for eligibility concerns but which had their status returned to 'valid' after investigation (14) were all found by the audit team to be fully compliant with the eligibility criteria contained under Section 5 of the Firearms Act. For the revoked licence files, the average amount of time from the FIP event to an eligibility decision by the CFO was 110 days. Footnote 6 (80 days for CFO BC/YT and 140 days for

AB/NT). For the files whose status was returned to 'valid', the average amount of time from the FIP event to an eligibility decision by the CFO was 231 days. Footnote 7 (203 days for CFO BC/YT and 268 days for AB/NT).

- RSR and Under Review: for the 27 files reviewed from both CFO offices which had incurred a FIP event but did not yet have a final decision as at the time of the audit (i.e. still in "RSR" or "Under Review" status), the average time which had passed since the initial FIP event was 331 days Footnote 8 (324 days for CFO BC/YT and 337 days for AB/NT).
- Expired Licence: nine files were reviewed which had experienced a FIP event for which the status of the licence was "expired" at the time of review. In all cases, the licence had expired before the CFP was able to review/investigate the FIP and make a final eligibility determination. For these files, the average time from the FIP event to licence expiration was 189 days. Footnote 9 (142 days for CFO BC/YT and 249 days for AB/NT).

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA RULES THAT AIR GUNS ARE FIREARMS

On Wednesday, November 5, the Supreme Court of Canada issued its ruling *R. v. Dunn*, finding that most air guns are considered “firearms” for all purposes in the Criminal Code except for licensing and registration.

By www.firearmlicense.net | November 17, 2018

<https://www.firearmlicense.net/supreme-court-of-canada-rules-that-air-guns-are-firearms.php>

CBC - FIREARMS LICENCE SCREENING BACKLOGS POSE SAFETY RISKS: RCMP AUDIT

However, there were "significant delays in both initiating investigations and in the duration of eligibility investigations themselves." For the 27 files in the sample that were still under review, an average of 331 days had passed since the incident in question. By Jim Bronskill, *The Canadian Press* - Published Friday, November 16, 2018

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

NOTICE THE RCMP DON'T DO A 'RISK ASSESSMENT AUDIT FOR THE 422,887 CONVICTED CRIMINALS, PROHIBITED FROM OWNING FIREARMS BY THE COURTS

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 - Nov 9, 2018 <https://lnkd.in/eKnCw4n>

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

ABOUT 90% OF LIBERALS SUPPORT GUN BAN IN CITIES, EKOS CHIEF SAYS

About 90 percent of possible Liberal voters support a “total ban” on urban gun owners, said Graves, himself a prohibitionist. That compares with 69 percent in a survey a year ago by Ottawa-based Ekos. “I am just in the field with an update of this question,” Graves said tonight on Twitter. “The support levels appear to be even higher now. I am guessing that amongst voters available to the LPC close to 90% would support a total ban in cities. #nobrainer” I am just in the field with an update of this question. The support levels appear to be even higher now. I am guessing that amongst voters available to the LPC close to 90% would support a total ban in cities. #nobrainer — Frank Graves (@VoiceOfFranky) November 18, 2018. Graves said he “could not care less” about telling survey respondents the existing law. THE GUN BLOG - 17 Nov 2018 <https://thegunblog.ca/2018/11/17/about-90-of-liberals-support-gun-ban-in-cities-ekos-chief-says/>

CSSA COMMENTARY: POLITICAL RHETORIC VS CRIMINAL CODE REALITY

In other words, the writer demands we do what Jean Crétien’s Liberal government did almost three decades ago – criminalize possession of all firearms in Canada. Why then do the editorial boards of *The Hill Times* [i], *The Huffington Post* [ii] and *The Globe and Mail* [iii] publish such nonsense? TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | November 17, 2018

<https://cssa-cila.org/2018/11/team-cssa-e-news-november-17-2018/>

GUNTER: LIBS MAKING GUN BAN ELECTION WEDGE ISSUE?

Stories from inside the Liberal caucus have even “leaked” claiming Liberal MPs from rural ridings are onboard.

By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - November 17, 2018

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-libs-making-gun-ban-election-wedge-issue>

LOCAL BIATHLETES WILL WEAR PROVINCIAL COLOURS AT CANADA WINTER GAMES

Newfoundland and Labrador’s biathlon squad for the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, Alta. is comprised of six athletes from the west coast. Stephenville’s Jesse Byrne, Sam Parsons and Claire St. Croix will join Corner Brook’s Lucas Hann, Zachary Strickland and Katie Thistle on the biathlon trails in Red Deer. The Western Star caught up with the province’s top biathletes this week to get their thoughts on the journey to the Games.

By Dave Kearsey - November 16, 2018 <https://www.cbncompass.ca/sports/other-sports/local-biathletes-will-wear-provincial-colours-at-canada-winter-games-260154/>

CBC - INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WORRY SASKATCHEWAN TRESPASSING PLAN MAY STOKE RACIAL TENSIONS

A Saskatchewan grandmother who was confronted by a farmer with a gun says changing trespassing laws probably won't stop crime but could increase racial tension. THE CANADIAN PRESS - Updated: November 4, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/saskatchewan-trespassing-plan-racial-tensions-1.4891278>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

NEW LEGISLATION CALLS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA SEARCH BEFORE PISTOL PERMIT IN NY

A new bill in the State Senate, "pistol permit applicants would have to give up their social media usernames and passwords to allow government officials to search for posts that "cause concern".By: Web Staff - Posted: Nov 23, 2018

<https://www.news10.com/news/ny-news/new-legislation-calls-for-social-media-search-before-pistol-permit-in-ny/1614245039>

<https://www.kwch.com/content/news/Proposed-legislation-in-NY-calls-for-social-media-check-to-get-pistol-permit-501146971.html>

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/national/article222092570.html>

<https://www.newsweek.com/gun-control-new-york-wants-make-you-submit-social-media-history-purchasing-1228579>

TIME - CANADA'S GUN-RELATED HOMICIDE RATE HITS ITS HIGHEST LEVEL IN 25 YEARS

Canada’s rate of gun-related homicides rose last year to the highest since 1992, boosting the overall rate of deadly incidents to almost a decade high. There were 266 firearm homicides in 2017, an increase of 43 from the prior year, Statistics Canada said Wednesday from Ottawa. The ratio of 0.72 events per 100,000 people climbed 18 percent last year.

“You see a rise in gang-related homicides and gun homicides, they basically go together,” said Irvin Waller, a criminology professor at the University of Ottawa. “You have to focus on the demand for handguns,” he said. “We know how to do that.” Contact us at editors@time.com By GREG QUINN / BLOOMBERG November 22, 2018

<http://time.com/5461950/canada-homicide-rate-2017-climbs/>

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2018/nov/22/canadas-firearm-homicide-rate-climbs-to-highest-since-1992/>

NEW CPRC RESEARCH: MASS PUBLIC SHOOTINGS ARE MUCH HIGHER IN THE REST OF THE WORLD AND INCREASING MUCH MORE QUICKLY

by JOHN LOTT, Crime Prevention Research Centre - NOV 22, 2018 <https://crimeresearch.org/2018/11/new-cprc-research-mass-public-shootings-are-much-higher-in-the-rest-of-the-world-and-increasing-much-more-quickly/>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The U.S. is well below the world average in terms of the number of mass public shootings, and the global increase over time has been much bigger than for the United States. Over the 18 years from 1998 to 2015, our list contains 2,354 attacks and at least 4,880 shooters outside the United States and 53 attacks and 57 shooters within

our country. By our count, the US makes up less than 1.15% of the mass public shooters, 1.49% of their murders, and 2.20% of their attacks. All these are much less than the US's 4.6% share of the world population. Attacks in the US are not only less frequent than other countries, they are also much less deadly on average. Out of the 97 countries where we have identified mass public shootings occurring, the United States ranks 64th in the per capita frequency of these attacks and 65th in the murder rate. Not only have these attacks been much more common outside the US, the US's share of these attacks have declined over time. There has been a much bigger increase over time in the number and severity of mass shootings in the rest of the world compared to the US.

NPR - GUN SHOPS WORK WITH DOCTORS TO PREVENT SUICIDE BY FIREARM

Dr. Michael Victoroff, a firearms instructor and retired family physician in Centennial, Colo., co-founded the Colorado Firearm Safety Coalition. "We got people together with all different viewpoints," he says, "and we sat down and said, 'Is there anything we can agree about?' That's how it began."

Heard on All Things Considered by MELISSA BLOCK - November 21, 2018

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/11/21/668800660/gun-shops-work-with-doctors-to-prevent-suicide-by-firearm>

HARVARD UNIVERSITY STUDY REVEALS ASTONISHING LINK BETWEEN FIREARMS, CRIME AND GUN CONTROL

- According to a study in the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy, which cites the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the United Nations International Study on Firearms Regulation, the more guns a nation has, the less criminal activity. In other words, more firearms, less crime, concludes the virtually unpublicized research report by attorney Don B. Kates and Dr. Gary Mauser. But the key is firearms in the hands of private citizens. "The study was overlooked when it first came out in 2007," writes Michael Snyder, "but it was recently re-discovered and while the findings may not surprise some, the place where the study was undertaken is a bit surprising. The study came from the Harvard Journal of Law, that bastion of extreme, Ivy League liberalism. Titled Would Banning Firearms Reduce Murder and Suicide?, the report "found some surprising things."

By beliefnet.com | November 2018 <https://www.beliefnet.com/news/articles/harvard-university-study-reveals-astonishing-link.aspx#FtIcuIyKlmaEhIVe.99>

HOW WE CAN STOP MASS SHOOTINGS IN AMERICA

Australia's national gun buyback and gun registry worked. It can work for us, too.

By Jennifer Wright, Harpers Bazaar - Nov 20, 2018

<https://www.harpersbazaar.com/culture/politics/a25235545/gun-buyback-national-gun-registry-success-gun-control/>

JOHN LOTT COMMENTARY: HOW GUN-FREE ZONES INVITE MASS SHOOTINGS

Most gunmen are smart enough to know that they can kill more people if they attack places where victims can't defend themselves. That's one reason why 98 percent of mass public shootings since 1950 have occurred in places where citizens are banned from having guns. By John Lott Jr., Chicago Tribune - November 20, 2018

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/commentary/ct-perspec-mass-shooters-russia-public-shootings-thousand-oaks-mercy-hospital-chicago-1121-story.html>

<https://crimeresearch.org/2018/11/in-the-chicago-tribune-on-comparing-mass-public-shooting-rates-across-countries-and-the-danger-of-gun-free-zones/>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - NOVEMBER 19, 2018 HERE'S A FACT: AMERICA LOVES GUNS

If someone calls, or knocks on the front door, and asks about firearms, or your doctor begins to ask about firearms in the home, simply refuse to answer and hang-up or close the door. The number of firearms owned in America may be in the 300 million-plus range, but who owns those is undetermined. That's the benefits of Freedom. by Michael D. Faw

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/53a14dde-64fe-423f-b7c6-26be8abd54c2>

TRAILBLAZER FIREARMS MANUFACTURES EXTREMELY SMALL GUNS

He primarily sells to wholesale distributors, which he prefers, though he has a few dealer-direct sales. He made one thing clear. "This is not something that can be mail-ordered and web-ordered or shipped directly to someone's door," he said.

"It's not possible to do that." By Justin Hinton - Sunday, November 18th 2018

<https://wlos.com/news/local/mountain-made-fletcher-based-trailblazer-firearms-manufacturers-extremely-small-guns>

NY TIMES - MAN FATALLY SHOOTS HIS WIFE WHILE WORKING ON A HANDGUN

The 35-year-old middle school science teacher was working on his handgun at his home an hour north of Albany when something incomprehensible happened: A bullet discharged, striking his wife. By Luis Ferré-Sadurní - Nov. 18, 2018

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/18/nyregion/corinth-ny-shooting-ashley-rosenbrock.html>

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>

JOHN LOTT - THE NUMBER OF MASS PUBLIC SHOOTINGS BY YEAR SINCE 1998, COMPARISON TO INTERNATIONAL NUMBER OF SUCH SHOOTINGS OVER TIME

Mass public shootings are defined as those cases where four or more people are killed at one point in time in a public place and not involving some other type of crime such as a gang fight or a robbery. This is the traditional definition used by the FBI for about 30 years from the 1980s until 2013. - Crime Prevention Research Centre - 8 NOV 2018

<https://crimeresearch.org/2018/11/the-number-of-mass-public-shootings-by-year-since-1998/>

OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

CANADIANS ANGRY AFTER NAVY HOLDS DRILLS IN ORCA HABITAT

Endangered killer whales off Canada's west coast were forced to contend with machine gun fire and smoke bombs after the government allowed the country's navy to conduct live fire exercises in a protected area. A strip of water roughly 45 nautical miles long and 6 nautical miles wide was temporarily closed to recreational and commercial fishing in June in an attempt to help the whales, also known as orcas, find more of their main food source, Chinook salmon. But according to residents on the south-west coast of Vancouver Island, the Canadian navy and the US coast guard continued to conduct live fire exercises in those same waters, which the government designated as a critical habitat area earlier in the summer.

NEWS • INTERNATIONAL • 24.11.2018

<http://delano.lu/d/detail/news/canadians-angry-after-navy-holds-drills-orca-habitat/196692>

WILLIAM WATSON: THE LIBERALS' LATEST FISCAL UPDATE WOULD DEFINITELY IMPRESS KIM JONG UN

Nowadays we spend on such things as 'Confidence' and 'Continued Progress.' How uninformative yet supposedly inspiring. I can't believe Liberal promises to deregulate, pay bills faster and finally somehow free Canada's internal market will engender great confidence among business people. But I don't want to end on a down note. As they say in Pyongyang (in unison): "Let us make national sentiment and noble and beautiful lifestyle prevail throughout the society! By William Watson - November 22, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/william-watson-the-liberals-latest-fiscal-update-would-definitely-impress-kim-jong-un/wcm/0dd06fdc-f768-4fc0-8400-2dd87da2f5a1>

ANOTHER REPORT RELUCTANTLY ADMITS THAT GREEN ENERGY IS A DISASTROUS FLOP

This report should be profoundly embarrassing to the Liberal government of Justin Trudeau, which has virtue-signalled itself to the front of a parade that is going nowhere, although it can certainly claim genuine leadership in the more forceful route to transition: killing the fossil fuel industry by edict. By Peter Foster - November 22, 2018

<https://business.financialpost.com/opinion/peter-foster-another-report-reluctantly-admits-that-green-energy-is-a-disastrous-flop>

NEW TAX INCENTIVES FOR INVESTMENT COULD INCREASE CANADA'S EMISSIONS

OTTAWA -- Big greenhouse-gas emitters will be able to take advantage of new federal tax incentives Finance Minister Bill Morneau promised Wednesday even if that means more emissions, the government says.

By Mia Rabson, The Canadian Press - Wednesday, November 21, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/new-tax-incentives-for-investment-could-increase-canada-s-emissions-1.4186900>

REX MURPHY: WHAT'S IN A NAME? WITH 'CLIMATE CHANGE,' A LOT OF RECKLESS MISUSE

If a rebrand will help the activist cause, who really cares about rigour in the scientific discipline?

By Rex Murphy - November 16, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/rex-murphy-whats-in-a-name-with-climate-change-a-lot-of-reckless-misuse>

THE ENVIRONMENT: A TRUE STORY PART 28 – IS IT HOT IN HERE

Part 28 of John Robson's documentary comparing climate change alarmism with widely accepted facts about the past state and present condition of the Earth. By John Robson, Frontier Centre for Public Policy - November 15, 2018

<https://fcpp.org/2018/11/15/the-environment-a-true-story-part-28-is-it-hot-in-here/>

INTERNET HISTORY OF HARPER PMO DELETED FROM GOOGLE RESULTS AT OTTAWA'S REQUEST

The Liberal government has had dozens of web pages from Stephen Harper's days as prime minister deleted from Google search results. The Privy Council Office requests for deletion from Google began last Nov. 4, the day the Trudeau government took office and continued into January. Documents tabled in the Commons in response to a written question from Conservative MP Candice Bergen detail the deletion requests. In all, the PCO asked Google 51 times to remove Harper material from its search results. By ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS - JUNE 16, 2016

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/internet-history-of-harper-pmo-deleted-from-google-results-at-ottawas-request/article30493213/>

OTHER NEWS SITES

LATEST NEWS FROM THE CSSA/CILA: <http://cssa-cila.org/category/cssa-eneews/>

Subscribe to CSSA News Alerts: http://cssa-cila.org/mailman/listinfo/cssa-cila-e-news_cssa-cila.org

LATEST NEWS FROM THE NFA: <http://new.nfa.ca/>

Subscribe to Daily NFA Media Reports: news@nfa.ca

LATEST NEWS FROM JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS

<http://mailchi.mp/36033a2955cf/living-under-the-gun?e=bc1823b8e2>

CALIBRE MAGAZINE

The Canadian Firearms Magazine

<http://calibremag.ca/>

CANADIAN OUTDOORSMAN MAGAZINE

http://www.canadianoutdoorsman.net/#!/page_home

OUTDOOR CANADA, OUTDOOR CANADA WEST

www.outdoorcanada.ca

THE GUN BLOG

<https://thegunblog.ca/>

LATEST NEWS FROM JOHN LOTT'S CRIME PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTRE

<http://crimeresearch.org/>

CHRISTOPHER DI ARMANI

christopher@diarmani.com

JOHN ROBSON ONLINE

True Canadian values in a complex world

<http://www.thejohnrobson.com/>

LIBERTY QUOTES

<http://quotes.liberty-tree.ca/DailyQuotes>

CANADA IN THE ROUGH – FIND US ON TV

<http://www.canadaintherough.com/episodes-schedules/>

THINK TANK OF ONE BY JOHN THOMPSON

Issues related to organized violence and instability.

<https://thinktankofone.com/about/>

SPENCER FERNANDO

Insight into news, money, politics, & culture

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/>