



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

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### **POSTS FROM CANADA**

**MATT GURNEY: DESPITE A CORRECTION, CANADA'S GUN CONTROL DEBATE IS STILL TAINTED BY BAD INFORMATION** - Canadians have spent four months having a debate, including public consultations, based in part on bad information. Information that was known to be bad months ago, but that went uncorrected until two days after Christmas, when news readership is typically way, way below usual levels. But there is simply no evidence that there is a worsening problem among lawful Canadian handgun owners, the people targeted by the proposed ban — in effect, held up as partially responsible for tragic deaths and senseless crimes. The Toronto police numbers don't show it. Nationally, the Public Safety Ministry has conceded that it has no data to support claims by Minister Ralph Goodale that domestic owners now provide the majority of crime guns. That entire narrative, embraced wholeheartedly by the mayor and somewhat more cautiously by federal Liberals, is based on bad information that should not have been reported. To call all this disappointing would be an understatement. In an era when news organizations all over the world are being accused of peddling fake news, and when every police force recognizes the challenge of retaining public trust, this is absolutely appalling. By Matt Gurney, Radio Host 640 Toronto, Global News January 5, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4815321/despite-a-correction-canadas-gun-control-debate-is-still-tainted-by-bad-information/>

**STOP TRUDEAU** - If the Trudeau Liberals win the 2019 elections they will impose new gun laws. What will you do to stop them? We are running anti-Liberal ads - ads that support your rights to own and use firearms - ads that show that Trudeau's gun laws are foolish. Radio ads, small town newspaper ads, Google ads To see sample ads, go here and here. Justice for Gun Owners - January 4, 2018 <https://mailchi.mp/a36523a9f1fe/lets-turf-trudeau-in-2019?e=bc1823b8e2>

**CBC - MOST QUEBECERS WANT LONG-GUN REGISTRY ENFORCED, ACCORDING TO NEW LÉGER POLL** - Léger survey commissioned by PolySeSouvient suggests 78 per cent in favour of law

CBC News · Posted: Jan 04, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/most-quebecers-want-long-gun-registry-enforced-according-to-new-1%3%A9ger-poll-1.4965874>

**CTV MONTREAL - AS FIREARM REGISTRATION LAGS, GUN CONTROL LOBBY CALLS FOR FINE ENFORCEMENT** - Those who fail to register could be fined between \$500 to \$5,000. PolySeSouvient called on Premier Francois Legault to make it clear that those fines will be enforced from the first day. Several pro-gun advocacy groups have declared their opposition to the registry, with some even calling for a boycott.

The Canadian Press Published Friday, January 4, 2019

<https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/as-firearm-registration-lags-gun-control-lobby-calls-for-fine-enforcement-1.4240374>

**DEMS TO PUSH GUN CONTROL ON ANNIVERSARY OF GIFFORDS SHOOTING**

WASHINGTON — Days after reclaiming the House majority, Democrats are introducing gun control legislation timed for the anniversary of the shooting of former Democratic Rep. Gabby Giffords. Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democrats will introduce a bill to expand background checks for sales and transfers of firearms on Tuesday, the eighth anniversary of the day Giffords was shot in the head at a constituent meeting in Arizona.

The Associated Press - Updated: January 4, 2019

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2019/01/04/dems-to-push-gun-control-on-anniversary-of-giffords-shooting/>

## **TORONTO POLICE CHIEF SAYS HIGH HOMICIDE RATE IN 2018 TORONTO WAS A 'UNIQUE' YEAR**

Earlier this year, for instance, guns and gangs Det. Rob Di Danieli said about half of all guns used in crimes came from domestic sources, citing 2012 as the year when the trend took root. Internal police data obtained under a Freedom Of Information request and shared with the Canadian Press, however, paint a different picture. While the number of guns used in crimes dropped off between 2007 and 2017, guns imported from the U.S. were implicated in those crimes more often than domestically sourced firearms in eight of the past 11 years. Domestically sourced crime guns only surpassed U.S. imports in 2010 and 2015, with the two figures tied in 2016. The data did not include a breakdown of how many guns were sourced from countries outside of the United States or the number whose origins could not be traced. By Michelle McQuigge - The Canadian Press - January 4, 2018

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4815150/police-chief-says-high-homicide-rate-in-2018-toronto-was-a-unique-year/>

## **OTTAWA POLICE LOOKING TO MAKE IT HARDER FOR CRIMINALS TO OBTAIN GUNS**

Inspector Carl Cartwright says one of the biggest issues that contributed to a record number of shootings in the city through 2018 was how easy it was to obtain a gun. "We are seeing now, more than we were 20 years ago, the availability of cheap firearms making their way across the boarder," says Inspector Carl Cartwright. By Jeff Slack - January 3, 2018

<https://www.ottawamatters.com/local-news/ottawa-police-looking-to-make-it-harder-for-criminals-to-obtain-guns-1181802>

## **CBC - PARKLAND PARENT SAYS SCHOOLS SHOULD HAVE ARMED STAFF — BUT NOT ARMED**

**TEACHERS** - Max Schachter was the only person on a Florida commission to vote against a proposal to give teachers guns. CBC Radio · January 3, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-thursday-edition-1.4964648/parkland-parent-says-schools-should-have-armed-staff-but-not-teachers-1.4964678>

## **GUNS SWIPED FROM SAFE IN SUDBURY HOME**

One of two men charged after a safe containing six firearms was stolen from a Sudbury home is now waiting to be sentenced. By Harold Carmichael The Sudbury Star - January 3, 2019

<https://www.thesudburystar.com/news/local-news/guns-swiped-from-safe-in-sudbury-home>

## **MAN KILLED BY EDMONTON POLICE ON BOXING DAY HAD LIFETIME FIREARMS BAN**

The man shot and killed by Edmonton police on Boxing Day had 28 previous charges, convictions and warrants — including a lifetime ban on possessing firearms. In a news release two days later, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) said independent evidence suggests Evans had a gun and it was discharged. Multiple officers fired weapons. By Anna Junker, Edmonton Journal - January 2, 2019

<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/crime/man-killed-by-edmonton-police-on-boxing-day-had-lifetime-firearms-ban>

<https://www.change.org/p/justin-trudeau-shouldn-t-police-know-where-these-bad-guys-with-guns-live/u/23836413>

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

## **HISTORY RECOVERED FROM THE SEA: 19TH CENTURY RIFLES**

Known as 3-band Enfields for the three metal bands holding the barrels onto the wood stocks, these were prized firearms at the time and used throughout the British Empire and also by both sides in the U.S. Civil war. Reproductions are still

being made for black powder enthusiasts and re-enactors. There are three theories about how the guns came to be on the sea floor in 800 metres of water, inside Canada's 200 kilometres economic limit off the Canadian east coast.

By Marc Montgomery [english@rcinet.ca](mailto:english@rcinet.ca) - Wednesday 2 January 2019

<http://www.rcinet.ca/en/2019/01/02/history-recovered-from-the-sea-19th-century-rifles/>

### **MALCOLM: OPEN BORDER POLICIES JUST DON'T WORK, DESPITE TRUDEAU'S DENIALS**

The science is settled. Open border policies don't work. And yet, deniers, such as Justin Trudeau, continue to push their failed policies while refusing to acknowledge the authoritative body of data showing how lax border policies create uncertainty, lawlessness, and chaos — all of which pose a threat to national sovereignty and unity.

By Candice Malcolm, Toronto Sun - January 2, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/malcolm-open-border-policies-just-dont-work-despite-trudeaus-denials>

### **JOHN ROBSON: TO CELEBRATE A NEW YEAR, LET'S STOP LETTING POLITICIANS LIE IN PRESS RELEASES - Words, words everywhere and not a brain cell in sight.**

By John Robson, National Post - January 2, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-to-celebrate-a-new-year-lets-stop-letting-politicians-lie-in-press-releases>

### **CBC - NATIONAL FIREARMS ASSOCIATION TELLS LONG-GUN OWNERS TO DELAY REGISTERING WEAPON - Montreal Polytechnique shooting survivor hopes government issues fines as soon as deadline passes**

CBC News · Posted: Jan 02, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/quebec-long-gun-registry-deadline-protest-1.4963232>

### **WASHINGTON BANS ANYONE UNDER 21 FROM BUYING ASSAULT RIFLES**

Washington on Tuesday joined a handful of other states that ban anyone under 21 from buying a semi-automatic assault rifle after voters passed a sweeping firearms measure in November that has drawn a court challenge from gun-rights advocates. The ballot initiative seeks to curb gun violence by toughening background checks for people buying assault rifles, increasing the age limit to buy those firearms and requiring the safe storage of all guns. Only the age-limit portion of the measure goes into effect on Jan. 1; the rest becomes law on July 1. By The Associated Press - January 1, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4806728/washington-assault-rifles-under-21-ban/>

### **ALBERTA REQUEST FOR INQUIRY: HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES LEGAL AUTHORITIES PAPER**

RE: Withholding of 4-pages of Records entitled: "The Local State of Emergency-Mandatory Evacuation Order Police Officer Authorities" written by Peter Mackenzie citing solicitor-client privilege and other responsive records identified in OPIC Review File: 006614 Alberta Justice & Solicitor General File: 2017-G-0570 My File: 018. This Request for Inquiry respectfully submitted to the Alberta Information Commissioner by Dennis R. Young – December 31, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/12/31/alberta-request-for-inquiry-high-river-forced-entries-legal-authorities-paper/>

### **CBC - POLICE SEIZE 15 FIREARMS AFTER PARTY GUEST 'UNDER THE INFLUENCE' FIRES SHOTGUN INTO FLOOR - Police say a man in the area hosted a party the night before and showed off several firearms to guests.**

The next morning, one of those guests was holding a pump action shotgun when he fired a round through the floor. Investigators say the guest then ran outside, still holding the shotgun, and fired another round into the driveway. A 26-year-old is charged with unauthorized possession of a firearm and reckless discharge of a firearm. A 27-year-old was also charged with careless storage of a firearm. PHOTO: Shows the 15 firearms seized. CBC News · Posted: Dec 31, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/shotgun-15-firearms-1.4962311>

### **WHY SOME OF CANADA'S WORST CRIMINALS ARE RELEASED WITH THE LEAST SUPERVISION**

“We’re going to go from a maximum security institution to the street and we’re going to wave goodbye, and we’re going to say, ‘And it’s not our problem.’” In the correctional service’s defence, Doob said many realize the system is flawed and that fewer and fewer prisoners are being held until warrant expiry each year. By Jonny Wakefield - December 30, 2018  
<https://edmontonsun.com/news/local-news/why-some-of-canadas-worst-criminals-are-released-with-the-least-supervision/wcm/4897e362-4ecb-4a34-ab58-c1c48fc34b45>

### **LITTLE TO NO PROOF CARDING HAS EFFECT ON CRIME, ARRESTS: JUDGE**

“There is little to no evidence that a random, unfocused collection of identifying information has benefits that outweigh the social cost of the practice,” By Canadian Press - December 31, 2018  
<https://torontosun.com/news/provincial/little-to-no-proof-carding-has-effect-on-crime-arrests-judge>

### **2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES: SPOTLIGHT ON CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AND BIATHLON**

Biathlon combines competitive cross country skiing and small-bore rifle marksmanship. Biathlon is classified as a life sport because it has an application in everyday living as a form of transportation and the necessity of hunting. The first recorded biathlon competition took place near the Swedish-Norwegian border in 1767 between the border guards from the two countries. It became a demonstration sport in the first Olympic Winter Games in 1924 under the name military patrol. Biathlon was first contested at the 1991 Canada Winter Games in Charlottetown. Dec. 28, 2018  
<https://www.reddeeradvocate.com/community/2019-canada-winter-games-spotlight-on-cross-country-skiing-and-biathlon/>

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

#### **HOW BRAZIL'S NEW PRESIDENT WILL PROVE, YET AGAIN, THAT GUN CONTROL IS HARMFUL**

Brazil’s strict gun control laws have failed. The country's annual homicide rate now stands at 31 per 100,000 people—almost six times higher than the US rate. Despite bolstering of law enforcement after Brazil’s disarmament legislation took effect in 2003, the country's homicide rate is higher now than in 2002. The true rate is undoubtedly even worse as government figures have in the past systematically undercounted homicides by about 15 percent and that gap appears to increase over time. Just 1.3 million Brazilians are licensed to legally own guns -- less than one percent of the adult population. By John R. Lott, Jr. - Jan 04, 2019 <https://townhall.com/columnists/johnrlottjr/2019/01/04/how-brazils-new-president-will-prove-yet-again-that-gun-control-is-harmful-n2538505>

#### **GUN OWNERS CALL BS ON RESTRICTIVE MEASURES IN NEW JERSEY AND CANADA**

Treating nice people like criminals isn’t likely to enhance respect for the law.

NRA-ILA - FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20190104/gun-owners-call-bs-on-restrictive-measures-in-new-jersey-and-canada>

#### **THE GUN LOBBY: REPORTS OF OUR DEMISE ARE GREATLY EXAGGERATED**

Bloomberg, Oprah, & co. had the destruction of the Second Amendment all planned out. Bloomberg spent over \$100 million dollars. But, other than the two outliers -- plus the 10 most anti-gun states in the country -- there was no gun confiscation legislation, no universal background checks, no gun or magazine bans. We killed their gun confiscation ("red flags") in roughly 30 states. In other words, the gun control movement's stated objectives failed federally and in all but the most repressive states (which had already effectively banned guns). By Michael Hammond - Jan 05, 2019  
<https://townhall.com/columnists/michaelhammond/2019/01/05/the-gun-lobby-reports-of-our-demise-are-greatly-exaggerated-n2538527>

**BRACE YOURSELVES: HOUSE DEMOCRATS GEAR UP TO INTRODUCE THEIR FIRST GUN CONTROL BILL OF THE NEW CONGRESS** - Democratic leadership in the House is planning to make a big splash on Tuesday, when Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. Mike Thompson introduce legislation requiring universal background checks for firearm purchase. The duo decided to do it on Tuesday, Jan. 8th because it's the eight anniversary of former Rep. Gabby Gifford's shooting, which took place Jan. 8, 2011. And, to continue with the "eight" theme, the bill is also called House Resolution 8, POLITICO reported. By Beth Baumann - Jan 04, 2019

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/bethbaumann/2019/01/04/house-democrats-gear-up-to-introduce-their-first-gun-control-bill-of-the-new-congress-n2538540>

### **THE SECOND AMENDMENT IN THE 116TH CONGRESS**

The Democrats controlling the House of Representatives show a universal lack of respect for our Second Amendment rights. The top leaders have all been avowed opponents of our rights. Jerrold Nadler, who will chair the House Judiciary Committee, is as anti-Second Amendment as Charles Schumer, only he isn't quite as addicted to being in front of TV cameras. Ammoland Inc. Posted on January 4, 2019 by Harold Hutchison

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/01/the-second-amendment-in-the-116th-congress/#axzz5bkeN7W4m>

### **WHEN GUNS ARE OUTLAWED ONLY OUTLAWS WILL HAVE GUNS**

The FBI reports that there were 1,247,321 violent crimes in the US in 2017. Aggravated assault and robbery account for 91% of violent crimes. Rapes account for 7.7%. Murders accounted for only 1.4% of violent crime. According to the FBI, there were 17,284 murders in 2017. Assaults using rifles killed 403 people, and 1,591 were killed by people using knives. Handguns were used in 7,032 killings, many of which resulted from criminals killing one another over, for example, drug distribution. By Paul Craig Roberts, Institute for Political Economy - January 4, 2019

<https://www.paulcraigroberts.org/2019/01/04/when-guns-are-outlawed-only-outlaws-will-have-guns/>

### **WASHINGTON GUN RETAILERS FIND 'LOOPHOLE' IN NEW WA GUN LAWS**

Parts of I-1639 aren't yet in effect, including semi-automatic rifle definition. Tiffany Teasdale works at a firearm retailer called Lynnwood Gun just north of Seattle. She said that some parts of I-1639 have already gone into effect, but the definition of a semi-automatic rifle won't go into effect until July 1 so she'll continue selling to those 18 and older. "To me, it's clear as day that an 18, 20-year-old can technically buy, purchase a semi-auto rifle because those aren't semi auto rifles until July 1st," said Teasdale. By: Cole Miller Posted: Jan 03, 2019

<https://www.koin.com/news/washington/gun-retailers-find-loophole-in-new-wa-gun-laws/1686085891>

### **'GUN-TOTING HIPPIES' GREET BOULDER 'ASSAULT WEAPONS' BAN WITH MASS NON-**

**COMPLIANCE** - BOULDER, Colorado — Boulder's newly enacted "assault weapons" ban is meeting with stiff resistance from its "gun-toting hippies," staunch liberals who also happen to be devoted firearms owners. Only 342 "assault weapons," or semiautomatic rifles, were certified by Boulder police before the Dec. 31 deadline, meaning there could be thousands of residents in the scenic university town of 107,000 in violation of the sweeping gun-control ordinance. By Valerie Richardson - The Washington Times - Thursday, January 3, 2019

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/jan/3/boulder-colorado-assault-weapons-ban-met-mass-non-/>

### **NRA GOES INTERNATIONAL IN ITS MISSION TO DEFEND GUNS**

The American lobby forges ties in Australia, Brazil, and Russia.

By Neil Weinberg, Polly Mosendz and Bill Allison, Bloomberg - January 3, 2019

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2019-01-03/nra-goes-global-with-its-pro-gun-agenda>

## **REPORT: COMMISSION ADVISES FLORIDA TO ARM TEACHERS**

The state-commissioned report of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School has made a number of school safety recommendations, including arming teachers, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported Wednesday.

By Eric Mack - Wednesday, 02 January 2019

<https://www.newsmax.com/us/schoolshooting-armingteachers-security/2019/01/02/id/896642/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/jan/02/parkland-school-shooting-commission-report-teachers-carry-guns>

**AUSTRALIA - JOHN HOWARD'S DECISIVE ACTION ON GUN CONTROL REVEALED IN 1996 CABINET PAPERS** - The cabinet papers, released on Tuesday by the National Archives of Australia, record the swift and decisive moves the newly elected Coalition government took to introduce a national approach to gun control, including banning military-style weapons and instituting a buyback of unregistered, illegal and unwanted firearms.

By Anne Davies - Tue 1 Jan 2019

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2019/jan/01/john-howard-port-arthur-gun-control-1996-cabinet-papers>

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/cabinet-papers-199697-howard-led-the-way-on-gun-control/news-story/d33f0759d2f51aa83319227f4b9f90f6>

<https://thewest.com.au/politics/federal-politics/howards-gun-reforms-rose-above-the-horror-of-port-arthur-ng-b881061697z>

**MY COMMENT: This is how open and transparent government should work. Cabinet documents are released automatically. In Canada, they withhold 65% of the Cabinet documents on Bill C-68.**

GOVERNMENT RULES 65% OF BILL C-68 CABINET DOCUMENTS TO REMAIN 'SECRET'

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE RELEASES BILL C-68 CABINET DOCUMENTS FROM 1994/95 (SORT OF)

272 pages out of 415 withheld citing Solicitor-Client Privilege - 65% of Bill C-68 Cabinet documents to remain 'SECRET'

Privy Council Office ATIP response dated November 22, 2018 – Requested April 3, 2017 Received December 7, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/12/07/government-rules-65-of-bill-c-68-cabinet-documents-to-remain-secret/>

## **WALL STREET JOURNAL - BRAZIL HAS AN IDEA TO FIX RAMPANT GUN VIOLENCE: MORE GUNS**

The country with the highest number of murders in the world plans to make it easier for citizens to acquire guns, hoping to help beat back crime By Samantha Pearson and Luciana Magalhaes | Photographs by Tommaso Protti for The Wall Street

Journal - December 31, 2018 [https://www.wsj.com/articles/brazil-has-an-idea-to-fix-rampant-gun-violence-more-guns-](https://www.wsj.com/articles/brazil-has-an-idea-to-fix-rampant-gun-violence-more-guns-11546315200)

[11546315200](https://www.wsj.com/articles/brazil-has-an-idea-to-fix-rampant-gun-violence-more-guns-11546315200)

## **CPD ATTRIBUTES REDUCTION IN CRIME TO FOCUS ON ILLEGAL GUNS, NEW TECHNOLOGY**

Chicago ends 2018 with nearly 600 murders on the record and thousands of robberies, yet the number of violent crimes committed this year is down by double digits. CPD attributes new technology and a focus on illegal guns for those

reductions. By Lauren Victory - December 31, 2018

<https://chicago.cbslocal.com/2018/12/31/cpd-chicago-police-illegal-guns-crime/>

## **HANDGUNS MORE LETHAL THAN RIFLES IN MASS SHOOTINGS**

(Reuters Health) - In public mass shootings in the U.S., victims shot with a handgun were more likely to die than in the events associated with a rifle, according to a new study in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons.

By Carolyn Crist, Reuters - December 31, 2018 [https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-gunshots/handguns-more-](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-gunshots/handguns-more-lethal-than-rifles-in-mass-shootings-idUSKCN1OU11G)

[lethal-than-rifles-in-mass-shootings-idUSKCN1OU11G](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-gunshots/handguns-more-lethal-than-rifles-in-mass-shootings-idUSKCN1OU11G)

## **GAO REPORT SHOWS GOVT. AGENCIES LIKE IRS AND NIH ARE HEAVILY ARMED, WHY?**

The GAO looked at how 20 federal agencies spent money on firearms and ammunition, and how those agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services, Environmental Protection Agency and the IRS, practiced “inventory control” for their guns and ammunition. But another question raised by the GAO analysis is not answered. Some of those

agencies, such as ICE, FBI, US Marshal Service, Secret Service, etc. need to be well armed on the roles of protecting the public. Other agencies such as the IRS and the NIH seem to be over-weaponized, a frightening concept for a government that is supposed to serve the people, not vice versa. From the report (full report embedded below):  
by Jeff Dunetz | Dec 30, 2018 | U.S. News <https://lidblog.com/gao-report-over-weaponized/>

### **FOUNDATION UNCOVERS REPORT THAT DEFIES ANTI-GUN AGENDA**

California's control attempts resulted in 'no change' in death rates A study done by officials at the University of California-Davis Violence Prevention Research Program and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health has uncovered the fact that the much-praised mandatory background checks in California – had no impact on gun deaths. According to a report by the Foundation for Economic Education the result has left researchers puzzled. December 29, 2018  
<https://www.wnd.com/2018/12/foundation-uncovers-report-that-defies-anti-gun-agenda/>

### **BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT-ELECT PLANS GUN OWNERSHIP LAW CHANGE**

Brazil's far-right President-elect Jair Bolsonaro has said he plans to issue a decree allowing all Brazilians without criminal records to own firearms. Updated / Saturday, 29 Dec 2018  
<https://www.rte.ie/news/world/2018/12/29/1019494-brazil-gun-laws/>

### **THE GOOD NEWS REVIEW OF 2018 FOR GUN OWNERS**

Our memory is uneven. I looked back at 2018 and found plenty of good news for gun owners. This is where we were.. and a glimpse of where we're going. Happy New Year to you and yours. By Rob Morse - DECEMBER 28, 2018  
<http://jpfo.org/articles-2018/2018-gun-owner-good-news-review.htm>  
<https://slowfacts.wordpress.com/2018/12/28/the-good-news-review-of-2018-for-gun-owners/>

### **UNPREPARED AND OVERWHELMED**

Two decades after Columbine and five years after Sandy Hook, educators and police still weren't ready for Parkland. Failures by the Broward County Sheriff's Office and school district cost children their lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The South Florida Sun Sentinel compiled information from interviews, witness statements to investigators, police reports, body camera footage, 911 recordings, police radio transmissions and the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission. DEC. 28, 2018 <http://projects.sun-sentinel.com/2018/sfl-parkland-school-shooting-critical-moments/#nt=oft12aH-11a1>  
<https://dailycaller.com/2018/12/30/report-parkland-shooter-sheriffs/>

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

#### **WHY TRUDEAU MIGHT LOSE**

• Alone in the world. • Fractured at home. • That pesky carbon tax. • Our porous borders. • The Justin factor.  
By Margaret Wente, Globe and Mail - January 4, 2019  
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-mr-trudeaus-many-millstones/>

#### **JOE OLIVER: CARBON TAXATION NEEDS PUBLIC BUY-IN. ARE YOU SEEING MUCH OF THAT?**

Costly and useless green initiatives are increasingly being rejected around the world. Yet our PM obsessively doubles down on his activism. By Joe Oliver, National Post - January 4, 2018 — Joe Oliver is the former minister of finance and minister of natural resources. <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/joe-oliver-carbon-taxation-needs-public-buy-in-are-you-seeing-much-of-that>

**'HE KNOWS THE RULES': NDP MP CRIES FOUL OVER TRUDEAU FUNDRAISING VIDEO SHOT IN PM'S PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE**

Charlie Angus said filming the ad there was a 'bush league' move. 'He seems to believe that because he's Justin Trudeau, prime minister, rules don't apply' By Maura Forrest, National Post – Jan 4, 2019  
<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/he-knows-the-rules-ndp-mp-cries-foul-over-trudeau-fundraising-video-shot-in-pms-parliamentary-office>

**CORBELLA: SAYING 'MERRY CHRISTMAS' IS 'WORSE THAN MURDER' SAYS B.C. CLERIC**

Two days before Christmas, the website MEMRI.org featured a disturbing video of a Canadian Muslim cleric saying dangerous, hateful things. To date, it has not received any mainstream media coverage in Canada.

By LICIA CORBELLA - Updated: January 4, 2019

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/corbella-saying-merry-christmas-is-worse-than-murder-says-b-c-cleric>

**'ASIMIL8' LICENCE PLATE IS HURTFUL WHETHER IT IS ABOUT STAR TREK OR HUMANS,**

**GOVERNMENT EMAILS SAY** - 'We are considering serious disciplinary action for those who were involved and contributed to approving a plate that is so obviously inappropriate'. Nicholas Troller had this ASIMIL8 licence plate for two years before officials at Manitoba Public Insurance revoked it.

By Adrian Humphreys, National Post - January 4, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/asimil8-licence-plate-is-hurtful-whether-it-is-about-star-trek-or-humans-government-emails-say>

**“I SURVIVED COMMUNISM – ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR TURN?”**

An important warning for Canada. “It was scientifically proven that communism is the only social-economic system providing the masses with justice and equality – 100% of scientists agree on this. The topic is not up for debate!”, so proclaimed my professor during one of his lectures on the subject ‘scientific communism’, while the country of Czechoslovakia was still under communist control. I was reminded of his blustery pronouncement the first time I encountered the spurious claim that “a consensus of 97% of scientists agree global warming is man-made.” Most people don’t question scientific statements because they think they are facts. They do not understand that scientific statements must always be challenged, because Science is not about ‘consensus’; ideology is.

By Zuzana Janosova Den Boer - January 3, 2019

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/01/03/i-survived-communism-are-you-ready-for-your-turn/>

**GOLDSTEIN: ELIZABETH MAY TELLS THE TRUTH ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Environment Minister Catherine McKenna are misleading Canadians when they claim Trudeau’s national carbon price/tax and his other schemes have us on track to meet the commitments Trudeau made to reduce our emissions under the United Nations’ Paris climate accord he signed in 2015. Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer misled Canadians when he said he could meet Canada’s Paris targets without a carbon tax. Recently, he’s dropped this commitment, which is at least more honest than what the Liberals are claiming. But until Scheer releases his plan, we don’t know how far he’s willing to go in telling the truth. By Lorrie Goldstein, Toronto Sun - January 2, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-elizabeth-may-tells-the-truth-on-climate-change>

**LILLEY: TRUDEAU CLEARS WAY FOR EXPATS TO VOTE IN CANADIAN ELECTIONS**

“Permitting all non-resident citizens to vote would allow them to participate in making laws that affect Canadian residents on a daily basis but have little to no practical consequence for their own daily lives,” Justice George Strathy wrote in the 2015 ruling. Trudeau is throwing that out the window and allowing the millions of Canadians living abroad to have a say in how Canada is governed, even if they haven’t lived here in 50 years.

By Brian Lilley, Special to Toronto Sun, January 1, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-trudeau-clears-way-for-ex-pats-to-vote-in-canadian-elections>

### **FATAH: COMING SOON, BELIEVE IT OR NOT -- ISLAMIC PARTY OF ONTARIO**

Death threats do not intimidate me, but here we have in Anwar the leader of an aspiring Ontario political party who is playing coy with Premier Doug Ford by supporting the PC Party's approach to 'gender politics.' Before this Trojan Horse can enter the gates of mainstream Toronto and Ontario politics by the ever-eager diversity-seeking politicians, perhaps you, the voters need to know what the Islamic Party of Ontario claims to desire in Canada, according to their posted principles and policies.

- Establish Islam as the natural religion of Ontario.
- Quash LGBTQ rights because "God made Adam and Eve –not Adam and Steve."
- A complete ban on abortion except in a situation when a mother's life is in danger.
- End the concept of "gender identity" or "seven-colour gender," a false concept.
- Ban liquor, drugs, adultery, and gambling.

Happy New Year Canada. Let us weed out the merchants of misery who seek death as a means of salvation.

By Tarek Fatah, Toronto Sun - January 1, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/fatah-coming-soon-believe-it-or-not-islamic-party-of-ontario>

### **HERE'S WHY CONSERVATIVES WILL BE OBSESSING OVER THE NDP'S POLL NUMBERS IN 2019**

The last Conservative majority government benefited from a surge by the NDP that stripped seats away from the weakened Liberal Party. Now, the situation is reversed By Stuart Thomson - December 31, 2018

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/heres-why-conservatives-will-be-obsessing-over-the-ndps-poll-numbers-in-2019>

### **CLIMATE CHANGE CONFORMITY**

**That consensus means little according to research chair Doug Casey as he explains in his article, "Why We Need More Climate Change Skeptics."** This millennium has seen a cooling trend, but thirty years of global warming propaganda means that most millennials drawn to study the climate believe in the cause and will be taught by others who also do so. Galileo once wrote, "In questions of science, the authority of a thousand is not worth the humble reasoning of a single individual." The problem is the ideas and clout of that one thousand make that single individual a rare and unappreciated gem. Copernicus defied thousands, if not millions, when he dared suggest the earth was not the centre of the universe. Galileo was later arrested for teaching the idea. Climate change alarmists with their own earth-centred dogmas should put their religious zeal aside. By Lee Harding, Frontier Centre for Public Policy - December 31, 2018

<https://fcpp.org/2018/12/31/climate-change-conformity/>

### **POLAR BEARS AREN'T BEING WIPED OUT BY SHRINKING ICE AND CLIMATE CHANGE, INUITS**

**CLAIM - Arctic locals claim the population has increased by 400 per cent.** By Jacob Dirnhuber - 30th Dec 2018

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/8086321/inuit-polar-bears-wiped-out-climate-change/>

### **GUNTER: THE YEAR CANADIANS WOKE UP TO THE FARCE OF TRUDEAU**

But what voters remember and care about is how ridiculously embarrassing Diva Trudeau's constant costume changes were. From that point on (February 2018), Trudeau has struggled to remain popular, so much so that the latest Angus Reid poll gives him a net negative rating of 23 per cent. Trump's net negative is just 10 per cent. If the India trip awakened voters from their Trudeau daydream and helps the Libs lose the 2019 election, it will be worthy of Story of the Year.

By Lorne Gunter, Edmonton Sun - December 30, 2018

<https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-the-year-canadians-woke-up-to-the-farce-of-trudeau>

## **IN 2019, LET'S HOPE FOR A LESS STUPID CLIMATE-CHANGE DEBATE**

Let's just boil this down to first principles: Canada's two major federal parties have both committed to hit a specific goal by a specific deadline. Neither of them has a workable plan to do so. The rest is just buck-passing and political tribalism. Neither party has a workable plan. The end.

By Matt Gurney, Radio Host 640 Toronto - Global News - December 29, 2018

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4798853/commentary-2019-less-stupid-climate-change-debate/>

## **REX MURPHY: TIME IS WRONG. TODAY'S JOURNALISTS ARE NOT 'GUARDIANS OF THE TRUTH'**

Contemporary journalism has long since given up any attempt to be objective. Journalism is frequently as wayward as the social media it ritually deplores, propelled by a lust-like drive to the parts of a story that accord with its prejudices and predispositions. It has long since replaced the attempt to be objective with a commitment to activism and advocacy. Much of contemporary journalism does not report on the game. It sees itself as part of the game — it seeks to massage opinion, reinforce favoured perspectives, take down its “enemies” and shield its heroes. By Rex Murphy, National Post - December 28, 2018 <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/rex-murphy-time-is-wrong-todays-journalists-are-not-guardians-of-the-truth>

## **JOHN ROBSON: WHAT IF WE REFUSED TO REPEAT POLITICAL LIES IN THE COMING YEAR?**

Let's make 2019 the year we refuse to applaud mindless slogans and be accessories to political untruths

By John Robson - December 27, 2018

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