



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

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### **POSTS FROM CANADA**

#### **RCMP: NO STATISTICS ON FIREARMS INTEREST POLICE (FIP) EVENTS**

RCMP response to Access to Information Act Request dated January 11, 2019 - Received January 18, 2019

Important statistics about firearms license holders who are 'involved in an event involving violence or other offences' are not tracked. <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/18/rcmp-has-no-statistics-on-firearms-interest-police-fip-events/>

- **No Statistics** on the average time it took to initiate an investigation of a FIP event;
- **No Statistics** on the average time it took to complete the investigation of a FIP event;
- **No Statistics** on the number of FIP events that resulted in firearms being removed from possession of the licensed gun owner; and
- **No Statistics** on the average time it took from reporting of the FIP event to the firearms being removed from the possession of the licensed gun owner.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

(A) **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>

(B) **THE CANADIAN PRESS ARTICLE FIREARMS LICENCE SCREENING BACKLOGS POSE SAFETY RISKS: RCMP AUDIT**

Excerpt: 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 The Canadian Press - Published Friday, November 16, 2018 <https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/firearms-licence-screening-backlogs-pose-safety-risks-rcmp-audit-1.4179698>

(C) **THE FIREARMS COMMISSIONER'S 2016 REPORT TO PARLIAMENT WHICH STATES: CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY SCREENING OF FIREARMS LICENCE HOLDERS:**

"The Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS) contains current and historical firearms licence holder data. If a licence holder is involved in an event involving violence (or other offences specified in Section 5 of the Firearms Act), it is reported in CPIC via a Firearms Interest Police (FIP) event and sent to the relevant CFO for review. Licence holders are regularly screened to assess their continuous eligibility to remain licensed. There were 29,487 FIP events in 2016 that were matched to a person with a firearms licence. (Table 8)." <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/2016-commissioner-firearms-report>

**NOTE: The number of FIP Events in 2017 were not reported in the RCMP Commissioner's 2017 Report to Parliament** <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/2017-commissioner-firearms-report>

#### **CSSA COMMENTARY: WHY DOES THE GOVERNMENT FABRICATE STATISTICS ON STOLEN GUNS?**

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale posted a cute infographic titled, "Break and Enter to Steal Firearms" on Twitter[i] on March 7, 2018, during his Guns and Gangs Summit. That graphic showed over 1,200 break-ins to steal firearms and cited Statistics Canada as the data source. Where those numbers really come from is a mystery as Statistics Canada data shreds Minister Goodale's credibility. Goodale's infographic is a total fabrication, a propaganda piece – a lie. Team CSSA E-News | January 18, 2019 <https://cssa-cila.org/2019/01/team-cssa-e-news-january-18-2019/>

#### **BLAIR WANTS TO MAKE CABINET PITCH ON POSSIBLE HANDGUN BAN WITHIN TWO WEEKS**

Border security minister wraps consultations on tackling gun crime By Kathleen Harris · CBC News · Jan 18, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/01/18/blair-to-make-proposal-on-gun-bans-in-coming-weeks-cbc-reports/>

## **TRUDEAU LIBERALS MAY SOON MOVE CLOSER TOWARDS FOOLISH HANDGUN BAN**

Only a backlash from rural Liberal MPs would be likely to stop Bill Blair and the Liberals from pushing for the measure that would do nothing to reduce crime. By SPENCER FERNANDO - JANUARY 18, 2019

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/01/18/trudeau-liberals-may-soon-move-closer-towards-foolish-handgun-ban/>  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/blair-guns-ban-legislation-1.4983849>

## **CBC THE CURRENT ONE BULLET SERIES: DEATH OF A HOSTAGE TAKER - JANUARY 18, 2019**

On Aug. 25, 2004, an armed man took a stranger hostage in front of Toronto's main transit hub. After an intense standoff, police Sgt. Tom Sharkey gave the order for a sniper to shoot the man dead. Fifteen years later, he says it was 'the only solution.' This story is part of CBC's One Bullet series. Each instalment takes a close look at a shooting from somewhere in Canada — who was hurt or killed; who was held accountable; and how did the fallout impact friends, family and first responders. <https://www.cbc.ca/radiointeractives/thecurrent/death-of-a-hostage-taker>

## **SELF-DEFENCE WITH GUNS: ALBERTA WATCHDOG DECISION SHOWS CRITERIA**

TheGunBlog.ca — Alberta's police watchdog said today an RCMP officer acted reasonably in shooting at a suspected violent criminal in 2017. Why It Matters: Many people don't know that Canada recognizes the legitimate use of force, including potentially lethal force using guns and ammunition, for protection against human attackers.

THE GUN BLOG - JANUARY 17, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/01/17/self-defence-with-guns-alberta-watchdog-decision-shows-criteria/>

## **JOINT INVESTIGATION LEADS TO PROHIBITED WEAPON SEIZURE**

A 60-year-old Sarnia man is charged with possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, importing a prohibited weapon, and possessing a prohibited weapon contrary to court order. The ongoing investigation led the OPP Lambton Major Crime Unit, the street crimes unit, Sarnia police and the Canada Border Services Agency to a Mitton Street address. BY DAVE DENTINGER - JANUARY 17, 2019

<https://www.change.org/p/justin-trudeau-shouldn-t-police-know-where-these-bad-guys-with-guns-live/u/23900206>

## **CBC - AFTER 53 GUNS STOLEN FROM 2 HOMES, RCMP ASK PEOPLE TO REVIEW FIREARM**

**STORAGE** - Theft of 12 handguns and another of 41 long guns reported on Monday. RCMP want gun owners to review how their firearms are locked and stored after more than four dozen firearms were stolen from just two Manitoba homes. CBC News · Posted: Jan 17, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/handguns-oakbank-home-stolen-1.4982203>  
<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/fifty-three-guns-stolen-in-separate-incidents-say-rcmp-1.4257585>  
<https://winnipeg.sun.com/news/crime/0118-gun-theft>

## **AND YET GUNS STOLEN FROM THE POLICE AND THE MILITARY GO UNREPORTED!**

**NOVEMBER 30, 2018 - OPEN LETTER #3 TO SENATORS**

**Re: A THOUSAND GUNS REPORTED LOST BY OR STOLEN FROM POLICE AND THE MILITARY**

One would think it should be easy to obtain updated numbers from the RCMP on these lost and stolen firearms - it is not.

By Dennis R. Young - November 30, 2018 <https://denisryoung.ca/2018/11/30/a-thousand-guns-reported-lost-by-or-stolen-from-police-and-the-military/>

**CBC - GUN VIOLENCE TAKES A HEAVY TOLL ON FAMILIES OF VICTIMS, SAYS TRAUMA SURGEON**  
For Dr. Bernard Lawless, helping families process that a loved one has been shot can be as difficult as treating the gunshot wounds themselves. "Most people don't get to rehearse their reaction to a catastrophic event, and so I think that's why you get to see that range of how to cope ... where they direct their anger, their disbelief," he told The Current's Anna Maria Tremonti. CBC Radio · January 17, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/the-current-for-january-17-2019-1.4979517/gun-violence-takes-a-heavy-toll-on-families-of-victims-says-trauma-surgeon-1.4979520>

### **CHIEFS OF POLICE GUN-PANEL CHAIR SEEKS NEW LAWS, CBC REPORTS**

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police will lobby the government to pass new laws based on groundless claims that criminals steal or buy most of their weapons in Canada from licensed gun owners, CBC News reported today, citing the chair of a committee on firearms. THE GUN BLOG - JANUARY 17, 2019  
<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/01/17/chiefs-of-police-gun-panel-chair-seeks-new-laws-cbc-reports/>  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/regina-gun-violence-task-force-1.4981099>

### **BEAR HUNT SASKATCHEWAN – WHAT TO KNOW AND WHEN TO GO**

In Saskatchewan, most outfitters see at least one or two in that 400-500 pound range. Black, brown, blonde and cinnamon can all be found roaming from the southeastern regions to the northern forests. By OutdoorHub Reporters – Jan 17, 2019  
<https://www.outdoorhub.com/stories/2019/01/14/one-important-key-survival-people/>

### **HUNTING TRADE SHOW UNDERGOES REBRAND FOLLOWING PROTESTS IN PAST YEARS**

Formerly known as The Africa Show, the event is taking place Jan. 25 to 27 as the Calgary International Hunting Expo. More than 500 people are expected to attend the Ramada Plaza Airport Hotel for the trade show, featuring hunting outfitters from across Africa, Australia, New Zealand, the U.S. and Argentina, as well as Canada. "It's not just African outfitters, it's worldwide," said David Little, president of Safari Club International's Calgary chapter, which is hosting the event. By SAMMY HUDES - Updated: January 17, 2019  
<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/hunting-trade-show-undergoes-rebrand-following-protests-in-past-years>

### **JORDAN PETERSON SHARES VIDEO OF HIS DAUGHTER AT THE GUN RANGE**

TheGunBlog.ca — Jordan Peterson, the Canadian professor of psychology and supporter of gun rights, shared a video this week of his daughter Mikhaila at a shooting range. It comes as his latest encouraging message for the gun community as the government prepares a new crackdown. THE GUN BLOG - JANUARY 17, 2019  
<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/01/17/jordan-peterson-shares-video-of-his-daughter-at-the-gun-range/>

### **POST-TRUTH POLITICS AND COALITION FOR GUN CONTROL: WILLIAM REES**

TheGunBlog.ca — William Rees, a professor emeritus of planning and human ecology at the University of British Columbia, wrote the following response to a November fundraising letter by the Canadian Coalition for Gun Control. He analyzes the letter's message and political significance as the government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau prepares new gun laws and the country prepares for an October election. THE GUN BLOG - JANUARY 16, 2019  
<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/01/16/post-truth-politics-and-coalition-for-gun-control-william-rees/>

### **UXBRIDGE COUNCIL EYES SUPPORT OF GUN BAN**

Council to work on motion or letter supporting federal assault weapon, handgun ban  
NEWS Jan 16, 2019 by Moya Dillon Uxbridge Times Journal  
<https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/9126195-uxbridge-council-eyes-support-of-gun-ban/>

## **THE CASE FOR A GUN REGISTRY IN QUEBEC**

With the Jan. 29 deadline looming, the vast majority of owners in the province have yet to register their firearms.

By MARTIN PATRIQUIN, SPECIAL TO MONTREAL GAZETTE - Updated: January 16, 2019

<https://montrealgazette.com/opinion/columnists/martin-patriquin-the-case-for-a-gun-registry-in-quebec>

## **CBC - MANITOBA RCMP ASK PUBLIC FOR HELP AFTER 35 GUNS STOLEN FROM SOURIS HOME**

Assortment of rifles and shotguns were taken some time in past month. CBC News · Posted: Jan 15, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/souris-long-guns-theft-1.4979895>

## **HOMICIDES ON THE RISE. GUNS BLAMED**

"In spite of efforts to reduce the inventory of available guns, a firearm was the primary cause of death in 18 OPP death investigations," according to a news release. "It's higher than the previous two years combined (six in 2016; 10 in 2017) and seven more than in the record year of 2010. Jan 15, 2019 by: Jeff Turl

<https://www.baytoday.ca/local-news/homicides-on-the-rise-guns-blamed-1195989>

## **MP ZIMMER CONCERNED WITH GOODALE'S REFUSAL TO ANSWER FIREARMS ATIP REQUEST**

Bob Zimmer, Member of Parliament for Prince George-Peace River-Northern Rockies and Chair of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics, has sent a letter to Information Commissioner Caroline Maynard supporting her decision to refer a case involving Minister Goodale's repeated refusal to release documents related to the firearms reference table to federal court for review. January 15, 2019

<http://www.bobzimmer.ca/mp-zimmer-concerned-with-goodales-refusal-to-answer-firearms-atip-request/>

## **MANDEL: NEW QUESTIONS ARISE ABOUT DANFORTH SHOOTING**

Heavily redacted portions of the search warrant used by Toronto police for Faisal's Thorncliffe Park apartment were unsealed Tuesday and they are alarming: just hours after the attack, a police explosives dog led investigators to a drawer beneath a sleigh bed in the killer's bedroom where police uncovered a cache of ammunition large enough to have turned the Danforth into a war zone massacre. Officers found two fully loaded AK-47 clips — capable of at least 30 rounds each, two loaded 9 mm magazines, two loaded drum magazines and three fully loaded extended magazines. They also discovered a black sock with more loose cartridges. The drawer also contained a white powdery substance believed to be cocaine and an "Islamic head dress." We've only ever been told that Hussain was armed with a single handgun. The question is, why have authorities been so determined to play it down, and why has the investigation into this horrific crime taken so long? By Michele Mandel, Toronto Sun - January 15, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/mandel-new-questions-arise-about-danforth-shooting-was-terror-the-motive>

## **SHOULD CANADA BAN ASSAULT-STYLE FIREARMS?**

The federal government has asked Bill Blair, the minister of border security and organized crime reduction, to consider whether Canada should ban handguns and "assault-style" rifles. The media has focused mostly on the possibility of banning handguns. The idea of outlawing assault-style weapons, however, deserves more attention because this proposal could help avoid mass shootings but is extremely controversial among firearm owners. The federal government's engagement paper on possible new gun legislation notes that Canada's current firearms legislation contains no definition of an assault rifle. This is not a new idea. In 1977, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police claimed that semi-automatic guns were "basically designed as an instrument of war" and that they had "no sporting use either in the cultural or recreational sense." The association thus urged Ottawa "to restrict all semi-automatic weapons as a category."

By R. Blake Brown, Professor, Saint Mary's University - January 14, 2019.

<http://theconversation.com/should-canada-ban-assault-style-firearms-109536>

## **MOST OF QUEBEC'S LONG GUNS STILL UNREGISTERED WITH DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING**

Clément Robitaille, head of prevention and fight against criminality at the Quebec Ministry of Public Security, and the man responsible for managing the newly created provincial firearms registry said, "The registry creates a database that is very useful for police work. It allows us to answer three very important questions: who has firearms? What kind of firearms? And where are they being stored?"

By Levon Sevunts, Radio Canada International [english@rcinet.ca](mailto:english@rcinet.ca) - Monday 14 January 2019

<http://www.rcinet.ca/en/2019/01/14/most-of-quebecs-long-guns-still-unregistered-with-deadline-fast-approaching/>

## **WHERE IS THE EVIDENCE CANADA'S GUN CONTROL PROGRAMS ARE WORKING?**

Maybe Senators can get the answers that my Access to Information requests can't?

By Dennis R. Young – Updated: January 13, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/17/where-is-the-evidence-canadas-gun-control-programs-are-working/>

## **WHAT THE RCMP DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE FIREARMS THEY SEIZE**

**379,036 FIREARMS SEIZED BY AND SURRENDERED TO THE RCMP: Between January 1, 2008 to May 27, 2017** RCMP Response to Access to Information Act request dated March 23, 2018 Received April 5, 2018 by Dennis R. Young

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/14/what-the-rcmp-dont-know-about-the-firearms-they-seize/>

### **WHAT THE RCMP DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE FIREARMS THEY TRACE!**

Contrary to the Trudeau Government's promises for 'evidence-based' policies and gun control programs, here are the thirteen things the RCMP now admit they don't know about the firearms they trace.

RCMP Response to Access to Information Act request dated February 7, 2018 Received February 14, 2018 by Dennis R. Young

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

## **RCMP FIREARMS BUSINESS LICENSES 1979-2017**

• **Firearms Businesses in 1979 = 16,420**

• **Firearms Businesses in 2017 = 4,478**

Most Recent Information Available - Updated by Dennis R. Young – January 13, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/13/rcmp-firearms-business-licenses-1979-2017/>

## **PYE: WE NEED A SERIOUS PLAN TO TACKLE GUNS AND GANGS IN SOUTH OTTAWA**

Ottawa chalked up its first shooting of 2019 only four days into the year, an auspicious start towards another record-breaking year of gun and gang violence. The apparent perpetrators were arrested and charged, which is a good start, but so much more needs to be done to curb the gun and gang violence in our fair city. By BRAD PYE, Ottawa Citizen - January 13, 2019 Brad Pye is a resident, community volunteer, and past president of the Hunt Club Park Community Association.

<https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/pye-we-need-a-serious-plan-to-tackle-guns-and-gangs-in-south-ottawa>

## **CBC - MOST OF QUEBEC'S LONG GUNS STILL UNREGISTERED WITH DEADLINE FAST**

**APPROACHING** Gun owners argue registry is ineffective and targets law-abiding citizens

By Colin Harris · CBC News · Posted: Jan 13, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/most-of-quebec-s-long-guns-still-unregistered-with-deadline-fast-approaching-1.4976610>

## **BULLETS FLY IN T.O.: MAN WITH CRIMINAL PAST KILLED, TWO OTHERS HURT IN THREE**

**SHOOTINGS** - Suntharamoorthy worked for a Sri Lankan tow truck company in Toronto and had been in and out of jail over the years since coming to Canada. He claimed his cousin acted as "muscle" for the towing company, helping resolve matters when needed. By Chris Doucette and Jack Boland, Toronto Sun - January 12, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/bullets-fly-in-t-o-one-man-dead-two-injured-in-three-separate-shootings>

## **REGINA STUDENT HEADING TO BIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

For the uninitiated, Biathlon consists of a distance of cross country skiing combined with a section of shooting at small targets. It's the combination of the two that makes the sport challenging, Pletz said. After completing the ski portion of a race, his heart is beating at 190 beats per minute. "So trying to steady a rifle and hit a target that's the size of a toonie when you're laying down and the size of roughly a CD disc when you're standing up in under 30 seconds is quite a task," he said. It's one that Pletz seems to have perfected as he's just earned a spot representing Canada at the Youth World Championships in Osrblie, Slovakia at the end of the month. by Arielle Zerr, Saskatoon / 650 CKOM - January 12, 2019 <https://www.ckom.com/2019/01/12/regina-student-heading-to-biathlon-world-championships/>

## **TRUDEAU FAILS TO BE TRANSPARENT WITH CANADIANS**

Ottawa, ON – Pierre Paul-Hus, Shadow Minister for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and Glen Motz, Deputy Shadow Minister for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, today issued the following statement regarding the Trudeau government's repeated refusal to release documents related to the Firearms Reference Table. January 11, 2019 <http://www.pierre-paul-hus.ca/en/trudeau-ne-veut-pas-etre-transparent-avec-les-canadiens/>

## **CBC - MAN WHO SMUGGLED RECORD NUMBER OF GUNS INTO ONTARIO SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS IN PRISON**

Randy Jackson admitted he sold 67 guns on Toronto's black market in 2017 - an Ontario record for 1 person. By Jasmin Seputis · Posted: Jan 11, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/man-who-smuggled-record-number-of-guns-into-ontario-sentenced-to-8-years-in-prison-1.4975866>  
<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/01/11/smuggler-gets-8-year-prison-sentence-for-bringing-guns-from-us-into-canada.html>

## **RCMP: SOURCES OF STOLEN GUNS UNKNOWN**

RCMP response to Access to Information request dated Jan 7, 2019 – Received Jan 11, 2019 by Dennis R. Young  
ATTACHED RCMP TABLE: Registered Restricted & Prohibited Firearms Reported Stolen in Canada 2001 to 2017  
<https://dennisyoung.ca/2019/01/12/rcmp-sources-of-stolen-guns-unknown/>

EXCERPT: "The Canadian Firearms Program does not collect information associated to stolen firearms such as: (1) Individual firearm owners, (2) Firearm collectors, (3) Shooting ranges and gun clubs, (4) Firearm retailers, (5) Firearm wholesalers or distributors, (6) Firearm manufacturers, (7) Museums, (8) Federal Government Departments and Agencies, (9) Provincial Government Departments and Agencies, (10) Armoured Car Companies, (11) Police stations, (12) Military bases or armouries, (13) Movie Sets and Prop suppliers, (14) Other."

## **OCTOBER 25, 2018 - PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA: NO RECORDS ON SOURCES OF STOLEN GUNS**

Where is the Evidence to Support Minister's Statements? Public Safety ATIP file: A-2018-0214 By Dennis R. Young  
<https://dennisyoung.ca/2018/11/02/public-safety-canada-no-records-on-sources-of-stolen-guns/>

## **CBC'S ONE BULLET EXAMINES THE IMPACT OF GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY**

Across Canada, numbers tracking guns and violent death are heading in the wrong direction. Each instalment takes a close look at a shooting from somewhere in Canada — who was hurt or killed; who was held accountable; and how did the fallout impact friends, family and first responders. We want to hear from you: How has gun violence affected you and your community? The Current - CBC Radio · January 9, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/we-want-to-hear-from-you-how-has-gun-violence-affected-you-and-your-community-1.4970680>

## **BORDER SERVICES ANALYSIS OF 2,483 FIREARMS SEIZURES NOT AVAILABLE**

CBSA Access to Information response dated Dec 6, 2018 - Received Dec 18, 2018 by Dennis R. Young  
<https://dennisyoung.ca/2019/01/12/border-services-analysis-of-2483-firearms-seizures-not-available/>

EXCERPT:

1. We Do not track people's intended destinations.
2. Integrated Customs Enforcement System reports shows seizures at a national level.
3. The system does not breakdown the seizures for "real criminals" (i.e. Smuggling with criminal intent)
4. The system doesn't breakdown seizures for "persons who were ignorant of the law."
5. We do not track people's intended destinations.

ATTACHED CBSA TABLE: Firearms Seizures (Jan 1, 2011 to April 15, 2018)

- 3,741 Firearms Seized in 2,483 Firearms Seizures

### **HOW BAD IS CANADA'S RECIDIVISM PROBLEM? NOBODY KNOWS**

According to the 2014 Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) offender population profile, about eight out of 10 male and seven out of 10 female offenders have previous convictions. In the 2013 report, the stats were nine out of 10 men and eight out of 10 women. By Michael Harris, iPolitics - Published on Dec 22, 2016

<https://ipolitics.ca/2016/12/22/how-bad-is-canadas-recidivism-problem-nobody-knows/>

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

#### **WHEN GUNS IN PORTLAND SCHOOLS WERE A GOOD THING**

Students brought guns to school with them in the morning -- in their car, or on the bus in a case. Darlene Schindler, a 1981 Marshall graduate, says her friend, Debbie Harvey, was on the team and "packed her rifle to school in an instrument case." A large part of being on the team was learning gun safety. Military personnel and police officers frequented the school, talking about proper storage, safe shooting positions, and other necessities. If a student failed to follow the rules, they were off the team. PHOTO CAPTION: The Marshall High School rifle club. By Molly Peterson - Updated Jan 18, 2019 <https://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/2019/01/opinion-when-guns-in-portland-schools-were-a-good-thing.html>

#### **WHAT HAS & DOES THE NRA DO ANYWAY?**

So let's be honest without the National Rifle Association you would have lost your right to own a firearm decades ago and the five million-plus members of the NRA, and still growing, support all of this.

Ammoland Inc. Posted on January 17, 2019 by Don McDougall

Don McDougall is an NRA instructor and member of the Los Padres "Friends of the NRA" committee. If he's not at the range, you will find him setting the record straight with on gun issues and gun safety on AmmoLand Shooting Sports News. <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/01/what-does-the-nra-do-anyway/#axzz5cyekzX51>

#### **INJURED IHOP EMPLOYEE SHOOTS ATTACKER TO DEFEND OTHERS**

Huntsville police release more information. Lt. Michael Johnson, HPD Public Information Officer, says: "We have reviewed more evidence and witness statements and can release more information that we believe will shed light on this incident. The two deceased males are: IHOP employee 56-year-old Roy Brown and customer 25-year-old Roderick Turner. They are the two deceased gun shot victims. There is a third unnamed IHOP employee who was also wounded from gunfire. The unnamed employee who was injured during the shooting and fired back at the customer-shooter (Turner) was transported to the hospital and remains in stable condition. By: JJ Vincent Posted: Jan 17, 2019

<https://www.rocketcitynow.com/news/huntsville-police-release-more-information-on-ihop-shooting/1708288482>

#### **CUOMO PUSHES STRICTER GUN LAWS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Gun control advocates have been seeking red flag bills in the wake of high-profile school shootings in recent years. The National Rifle Association has expressed some openness to the laws, but has argued removing someone's guns should require a high legal threshold and emphasized the need for due process protections, according to NPR. The restrictions the NRA has outlined have generally been greater than what gun control advocates have proposed.

By Kevin Tampone | Posted January 17, 2019 <https://www.syracuse.com/expo/news/g66l-2019/01/54370d5d38874/cuomo-pushes-strictor-gun-laws-what-you-need-to-know.html>

### **NBC NEWS: STATE-BY-STATE STUDY LINKS GUN OWNERSHIP WITH YOUTH SUICIDE**

Youth suicides rates are higher in states with high gun ownership rates, a team at Boston University School of Public Health found. "The availability of firearms is contributing to an increase in the actual number of suicides," one researcher said. Suicide rates among U.S. children and teens have hit startling rates and a study now finds one clear predictor of youth suicide: gun ownership. By Maggie Fox - Jan. 17, 2019

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/state-state-study-links-gun-ownership-youth-suicide-n959946>

### **BRAZIL LEADS THE WORLD IN TOTAL HOMICIDES. JAIR BOLSONARO JUST RELAXED GUN LAWS**

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro on Tuesday signed a decree making it easier for many Brazilians to own firearms, the first of many expected changes by the nascent administration to overhaul gun laws in the nation that leads the world in total homicides. Bolsonaro signed the decree in a televised ceremony in the capital of Brasilia, arguing that it and other changes expected to be pushed in Congress would help people defend themselves. The former army captain and far-right leader said his electoral win last year was a sign that citizens in Latin America's largest nation wanted to arm themselves. By The Associated Press and Canada.com - January 15, 2019

<https://beta.canada.com/news/brazils-bolsonaro-loosens-gun-laws-first-of-expected-moves/wcm/3f58b791-c19a-44d5-be1a-5fc3a9fe1a10/html>

### **NINETY PERCENT OF GUNS USED IN CRIME NOT OBTAINED FROM GUN STORES/SHOWS**

The Department of Justice just updated its decades-old study asking criminals where they got the guns they used in committing the crime for which they were currently incarcerated. After asking 287,000 prisoners in 2016 where they got the gun they used, 90 percent of them "did not obtain it from a retail source" and less than one percent obtained it from a gun show. Written by Bob Adelman, The New American - January 14, 2019

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/crime/item/31181-ninety-percent-of-guns-used-in-crime-not-obtained-from-gun-stores-shows>

### **FORBES: IRS HAS 4,500 GUNS, 5 MILLION ROUNDS AMMUNITION: PAYING TAXES?**

The IRS has a very hard job to do, especially now. But you might wonder about the IRS inventory of weapons. An official report says that at the end of 2017, the tax agency had 4,487 guns and 5,062,006 rounds of ammunition in its weapons inventory. So says this report published by the Government Accountability Office.

By Robert W. Wood - January 14, 2019 <https://www.forbes.com/sites/robertwood/2019/01/14/irs-has-4500-guns-5-million-rounds-ammunition-paying-taxes/#29609d731f9e>

### **FIREARMS REGULATION ALWAYS MISSES THE TARGET**

Government regulators, and some anti-gun Democrat politicians, then concluded that civilians should be denied the use of all semi-automatic weapons. They claim these guns can shoot like machine guns, at least some of the time. That regulation and laws like it miss the point entirely. If civilians should be disarmed because these weapons are too dangerous then we should disarm local, state, and federal law enforcement as well. If these guns, and I'll let you choose which ones you want to ban, are too dangerous for law-abiding citizens to own then they are far too dangerous for the government to have. Ammoland Inc. Posted on January 14, 2019 by Rob Morse

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/01/firearms-regulation-always-misses-the-target/#axzz5ciUGB8dZ>

## **'ROGUE GUN DEALERS' OPERATING IN AUSTRALIA**

Australia has some of the tightest gun control and border security laws in the world but there are still thousands of weapons the Australian Government can't trace. So where do these guns come from? Their main source appears to be from 'rogue gun dealers' who make it their business to supply weapons that are difficult for law enforcement to trace. An estimated 5,000 handguns have been brought into the illicit marketplace through legal loopholes surrounding the legislation of the deactivation of guns according to Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC).

By Max Gay, 10 Daily Reporter - January 14, 2019

<https://tendaily.com.au/news/crime/a190107jxk/rogue-gun-dealers-operating-in-australia-20190114>

## **IN POLITICS IT SEEMS ONLY FIREARM SUICIDES ARE BAD**

Here's the problem. The decline of suicide by gunshot did not impact Canada's overall suicide rate one bit.

Posted on January 14, 2019 by Ammoland

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/01/in-politics-it-seems-only-firearm-suicides-bad/>

## **HOUSE DEMOCRATS' GUN CONTROL UNENFORCEABLE WITHOUT FIREARM REGISTRY**

On January 8, 2019, Breitbart News reported that House Democrats introduced legislation to criminalize private gun sales. They are using universal background checks as a means of criminalizing the sales, and they do not mention such checks are unenforceable without firearm registration. Instead, the Democrats keep talking of how their bill will "prevent" or reduce "gun violence." By Awr Hawkins - 13 Jan 2019 <https://www.breitbart.com/2nd-amendment/2019/01/13/house-democrats-gun-control-unenforceable-without-firearm-registry/>

## **SOMEONE STOLE 29 GUNS FROM THE KETTLE FALLS POLICE CHIEF. TWENTY-EIGHT ARE STILL MISSING.**

Last spring, the Kettle Falls police chief waited a week to tell another law enforcement agency that someone had stolen 29 guns from a safe in his house. Chief Chris Courchene tried to investigate the crime himself, later telling Stevens County sheriff's detectives he had twice sent his girlfriend to meet a mysterious suspect and paid \$1,250 in hopes of retrieving the weapons. Courchene managed to get one gun back. The other 28 – including numerous pistols, a 12-gauge shotgun and at least two AR-15-style rifles – are still missing. By Chad Sokol - January 13, 2019

<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2019/jan/13/someone-stole-29-guns-from-the-kettle-falls-police/>

## **UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS DON'T WORK, SO WHY DO WE WANT MORE OF THEM?**

The fundamental failure of a background check is that it looks backward. Mass murder is not a long-term career path. Background checks can't stop a first-time mass murderer. Here are the most recent examples.

By Rob Morse. January 11th, 2019

<https://slowfacts.wordpress.com/2019/01/11/universal-background-checks-dont-work-so-why-do-we-want-more-of-them/>

## **SOURCE AND USE OF FIREARMS INVOLVED IN CRIMES: SURVEY OF PRISON INMATES, 2016**

By Mariel Alper, Ph.D., Lauren Glaze, Statisticians – Bureau of Justice Statistics - January 9, 2019 NCJ 251776

<https://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=6486>

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/01/15/doj-handguns-weapon-choice-criminals/>

Presents statistics that describe firearm possession of state and federal prisoners who were serving a sentence in 2016. The report describes firearm possession during the crime for which prisoners were serving time and by type of offense; how the firearm was used during the crime; type of firearm possessed; and methods, sources, and processes of obtaining the firearm. Findings are based on BJS's 2016 Survey of Prison Inmates (SPI), formerly known as the Survey of Inmates in State and Federal Correctional Facilities. The SPI self-report data were collected through face-to-face interviews with a national sample of state and federal prisoners.

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- About 21% of state and 20% of federal prisoners said they possessed a gun during their offense, while 79% of state and 80% of federal prisoners did not.
- About 29% of state and 36% of federal prisoners serving time for a violent offense possessed a gun during the offense.
- About 1.3% of prisoners obtained a gun from a retail source and used it during their offense.
- Handguns were the most common type of firearm possessed by state and federal prisoners (18% each); 11% of all prisoners used a handgun.
- Among prisoners who possessed a gun during their offense, 90% did not obtain it from a retail source.

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

### **MILTON FRIEDMAN IS RIGHT, PROFIT IS A COMPANY'S ONLY PURPOSE**

Terence Corcoran takes on the Nobel economist's growing league of critics, arguing companies that focus on making shareholders money are just what society needs By Terence Corcoran, Financial Post - January 18, 2019

<https://business.financialpost.com/news/economy/milton-friedman-is-right-profit-is-a-companys-only-purpose>

### **SIX-IN-TEN CANADIANS SAY LACK OF NEW PIPELINE CAPACITY REPRESENTS A CRISIS IN THIS COUNTRY** - Half say Trudeau government has been doing "too little" to build new capacity

Angus Reid Institute -January 16, 2019

<https://mailchi.mp/angusreid/six-in-ten-canadians-say-lack-of-new-pipeline-capacity-represents-a-crisis-in-this-country?e=385353dcc7>

### **BARBARA KAY: DON'T EVER QUESTION MASS IMMIGRATION OR YOU'LL BE INSTANTLY RACIST**

The PM is perceived by many as lacking the ability (or desire) to distinguish between immigrants, migrants and refugees By Barbara Kay, National Post - January 16, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/barbara-kay-dont-ever-question-mass-immigration-or-youll-be-instantly-racist>

### **TRUDEAU IS MAKING 'CANADA' A DIRTY WORD AROUND THE WORLD**

No wonder TransCanada Corp. is erasing the word 'Canada' from its name. No one wants to invest here given what this Liberal government has done. By Stephen LeDrew - National Post - Published on Jan 15, 2019 - Stephen LeDrew is a Toronto-based lawyer and broadcaster. He served as President of the Liberal Party of Canada from 1998 to 2003 and was a Mayor of Toronto candidate in the 2006 municipal election.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXjV4Tl7bQg>

### **CBC - MAXIME BERNIER TALKS EQUALIZATION, PIPELINES AND ISSUES 'IMPORTANT TO PEOPLE HERE' IN REGINA** - Bernier says he would approve more pipelines, scrap carbon tax, reform equalization

By Cory Coleman · CBC News · Posted: Jan 15, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/maxime-bernier-speaking-regina-1.4979132>

### **FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, AT RISK**

Free speech and free inquiry, birthrights bestowed upon us by western civilization, are under threat. There are too many questions that can't be asked, too many subjects that can't be discussed. Free speech and free inquiry must be protected in Canada, and particularly by the very institutions that are supposed to practice it – our universities, legislatures and media.

By Brian Giesbrecht, Frontier Centre for Public Policy - January 14, 2019

<https://fcpp.org/2019/01/14/freedom-of-thought-at-risk/>

## **THE ENVIRONMENT: A TRUE STORY PART 32 – APOCALYPSE NOW**

Part 32 of John Robson’s documentary comparing climate change alarmism with widely accepted facts about the past state and present condition of the Earth. What is left of the alarmist case? The increasingly preposterous things global warming will cause . . . (5.25 minutes)

By John Robson, Video - Frontier Centre for Public Policy - January 13, 2019

<https://fcpp.org/2019/01/13/the-environment-a-true-story-part-32-apocalypse-now/>

## **SMITH: LET'S CELEBRATE THAT CANADA IS LIKELY A 'NET ZERO' POLLUTER**

Canada’s 318 billion trees sequester 318,000 megatonnes of CO2. Why don’t we get any credit for that?

By DANIELLE SMITH, Calgary Herald - Updated: January 11, 2019

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/smith-a-net-zero-goal-may-be-what-it-takes-to-unite-canada>

## **GERMANY’S GREEN TRANSITION HAS HIT A BRICK WALL**

Germany took on that challenge, to show the world how to build a society based entirely on “green, renewable” energy. It has now hit a brick wall. Despite huge investments in wind, solar and biofuel energy production capacity, Germany has not reduced CO2 emissions over the last ten years. However, during the same period, its electricity prices have risen dramatically, significantly impacting factories, employment and poor families. Germany has installed solar and wind power to such an extent that it should theoretically be able to satisfy the power requirement on any day that provides sufficient sunshine and wind. However, since sun and wind are often lacking – in Germany only manages to produce around 27% of its annual power needs from these sources.

By Hans Konrad Johnsen, Oddvar Lundseng, Stein Storlie, Frontier Centre for Public Policy - December 30, 2018

<https://fcpp.org/2018/12/30/germanys-green-transition-has-hit-a-brick-wall/>

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