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THE PAST WEEK'S POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

SENATOR PRATTE AND SENATOR PLETT DEBATE ATT AMENDMENTS IN BILL C-71

E-mail exchange reveals lawful gun owners are the real targets of Bill C-71 – not crime guns and gangs

By Dennis R. Young – January 25, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/26/senators-debate-att-amendments-in-bill-c-71/>

CBC - FIRST NATIONS WANT TO BE CONSULTED ON QUEBEC'S LONG-GUN REGISTRY

The Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador says Quebec's approach to its soon-to-be implemented long-gun registry does not address First Nations issues or jurisdictions, and rights to traditional and subsistence practices. "Quebec disrespects our own jurisdiction," said Lance Haymond, chief of the Kebaowek First Nation. Registry goes into effect next week. By Jessica Deer · CBC News · Posted: Jan 25, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/first-nations-quebec-long-gun-registry-1.4991945>

REPORT: TELECONFERENCE WITH MINISTER BILL BLAIR AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT RON MCKINNON - On Thursday (January 24, 2019), Executive Committee Member Donald Sohm and club member Larry Wilkins engaged Member of Parliament Hon. Ron McKinnon and Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction Bill Blair via a 40-minute teleconference call to discuss the club members' concerns about the Government's current consultation and examination of a ban on handguns and 'assault weapons'. KEY EXCERPTS BELOW:

- The Minister referred to the "widespread theft and break-in of homes and sporting goods stores (that sell guns)" across the country as being an important source of illegally-obtained weapons.
- However, he did say that he believed it may be possible to mandate the central storage of weapons "in some jurisdictions".
- In particular, he told us the Government is looking at introducing legislation that would give it the right to suspend or revoke someone's licence for mental health reasons

<http://pcdhfc.com/report-teleconference-with-minister-bill-blair-and-member-of-parliament-ron-mckinnon/>

TWEET BY THE GUN BLOG ON BLAIR'S CENTRAL STORAGE COMMENT

<https://twitter.com/TheGunBlog/status/1089027118711754752>

HELP US TOSS THE TRUDEAU LIBERALS OUT!

Justice for Gun Owners - 24 January 2019

<https://mailchi.mp/07a551b7aa56/time-to-stop-trudeau?e=bc1823b8e2>

CONTENTIOUS GUN BILL COULD LEAD TO ANOTHER FIGHT FOR THE LIBERALS

"With tracing, firearms are matched to existing records," states an impact analysis of the decision to once again delay enforcing the regulations. "However, the utility of the existing Regulations has been diminished by the destruction of the long-gun registry ... and the absence of record-keeping requirements for businesses," a backgrounder included in the analysis stated. The next paragraph, however, indicates the Liberal government might be expecting that Bill C-71, should it pass, could provide the kind of record-keeping required to meet UN requirements. "The efficiencies of tracing are

realized when a record of the most recent legal owner can be linked to a specific combination of information (serial number, name of manufacturer, etc.), which is marked on the firearm,” the analysis says, with parenthesis included. “Consequently, the requirements of the existing Regulations are not sufficient to uniquely identify the legal owner of the firearm in order to facilitate tracing,” the document posted in the Canada Gazette says in new wording.

By Tim Naumetz. Published on Jan 24, 2019 <https://ipolitics.ca/2019/01/24/contentious-gun-bill-could-lead-to-another-fight-for-the-liberals/>

STARVING COUGAR RIPS THROUGH FLOCK OF SHEEP ON COCHRANE-AREA FARM

Barry Richards when he went to check on his beloved flock of sheep Tuesday morning. Hours earlier, a shotgun-toting Richards and his dog had scared off a bold cougar that had wandered right up to his patio door, unafraid and staring intently into the rural home while Richards watched a movie with his girlfriend. He spent the next few hours patrolling his Jumping Pound property to ensure the predator didn't circle back to stalk his flock of some 50 sheep. Believing the cougar had moved along, he went to bed around midnight. In the pre-dawn gloom the next morning, Richards was met with a scene of horror. “They were all dead — it was like a battle scene in a movie,” said Richards, who has been farming in the area for nearly 25 years. The toll was gut churning. Thirty-eight of Richards' sheep — 20 ewes, 16 lambs and a pair of 300-pound rams — lay broken and bloody throughout the enclosure.

By SHAWN LOGAN, Calgary Herald - Updated: January 24, 2019 <https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/starving-cougar-killed-after-slaughtering-dozens-of-sheep-on-cochrane-area-farm>

QUEBEC GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN GUN REGISTRY DEADLINE, WILL EASE SOME CRITERIA

Once the amendments are passed, gun owners will no longer have to notify the registry if they have their firearm away from its usual storage location for more than two weeks. That period — considered too short by hunters who spend long periods in the bush — will be extended, but Guilbault did not say for how long. Owners also won't have to provide their weapon's registration number upon request by a peace officer or provide the barrel length when registering a weapon. The registration number requirement was seen as unnecessary bureaucracy, and directions to determine barrel length were unclear. By The Canadian Press - Wed., Jan. 23, 2019 <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2019/01/23/quebec-government-to-maintain-gun-registry-deadline-will-ease-some-criteria.html>

CBC - CLOSED-DOOR GUN CRIME MEETING IN CALGARY SHOULD BE OPEN FORUM, CRITICS

ARGUE - Minister of organized crime reduction holds consultations across Canada. Military veteran Rick Ostashower will attend the meeting by invitation of a local Member of Parliament, but he said he worries his voice won't be heard — nor will the voices of others who weren't invited. He said he understands the meeting will be about an hour long, and no more than 10 Calgarians will be attending. "Things have to be done publicly and they have to be shown to be done publicly," said Ostashower, who argues a public town hall would have been better.

By Rachel Ward · CBC News · Posted: Jan 23, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/violent-gun-crime-consultation-calgary-1.4989007>

THE BEST SOLUTION TO GUN VIOLENCE IN CANADA IS AN OUTRIGHT BAN ON HANDGUNS

An outright ban on handguns that will sweep up large numbers of such weapons, with penalties severe enough to make even defiant gun owners think twice about hiding them around their residences. Even if a future Conservative government were to undo such a ban, short of a national program to give away pistols it would be hard for them to restore the numbers of handguns to the country that had been taken off the streets by such a powerful measure.

By David J. Climenhaga - January 23, 2019

<http://rabble.ca/blogs/bloggers/alberta-diary/2019/01/best-solution-gun-violence-canada-outright-ban-handguns>

NEW SHOULDER PATCHES A SYMPTOM OF MILITARIZATION OF POLICE SERVICES

Kevin Walby of the University of Winnipeg and Brendan Roziere from the University of Manitoba have compiled statistics from 10 large and medium-sized Canadian police forces. They write: "Militarization has been normalized within Canada's largest police services. SWAT teams once considered a last-resort option for police forces are now being used in routine areas of policing." Walby and Roziere found an astonishing 2,100 per cent increase in SWAT teams deployment across Canada over 37 years, although Calgary police use has uniquely declined recently. If this was "limited to only those situations requiring their equipment and skills, such as hostage-taking and terror threats, there would perhaps be less cause for concern." By CATHERINE FORD, Calgary Herald - Updated: January 23, 2019

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/ford-new-shoulder-patches-a-symptom-of-militarization-of-police-services>

RISE OF THE SWAT TEAM: ROUTINE POLICE WORK IN CANADA IS NOW MILITARIZED

The most substantial finding is the enormous rise in the average number of deployments by tactical units. In 1980, the average yearly number of deployments for Canadian tactical units was about 60 total per unit. Our results show the average yearly number of deployments for Canadian tactical units is now approximately 1,300 per unit, an increase of roughly 2,100 per cent in 37 years. Authors, Kevin Walby, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Winnipeg and Brendan Roziere, Law student, Robson Hall, University of Manitoba - January 24, 2018 <http://theconversation.com/rise-of-the-swat-team-routine-police-work-in-canada-is-now-militarized-90073>

TEN YEARS OF RCMP FIREARMS AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSPORT (ATT) STATISTICS

RCMP ATIP Response dated January 16, 2019 – Received by Dennis R. Young January 22, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/22/ten-years-of-rcmp-authorization-to-transport-att-statistics/>

- Total ATTs Issued for Canada, by Province & Territory, 2008 to 2017 = 992,139
 - Total ATTs Refused for Canada, by Province & Territory, 2008 to 2017 = 17
 - Total ATTs Revoked for Canada, by Province & Territory, 2008 to 2017 = 471
- ONTARIO CFO COSTS OF PROCESSING & ISSUING ONE ATT IN 2017 = \$2.16

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/09/14/no-evidence-to-support-bill-c-71-att-amendments/>

CBC - WE'RE WORKING TO 'PLUG THE LEAKS' THAT PUT GUNS IN WRONG HANDS: MINISTER BILL

BLAIR - Minister has been travelling country, hearing from Canadians affected by gun violence. "What we have seen is an increase in gun violence across the country, and I don't think we can afford to be complacent," he told The Current's Anna Maria Tremonti. Blair was responding to issues highlighted in The Current's One Bullet specials, a series of documentaries and discussions about gun violence in Canada. CBC Radio · January 22, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/the-current-for-january-22-2019-1.4984317/we-re-working-to-plug-the-leaks-that-put-guns-in-wrong-hands-minister-bill-blair-1.4986958>

CBC - ALBERTA TAXIDERMIST FINED \$20K FOR IMPORTING BLACK BEAR HIDE FROM ALASKA

Fredrick Thomson of Coaldale, Alta., also faces 2-year hunting ban outside of Canada

By David Bell · CBC News · Posted: Jan 22, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/fredrick-thomson-sentenced-import-possession-black-bear-hide-1.4988976>

FOR THE GOOD OF THE FORCE

\$220M and counting: The cost of the RCMP's 'culture of dysfunction'

By Jane Gerster, Global News - January 22nd, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4864037/rcmp-culture-of-dysfunction/>

SHOT SHOW 2019: MILITARY/POLICE RANGE DAY REPORT

TheGunBlog.ca — The SHOT Show range day for military and law enforcement yesterday was the quietest I experienced in the three years of attending the world's biggest trade expo for the firearm industry. That made it easier to try the gear on display and talk to the company reps. The rest of this week is at the convention centre. What Was Different This Year? THE GUN BLOG - JANUARY 22, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/01/22/shot-show-2019-military-police-range-day-report/>

THE GUN DEBATE IN CANADA: PT-2 – “ASSAULT WEAPONS”

“We will take action to get handguns and assault weapons off our streets”. Liberal Party of Canada website. Several statements about firearms use and misuse have been made by the governing Liberal Party of Canada, and by gun-control lobby groups even as the Liberal government mulls a complete ban on handguns and possibly also on so-called “assault weapons” which are modern semi-automatic sporting rifles. By RCI | english@rcinet.ca Monday 21 January 2019

<http://www.rcinet.ca/en/2019/01/21/the-gun-debate-in-canada-pt-2-assault-weapons/>

ONLY 21 PER CENT OF LONG GUNS REGISTERED IN QUEBEC AHEAD OF JAN. 29 DEADLINE

Quebec gun owners registered just 342,359 unrestricted long guns by the end of Sunday out of an estimated 1.6 million weapons, with just days to go before a Jan. 29 deadline. Owners have had nearly a year to fill out an online form to register their guns. They did so at a rate of about 3,500 weapons a day over the past week.

By LES PERREAUX, MONTREAL - PUBLISHED JANUARY 21, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-only-21-per-cent-of-long-guns-registered-in-quebec-ahead-of-jan-29/>

FEAR AND ZEAL OVER MORE GUNS IN VIOLENCE-PLAGUED BRAZIL

By decree, Bolsonaro eliminated the requirement that aspiring gun owners justify to federal police officials why they need a firearm, creating instead a wide range of qualifying circumstances. The categories are so broad — citizens living in rural areas, those in urban areas with high levels of homicide, business owners, gun collectors and hunters — that just about any citizen age 25 or older wanting a firearm could effectively get one. Prospective gun owners must still meet requirements that include not having a criminal record, taking a psychological exam and getting training from a gun club. And the restriction most despised by gun proponents — the right of civilians to carry — remains intact, at least for now.

The Associated Press, Peter Prengaman - National Post January 21, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/pmnn/news-pmn/fear-and-zeal-over-more-guns-in-violence-plagued-brazil>

<https://www.citynews1130.com/2019/01/21/fear-and-zeal-over-more-guns-in-violence-plagued-brazil/>

SASKATCHEWAN HUNTER BAGS WORLD RECORD MULE DEER

Alongside the provincial record, the deer also broke the world record as classified by the Pope and Young Club, which records animals taken by archery only. Dennis Bennett, a member of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF), was hunting in the Arm River area when he managed to shoot a massive non-typical mule deer on Oct. 1, 2018, according to a news release from the SWF. The deer was measured on Oct. 7 by officials with Henry Kelsey Big Game Records, the official record-keeping system for big game in Saskatchewan, and scored a 293-6/8. The previous record of 290 was set in the 1920s by Nelson Clark. SASKATOON STARPHOENIX - Updated: January 21, 2019

<https://thestarphenix.com/news/local-news/sask-hunter-bags-world-record-mule-deer>

POSTER: 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT VIOLENT CRIME AND FIREARMS IN CANADA

The debate over the regulation of firearms in Canada is often influenced more by emotion than by facts. Since good public policy should be based on solid evidence, following are a few facts for consideration.

By Senator Don Plett - January 21, 2019 <http://www.donplett.ca/my-work/articles-and-speeches/poster-10-things-you-should-know-about-violent-crime-and-firearms-in-canada/>

CBC - NO 'SILVER BULLET' SOLUTION TO URBAN-RURAL DIVIDE ON GUN OWNERSHIP, SAYS

EXPERT - Approach to addressing gun violence should be multi-pronged, says Peter Sloly - CBC Radio · January 21, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/the-current-for-january-21-2019-1.4984086/no-silver-bullet-solution-to-urban-rural-divide-on-gun-ownership-says-expert-1.4986331>

QUEBEC PREMIER SAYS NO CHANGES TO PROVINCE'S GUN REGISTRY DESPITE CALL FOR BETTER SCREENING

- In a letter to Premier François Legault made public Monday, Boufeldja Benabdallah identified a weakness when it comes to verifying people who have mental health problems. He said that the gunman Alexandre Bissonnette, who will be sentenced Feb. 8 after pleading guilty to six counts of first-degree murder, had mental issues but provincial police did not check. Benabdallah said that when Bissonnette applied for his permit, he did not acknowledge on the form that he had experienced periods of depression, and his family did not report it to authorities. He added that if police had been alerted to Bissonnette's mental problems and an inquiry revealed a threat to public safety, they could have made a preventive seizure of the firearms in his possession. By The Canadian Press - Mon., Jan. 21, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2019/01/21/premier-says-no-changes-to-quebec-gun-registry-despite-call-for-better-screening.html>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/head-of-quebec-mosque-calls-for-tougher-measures-for-provincial-gun-control-registry-1.4986574>

FIRE UP OVER FIREARMS BILL

A town hall meeting on gun control drew more than 200 residents on Saturday – as well as the police. North Okanagan-Shuswap Conservative MP Mel Arnold hosted the meeting at Vernon's Prestige Inn. He was joined by Calgary MP Michelle Rempel. A uniformed RCMP member watched from the audience. Jan 20, 2019

<https://www.castanet.net/news/Vernon/247216/Fired-up-over-firearms-bill>

ONTARIO ABANDONS RELAXED GUN INSPECTION POLICY, PLACES REGIME UNDER REVIEW

Ontario is abandoning a policy launched at the behest of the gun-shop lobby that loosened inspections of firearms businesses across the province for nearly two years and placed thousands of firearms outside the scrutiny of provincial inspectors. Launched in March, 2017, the policy instructed the province's gun-shop inspectors to stop checking every restricted and prohibited weapon – legal categories comprised largely of handguns – in gun-business inventories. Instead, the new practice, based on one devised by the U.S. military in the 1940s, required inspectors to scrutinize as little as 2 per cent of a gun-shop's total restricted and prohibited inventory. The purpose of an inventory inspection is to ensure the province's commercial stock of restricted and prohibited guns is accounted for in the RCMP's central firearms registry and to detect rare cases of legal guns being diverted to the illegal market.

By PATRICK WHITE, GLOBE AND MAIL - UPDATED JANUARY 20, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ontario-abandons-relaxed-gun-inspection-policy-places-regime-under/>

SENATOR DON PLETT ON GUNS, BILL C-71 WITH MARK TOWHEY ON NEWSTALK 1010

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian Senator Don Plett spoke today on Toronto's NewsTalk 1010 radio with Mark Towhey about guns and Bill C-71, the government's planned law against hunters, farmers and sport shooters. The government is also considering banning more firearms from federally licensed owners. Plett is a member of the opposition Conservative Party and has spoken against Bill C-71. Following are excerpts of Plett's replies to Towhey, as transcribed by TheGunBlog.ca. (Audio replay.) THE GUN BLOG - JANUARY 20, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/01/20/don-plett-on-guns-bill-c-71-with-mark-towhey-on-newstalk-1010/>

A SAFER CANADA: GUN LAWS THAT TARGET CRIMINALS

Andrew Scheer's plan for effective gun laws that make our communities safer

Conservative Party of Canada | November 20, 2018

<https://media.conservative.ca/en/news-releases/a-safer-canada-gun-laws-that-target-criminals>

THE SEVEN PROPOSALS IN GUN LAWS THAT TARGET CRIMINALS ARE:

- Prison time for knowingly possessing a smuggled gun
- Tackling “straw purchases”
- Create a CBSA Firearms Smuggling Task Force
- Temporary gun seizures for detained mental health patients
- Lifetime firearms ban for violent and gang criminals
- New penalties for selling guns to prohibited users
- New tools for police to solve gun crimes

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

VIRGINIA SENATE OKS GUNS IN CHURCHES

Virginians could legally bring their guns to church under a bill that cleared the state Senate this week and sparked an emotional debate over whether packing heat in a house of worship constitutes a snub to the Almighty. The bill repeals a law thought to date to Colonial times which makes it a misdemeanor to "carry any gun, pistol, bowie knife, dagger or other dangerous weapon without good and sufficient reason, to a place of worship" during religious services.

By Laura Vozzella , The Washington Post - Jan 25, 2019

https://pilotonline.com/news/government/politics/virginia/article_1113da8a-209d-11e9-847b-c34ec08bfea9.html

THE SUPREME COURT TO HEAR ITS FIRST GUN RIGHTS CASE IN ALMOST A DECADE

The high court's case stems from New York City, where residents with a license to own a gun in their home—a “premises” license—are forbidden from carrying their firearm outside city limits, even if it is locked and unloaded, per regulation. Challengers to the law argue it is overly restrictive, saying they should be able to carry their weapon to gun ranges or homes outside the city. Lower courts upheld the regulation last year. Represented by the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, an affiliate of the National Rifle Association, those challenging are now taking their case to the nation's highest court. By RENAE REINTS January 22, 2019 <http://fortune.com/2019/01/22/supreme-court-gun-rights/>
<https://nypost.com/2019/01/22/supreme-court-to-hear-new-york-gun-control-case-that-aims-to-restrict-firearm-transportation/>
<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/01/supreme-court-to-hear-a-challenge-to-new-york-city-gun-law/#axzz5dUvyXJmP>

MANY GUNS USED BY CRIMINALS BOUGHT ON BLACK MARKET, STUDY SHOWS

According to the Dept. of Justice study, an estimated 287,400 prisoners possessed a firearm during their offense. The findings concluded 6 percent had stolen the weapon, 7 percent found it at a crime scene and 43 percent obtained it off the street or on the black market. More than 25 percent had received it from a family member or friend, or as a gift.

By Hollie McKay | Fox News - January 22, 2019 <https://www.foxnews.com/us/new-doj-study-shows-vast-majority-of-guns-used-by-criminals-bought-on-black-market-not-at-stores-or-shows>

RIFT OVER NRA HIGHLIGHTS FUNDAMENTAL DIVIDE AMONG GUN OWNERS

What all this means is, without something unforeseen and profound happening to unify gun owners, I'm not expecting to see the divide lessen. I wish I could offer a happy solution. Ammoland Inc. Posted on January 21, 2019 by David Codrea <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/01/rift-over-nra-highlights-fundamental-divide-among-gun-owners/>

NEW RESEARCH ON RED FLAG LAWS: DO RED FLAG LAWS SAVE LIVES OR REDUCE CRIME?

Red flag laws had no significant effect on murder, suicide, the number of people killed in mass public shootings, robbery, aggravated assault, or burglary. There is some evidence that rape rates rise. These laws apparently do not save lives. Dr. John Lott and Professor Carl Moody have new research on the Red Flag Laws/Extreme Risk Protective Orders. A copy of the new research can be obtained here. Crime Prevention Research Centre - January 20, 2019

<https://crimeresearch.org/2019/01/new-research-on-red-flag-laws-do-red-flag-laws-save-lives-or-reduce-crime/>

JANUARY 18, 2019 - RCMP DON'T EVEN KEEP STATISTICS ON CANADA'S RED FLAG LAWS

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

JANUARY 9, 2019 - ONTARIO CFO DOES NOT TRACK FIREARMS INTEREST POLICE (FIP) STATISTICS

Important statistics about firearms license holders who are 'involved in an event involving violence or other offences' are not tracked. Ontario CFO FOIP Response dated December 31, 2018 – Received January 9, 2019 by Dennis R. Young.

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/09/ontario-cfo-does-not-track-firearms-interest-police-fip-statistics/>

FORBES - FINDING TREASURE IN OLD COLTS AND REMINGTONS, A MILLION-DOLLAR GUN

BUSINESS THRIVES - The market for collectible guns is booming: A well-curated gun collection can return as much as 5-6% a year. By Elizabeth MacBride - January 20, 2019

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/elizabethmacbride/2019/01/20/finding-treasure-in-old-colts-and-remingtons-a-million-dollar-gun-business-thrives-in-charleston/#52f889df1ca9>

'DISARM AMERICA MOVEMENT' GUNNING FOR YOUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

The "Disarm America Movement" is gunning for your Second Amendment rights via increased gun control funding, anti-gun office holders, and aspiring political candidates bent on banning whole categories of firearms.

By AWR HAWKINS - 20 Jan 2019 <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/01/20/disarm-america-movement-gunning-for-your-second-amendment-rights/>

INTRODUCING THE MOSIN RIFLE: THE ANCIENT RUSSIAN GUN THAT JUST WON'T STOP

'SHOOTING' - Even now, well into the twenty-first century, the Mosin soldiers on. Recently, the Mosin was spotted in the hands of separatist forces in the Donbass region of Ukraine. One of the most widely used weapons of the twentieth century was the predecessor to the legendary AK-47 rifle. by Kyle Mizokami - January 20, 2019

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/introducing-mosin-rifle-ancient-russian-gun-just-wont-stop-shooting-42127>

TOO EASY TO LEGALLY BUY A GUN? U.S. STUDY SAYS FEW CRIMINALS BUY THEM IN STORES

Justice Department surveyed nearly 25,000 state and federal prisoners

By John Woolfolk, Bay Area News Group - January 20, 2019

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2019/01/20/too-easy-to-legally-buy-a-gun-u-s-study-says-few-criminals-buy-them-in-stores/>

ARMY VET DAD POSTS AWESOME FAMILY PHOTO: ‘HEY GILLETTE, DOES THIS OFFEND YOU?’

An Army veteran is challenging Gillette with a family photo after the razor company released an ad against “toxic” masculinity. The photo shows Allen standing with a firearm slung over his shoulder. In front of him is his young daughter with her older brothers on either side of her. One of Allen’s sons is holding a handgun while the other is posing with a rifle. “I’ll raise my kids the way I believe they should be ... thanks for your advice,” Allen wrote under the photo.

BY KARISTA BALDWIN, Conservative Tribune - JANUARY 20, 2019

<https://www.westernjournal.com/ct/army-vet-dad-posts-awesome-family-photo-hey-gillette-offend/>

THE OFF-DUTY SAS SOLDIER WHO SAVED VICTIMS OF THE NAIROBI HOTEL TERROR ATTACK HAS BECOME AN OVERNIGHT NATIONAL HERO, BUT AS A SPECIAL FORCES VETERAN REVEALS HE WAS SIMPLY FOLLOWING THEIR THREE DEADLY PRINCIPLES - SPEED, AGGRESSION AND SURPRISE

Yesterday Britain was awestruck by the bravery of the off-duty SAS soldier in jeans, flak jacket and balaclava who’d grabbed his Colt Canada assault rifle, pistol and combat knife from his car while on an errand in Nairobi, and ‘run into danger’ to help victims of the Al Shabaab terrorist attack in the Kenyan capital. He saved lives, storming buildings, dragging people to safety amid the carnage of the devastating attack. And he fired off rounds at the fanatics, undoubtedly killing a number of them. Truly, a hero emerged from this tragedy. But as a former member of the Parachute Regiment, South African special forces and 22nd Special Air Service Regiment, I was not surprised by his behaviour. For he has been trained both mentally and physically to kill with ruthless efficiency.

By HARRY MCCALLION FOR THE DAILY MAIL - 17 January 2019

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6604735/Special-Forces-veteran-reveals-SAS-hero-simply-following-three-deadly-principles.html>

RED FLAG’ LAWS ARE FALSE FLAGS

[Ed: We’ve reported on GVROs and Red Flag laws since 2015—how they put gun owners at risk and about California’s law in particular. With Senator Rubio promoting more ‘Red Flag’ laws, Dr. Vaughan’s warning is more timely than ever. You can download DRGO’s position paper on Firearm Confiscation due to Dangerousness here.] by Tom Vaughan, MD is a neuroradiologist in private practice in Louisville, KY. He is a shooting enthusiast who believes in individual liberty and personal responsibility Posted on January 10, 2019 by DRGO <https://drgo.us/red-flag-laws-are-false-flags/>

OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

REX MURPHY: WHO REALLY WROTE JOHN MCCALLUM’S SHOCKINGLY CHINA-FRIENDLY SCRIPT?

I don’t think John McCallum dug this great pit and jumped into it all on his own. At a minimum there must have been a few outside shovels. By Rex Murphy, National Post - January 25, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/rex-murphy-who-really-wrote-john-mccallums-shockingly-china-friendly-script>

LIBERALS PUSH FOR INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED EXPENSE MISUSE BY UCP LEADER JASON KENNEY WHILE MP

- In a letter sent to Speaker Geoff Regan, chair of the powerful House of Commons’ Board of Internal Economy, Jennifer O’Connell, parliamentary secretary to Finance Minister Bill Morneau, asked for support from its members to launch an investigation into alleged misuses of housing allowances by Kenney while he was a Conservative MP. Lawyer who made Kenney allegations declines to specify which housing rules were allegedly broken By Amanda Connolly National Online Journalist, Global News - January 24, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4884812/jason-kenney-housing-expenses-allegations-misuse/>

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/01/25/disturbing-anti-democratic-trudeau-liberals-trying-to-use-secretive-federal-government-power-to-attack-jason-kenney/>

YOU'RE ALL HYPOCRITES: WHY IT'S A COLOSSAL COP-OUT TO KEEP BLAMING CANADA'S SKY HIGH EMISSIONS ON ALBERTA

- Victoria is Canada's busiest cruise ship port of call
- Vancouver is North America's largest exporter of coal
- Everybody (except Alberta) is emitting more carbon than they assume
- Canadians (and Quebecers) are driving more and bigger cars
- Whistler's economy runs on car and plane trips
- Canadian Amazon orders are rising precipitously
- Even in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, most commutes are by car
- More and more Canadians are flying
- Swimming pools full of diesel are burned daily to sustain your hippie island
- Basically every anti-oil sands activist uses eye-watering quantities of fossil fuels

By Tristin Hopper, National Post - January 24, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/youre-all-hypocrites-why-its-a-colossal-cop-out-to-keep-blaming-canadas-sky-high-emissions-on-alberta>

GOLDSTEIN: TRUDEAU'S CARBON PLAN IS INCREDIBLY FLAWED - WHY DON'T ENVIROS CALL HIM OUT?

- Trudeau and Co. continue to insist they're on track to meet Trudeau's emission reduction targets (which used to be Stephen Harper's) that Trudeau agreed to in the 2015 Paris climate accord. No credible body believes this — not the United Nations, which has said so twice, not the federal environment commissioner, not nine provincial auditors general, not the federal government's own studies. Why don't you mock Trudeau and Co. about that?

By Lorrie Goldstein, Toronto Sun - January 23, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-trudeaus-carbon-plan-is-incredibly-flawed-why-dont-enviros-call-him-out>

GUNTER: THE LATEST ENVIRO ALARMISM - MELTING ICECAPS - IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

But let's put the loss in context. And let's use gigatons because the numbers are more manageable. There are 1 billion tons in a gigaton. For starters, the Antarctic is losing 252 gigatons of ice each year (supposedly). But Antarctica, where 90% or more of the world's glacial ice is stored, has 26,500,000 gigatons of ice. The "alarming" melt is one one-thousandth of 1% each year. By Lorne Gunter - January 22, 2019

<https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-the-latest-enviro-alarmism-melting-icecaps-is-no-cause-for-alarm/>

BERNIER'S PARTY WOULD 'DO NOTHING' ON CLIMATE CHANGE, NO LONGER WANTS TRADE WITH CHINA

- Maxime Bernier says that if the People's Party was to form government with him at the helm, he would "do nothing" on climate change, because he'd leave it up to each of the provinces and territories to determine their own plan. By RACHEL AIELLO, OTTAWA NEWS BUREAU ONLINE PRODUCER - JAN 20, 2019

<https://www.theloop.ca/ctvnews/berniers-party-would-do-nothing-on-climate-change-no-longer-wants-trade-with-china/>

CBC - THE AMERICAN MONEY BEHIND THE ANTI-PIPELINE FIGHT

Millions of U.S. dollars are funding the anti-pipeline movement in Canada. Writer and funding researcher Vivian Krause says those dollars helped "sabotage" new pipeline projects, while environmental activist Tzeporah Berman says that funding is a "drop in the bucket." The Weekly with Wendy Mesley - Posted: Jan 20, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/theweekly/the-american-money-behind-the-anti-pipeline-fight-the-weekly-with-wendy-mesley-1.4986050>

LILLEY: FOR TRUDEAU, IT'S ALL ABOUT ELECTORAL POLITICS

Let's face it, if Trudeau really cared so much about official bilingualism then he and his team would be denouncing the Quebec government forcing a hospital in LaChute to remove English from its signs or Legault's plans to do away with

nine English school boards. But it isn't about official bilingualism, it is about winning votes and the next election. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - January 19, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-for-trudeau-its-all-about-electoral-politics>

GUNTER: GILLETTE, MORALLY SUPERIOR TO THE REST OF US

Most men aren't bad. Most men aren't violent or abusive. Just as most whites or non-Indigenous people aren't racists or colonizers. The problem with the Gillette ads is that they skirt the edges of cultural Marxism – the belief that a whole system or whole race or, in this case, a whole sex is the cause of a problem, rather than accepting that there are some bad individuals and dealing with them. Stick with selling razors. By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - January 19, 2019

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