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

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### POSTS FROM CANADA

#### **BILL C-71 IS NOW BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY!**

Friends and Foes of Bill C-71 are on deck to testify on Bill C-71. The first day of hearings is this Monday, Feb 18.

Professors Caillin Langmann and Gary Mauser will be on next Monday February 25.

More information will be announced soon. JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS - 16 February 2019

<https://mailchi.mp/b2cc9e80a714/ask-the-senate-for-a-sober-second-thought?e=bc1823b8e2>

#### **ACCUSED GUN TRAFFICKER'S GUILTY PLEA STRUCK DOWN IN COURT**

A guilty plea entered in court last fall by an accused gun trafficker was struck down Friday in Superior Court due to inconsistencies in statements made by the accused during his sentence hearing. Nkrumah was first sought by police in March 2016 following a year-long, cross-border investigation that ended with the takedown of an alleged network of competing Windsor gun smugglers who supplied street gangs across Ontario. Ten people were arrested in all as part of the investigation, dubbed Project Kirby, which included officers from the Ontario Provincial Police, city police forces from Windsor and London, the Canada Border Services Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. More than 100 charges were filed against the group after search warrants were executed and weapons, two kilograms of cocaine, various drug trafficking packaging and paraphernalia, \$67,000 in Canadian currency and \$10,500 in U.S. currency was discovered.

By DAVE BATTAGELLO, WINDSOR STAR Updated: February 15, 2019

<https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/accused-gun-traffickers-guilty-plea-struck-down-in-court>

#### **CBC - 30 YEARS AFTER POLYTECHNIQUE MASSACRE CANADA'S GUN DEBATE RAGES ON**

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, says it 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?" Robitaille says there are several situations where this information could be of great use for law enforcement, including when the permit holder presents a danger to himself or others. "This kind of information at the fingertips of police officers could help prevent family dramas and make life safer for all Quebecers," he says. By Levon Sevunts, Radio Canada International - Friday 15 February 2019

<http://www.rcinet.ca/en/2019/02/15/canada-gun-control-debate/>

#### **WHAT NO ATT? TWO MEN CHARGED AFTER POLICE FIND DRUGS AND LOADED HANDGUN IN CAR THEY STOP IN BRAMPTON**

- This prompted officers to conduct a search of the vehicle under the Cannabis Control Act. They ended up locating "a loaded handgun." Cyprian Osei, 25, from Brampton was charged with having care and control of vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available, unauthorized possession of a firearm, being an occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was firearm in it, possession of a loaded prohibited or restricted firearm, and use of a plate not authorized for a motor vehicle And 24-year-old Stanley Akhinagba, also from Brampton, was charged with knowledge of unauthorized possession of a firearm, being an occupant of a motor vehicle knowing there was firearm in it, and possession of a loaded prohibited or restricted firearm.

By MARJAN ASADULLAH, Staff Reporter - Thu., Feb. 14, 2019 <https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/02/14/two-men-charged-after-police-find-drugs-and-loaded-handgun-in-car-they-stop-in-brampton.html>

### **B.C. GUN REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS NOT IMPLEMENTED DESPITE ONGOING VIOLENCE**

Postmedia has learned that forensic testing of some guns used in suspected crimes is not getting done because of a lack of capacity in RCMP forensic labs. By KIM BOLAN, Vancouver Sun - Updated: February 14, 2019

<https://vancouversun.com/news/crime/gun-report-recommendations-not-implemented-despite-ongoing-violence>

<https://vancouversun.com/news/staff-blogs/real-scoop-lab-cuts-mean-some-crime-guns-go-untested>

### **MP MARCO MENDICINO AND MP GLEN MOTZ TAKE A SHOT AT GUN REGULATIONS ON THEIR**

**'BLIND DATE'** - The second season of TVO's Political Blind Date Series begins tonight with a triggering debate on an topic that's important to many Canadians: Gun control. By CLAIRE FLOODY, Staff Reporter - Toronto Star - Thu.,

Feb. 14, 2019 <https://www.thestar.com/politics/2019/02/14/mp-marco-mendicino-and-mp-glen-motz-take-a-shot-at-gun-regulations-on-their-blind-date.html>

Here's the dating debrief: <https://www.thestar.com/politics/2019/02/15/guns-turned-out-to-be-not-so-scary-compared-to-a-frozen-engine-on-a-flight-to-medicine-hat.html>

### **MARATHON OF 21 SENATE WITNESSES IN ONE DAY FOR LIBERAL GUN BILL**

A lengthy list of witnesses planned for the first Senate committee hearing on Liberal legislation tightening control over sales of rifles and shotguns suggests the bill might quickly win approval in the upper chamber after languishing in Parliament for nearly a year. Out of roughly 40 witnesses the Senate Defence and National Security expects, half are slotted for a six-hour marathon of testimony when the hearings launch next Monday.

By Tim Naumetz. Published on Feb 13, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/02/13/marathon-of-21-senate-witnesses-in-one-day-for-liberal-gun-bill/>

**List of Witnesses:** <https://sencanada.ca/en/committees/SECD/noticeofmeeting/513359/42-1>

### **SENATOR PRATTE STUMBLES**

I do not understand why Senator Pratte continues to misrepresent the results of his Special Request to Statistics Canada. His statement contains a few elementary errors. BY GARY MAUSER, JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS - FEBRUARY

13, 2019 <https://justiceforgunowners.ca/senator-pratte-stumbles/>

### **CBC - N.W.T. GOV'T UPPING REWARD FOR WOLVES HUNTED IN DESIGNATED AREA**

Pilot project meant to help manage barren ground caribou herds in N.W.T, says biologist

By Michael Hugall · CBC News · Posted: Feb 13, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/wolf-incentive-program-northwest-territories-1.5016540>

### **SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENCE**

**AGENDA: BILL C-71, AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN ACTS AND REGULATIONS IN RELATION TO**

**FIREARMS** - Notice of Meeting - Monday, February 18, 2019 - 4:00 PM - 10 PM

Location: \*Room C128, Senate of Canada Building

List of Witnesses: <https://sencanada.ca/en/committees/SECD/noticeofmeeting/513359/42-1>

### **CBC - HOMEMADE GUNS FOUND AFTER POLICE STOP STOLEN CAR IN WINNIPEG**

1 gun was loaded with a cartridge typically used for AK-47 assault rifle. CBC News · Posted: Feb 11, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/homemade-gun-stolen-car-winnipeg-1.5014543>

## **‘STRAW BUYERS:’ UNDER 2 PEOPLE CHARGED PER YEAR, RESEARCH SHOWS**

TheGunBlog.ca — Fewer than two Canadians a year are charged with making so-called “straw purchases” of guns, according to a researcher who analyzed public reports. Here’s a look at the numbers in context, why the RCMP doesn’t have the data, and what it all means. THE GUN BLOG - FEBRUARY 12, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/12/straw-buyers-under-2-people-charged-per-year-research-shows/>

### **SUMMARY**

- No stats. Canada doesn’t have any official statistics on the matter, the RCMP told TheGunBlog.ca.
- 1.6 People Per Year. A researcher dug through public documents from the past 16 years and found 1.6 people are charged each year on average. Some years have zero, other years have four times the average.
- Unsupported claims. A few government and police officials have said illegal “straw buyers” are a concern, but they haven’t provided any evidence.
- Too small to see. The government could invest millions of dollars on a rounding error that wouldn’t show up in the statistics. In other words, nobody would notice.

## **CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS, PLEASE STOP LEAVING HUNTERS IN THE DARK BLIND POLICY: NEW MOVES SHOW LACK OF STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

By T.J. SCHWANKY, OUTDOOR CANADA - FEBRUARY 12, 2019

<https://www.outdoorcanada.ca/how-canadian-governments-are-leaving-hunters-in-the-dark/>

- THE YUKON’S CARIBOU HUNT CANCELLATION
- ALBERTA’S HUNTING LICENCE FEE CHANGE
- THE RENEWED CALL FOR GUN CONTROL

## **CBC - RISING GUNFIRE IN OTTAWA MUST END, TRAUMA DIRECTOR URGES**

'Almost every time I'm on call at the trauma centre I get my hands soaked in blood' CBC News · Posted: Feb 12, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/gun-violence-ottawa-doctor-1.5015498>

## **CBC - CONSERVATIVE PARTY REVERSES COURSE ON TROST, NOW SAYS MP DIDN'T LEAK LIST TO FIREARMS GROUP - 'We're extremely pleased. It's exactly what we've said all along,' says Trost's former campaign**

manager. By Peter Zimonjic · CBC News · Posted: Feb 11, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trost-tory-party-come-to-agreement-1.5014977>

## **CBC - DOCTORS TAKE STAND AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE, CALL FOR STRONGER FIREARM LAWS**

Canadian Doctors for Protection from Guns want firearm bill passed quickly and handgun ban

By Muriel Draaisma · CBC News · Posted: Feb 11, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/canadian-doctors-for-protection-from-guns-campaign-stronger-firearm-laws-1.5014081>

[https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/02/11/canadian-doctors-group-urges-stricter-gun-laws\\_a\\_23667177/](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/02/11/canadian-doctors-group-urges-stricter-gun-laws_a_23667177/)

<https://www.sudbury.com/local-news/doctors-launch-organization-to-fight-for-stronger-gun-laws-in-canada-1239542>

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/canadian-doctors-launch-organization-to-fight-for-stronger-gun-laws-1.4293160>

## **NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA: FIREARMS POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND STATISTICS**

Initial Analysis of 142-Page Response to my July 23, 2018 Access to Information Act request By Dennis R. Young – February 10, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/02/10/natural-resources-canada-responds-to-8-firearms-questions/>

SEE PDF PAGES 137-142: NRCAN RESPONSE TO MY ORIGINAL EIGHT QUESTIONS

### **SUMMARY**

- Question #2 – Number of Firearms 2018 = 3 Restricted and 173 Unrestricted.
- Question #4 – Number of Personnel Authorized to carry firearms while off-duty = Zero
- Question #5 – Number of Personnel who have passed firearms proficiency and safety = 79 Unrestricted
- Question #6 - Number of Personnel who have failed firearms proficiency and safety = 1 Unrestricted
- Question #8 – Number of Lost and Stolen Firearms = 2 in 2013

**SEE PAGES 24-39: ANNUAL DEPARTMENTAL VERIFICATION ON COMPLIANCE AND OVERSIGHT ON FIREARMS – APRIL 2017**

**SEE PDF PAGE 35: DEPARTMENTAL FIREARMS, TYPE, MAKE AND MODEL: 47 RIFLES, 3 HANDGUNS, 126 SHOTGUNS**

**SEE PDF PAGES 88-90: MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER – APRIL 24, 2018  
RE: ISSUANCE OF RESTRICTED FIREARMS TO THREE ESS-GSC PERSONNEL**

**EXCERPT:** *“However, in specific regions of British Columbia and the Yukon, field conditions (i.e. mountainous landscapes, dense bush, and steep terrain), which generally require the use of both hands to safely traverse, make restricted firearms, specifically the .44 magnum side arm, the most appropriate solution for self-defence against wildlife.”*

### **GUNFIRE IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD HAS SHAKEN MY SENSE OF SAFETY**

All the stats in the world are little comfort when gunfire breaks out in front of your house. Since Super Bowl Sunday when my neighbour's house was shot into, there have been three more publicly reported shootings, with three people sent to hospital. Let's learn from our American neighbours and figure this out, Hamilton.

by Laura Farr, Hamilton Spectator - February 9, 2019

<https://www.thespec.com/opinion-story/9167763-gunfire-in-my-neighbourhood-has-shaken-my-sense-of-safety/>

### **CCFR VIDEO UPDATE FEB 2019**

**Find out what's going on in the last 5 weeks with the CCFR. Some significant developments...**

Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights Channel - Published on Feb 8, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMoqbMTIs6w&feature=youtu.be>

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

#### **NEXT DEMOCRAT PRESIDENT TO DECLARE GUN-EMERGENCY, HOW CLOSE ARE WE TO**

**CONFISCATION** - Nancy Pelosi wasted no time. Within minutes of that announcement from 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., she said this: ‘I know the Republicans have some unease about it, no matter what they say. Because if the president can declare an emergency on something that he has created as an emergency, an illusion that he wants to convey, just think of what a president with different values can present to the American people,’ she said. ‘You want to talk about a national emergency? Let's talk about today, the one-year anniversary of another manifestation of the epidemic of gun violence in America,’ Pelosi said, referencing the one-year anniversary of the Parkland, Florida school shooting. ‘That's a national emergency. Why don't you declare that emergency, Mr. President? I wish you would. But a Democratic president can do that. [A] Democratic president can declare emergencies as well,’ she threatened.

Ammoland Inc. Posted on February 15, 2019 by Mark Walters <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/02/next-democrat-president-declare-gun-emergency-how-close-confiscation/#axzz5fi02HKtg>

#### **JOHN LOTT: SHOULD SCHOOLS HAVE TEACHERS CARRY GUNS?**

By John R. Lott Jr, Crime Prevention Research Center

**ABSTRACT:** With 20 states having teachers and staff carrying guns to varying degrees on school property, we don't need to guess how the policy would work. Fears of teachers carrying guns in terms of accidents or other problems have

not materialized. Letting teachers carry is the only effective way to overcome the strategic advantages of mass public killers. The other alternatives to preventing mass public shootings have real limits.

Recommended Citation: Lott, John R. Jr (2018) "Should schools have teachers carry?," Health Behavior Research: Vol. 1: No. 3. <https://doi.org/10.4148/2572-1836.1024>  
<https://crimeresearch.org/2019/01/in-the-journal-of-health-behavior-research-on-should-schools-have-teachers-carry-guns/>

### **IS A .50-CALIBER HANDGUN ACTUALLY GOOD FOR ANYTHING?**

Once you choose you .50 and work up a good, effective load, you'll see that it offers serious medicine for big and dangerous game. The .50s are the no-compromise calibers of the revolver world, and by default, they make a big hole.  
By Max Prasac, Gun Digest, February 15, 2019

<https://dailycaller.com/2019/02/15/is-a-50-caliber-handgun-actually-good-for-anything/>

### **MORE GUNS, LESS CRIME: CONCEALED-CARRY PERMIT HOLDERS MORE LAW-ABIDING THAN**

**POLICE** - More than 17 million Americans have obtained their concealed-carry permits, and about four out of every 10 of them carry a firearm with them at least some of the time. This has been the cause of much angst among the anti-gun crowd, which still believes that more guns will equal more crime. Exactly the opposite has been proven to be the case. Written by Bob Adelman, The New American - Thursday, 14 February 2019

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/crime/item/31489-more-guns-less-crime-concealed-carry-permit-holders-more-law-abiding-than-police>

### **NWA EDITORIAL: FALSE TARGET**

Gun 'resolution' hardly anything to shoot for What's the point? A resolution to declare Arkansas a constitutional carry state in which guns can be carried openly or concealed without a permit is not a resolution to anything.

by Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette - February 15, 2019

<https://www.nwaonline.com/news/2019/feb/15/nwa-editorial-false-target-20190215/>

### **OKLAHOMA PASSES BILL ALLOWING UNLICENSED CARRY OF HANDGUNS**

The governor is expected to sign the bill into law, which would allow adult residents to carry their guns without a permit.  
by KHOU Staff and AP - February 14, 2019

<https://www.khou.com/article/news/nation-world/oklahoma-passes-bill-allowing-unlicensed-carry-of-handguns/285-2862a5f7-4abb-4c11-8c8e-fb5c9a8860a7>

### **KY. SENATE PASSES CONCEALED HANDGUN CARRY BILL WITHOUT PERMIT/TRAINING**

The measure, called the "permitless carry bill" and backed by the National Rifle Association, cleared the Senate on a 29-8 vote on Thursday, a few hours after a committee advanced it. The bill now goes to the House.

By The Associated Press; WSAZ News Staff - Feb 14, 2019 <https://www.wsaz.com/content/news/Ky-Senate-passes-concealed-handgun-carry-bill-without-permittraining-505861581.html>

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/kentucky-no-permit-concealed-carry-gun-bill-advances>

### **LA TIMES - AS LONG AS HANDGUNS ARE EASILY AVAILABLE, WE'LL HAVE GUN VIOLENCE**

So far, the primary gun-control legislation advancing in Congress is HR 8, which would extend mandatory background checks to almost all gun acquisitions. The bill would require that all gun sales and transfers, including gifts, be processed by registered gun stores, and it would effectively prohibit handgun ownership by those under 21 — the cohort with the highest suicide rate. These are good steps, but are they enough? There is nothing in my background that would prevent me from buying a gun. And though it's a long time since I was under 21, my cohort has a pretty high suicide rate, too.

By CHARLES FLEMING - FEB 15, 2019 <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-fleming-gun-violence-laws-20190215-story.html>

### **A VALENTINE TO SHOOTING SPORTS**

Yesterday, USA Shooting and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) united to hold what they called “Turkeys for Tokyo” - a sporting clays benefit to raise money for USA Shooting. If you’re thinking, that’s no big deal, you’d be mistaken. You see, both groups are not-for-profit. That’s right, USA Shooting is not funded by the “full faith and credit of the United States government”. They get a grand total of zero federal funds. The organization and its athletes work, tirelessly, it seems to raise the money it takes to keep the organization alive- and the athletes climbing atop the medal stands around the world. The Outdoor Wire - Feb 14, 2019

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/14ca92be-348b-4d5c-b763-037e692ebd06>

### **9 ESSENTIALS TO HUNT LIKE A MOUNTAIN MAN**

If you've ever wanted to take wild game the way Jeremiah Johnson and Hugh Glass did, here's where to start

BY ARAM VON BENEDIKT, Outdoor Life - /February 14, 2019

<https://www.outdoorlife.com/9-essentials-to-hunt-like-mountain-man>

### **DEMOCRATS’ GUN CONTROL WOULDN’T HAVE STOPPED PARKLAND, LAS VEGAS, ORLANDO**

The universal background check House Democrats want to vote on this week would not have stopped the Parkland high school shooting, the 2017 Las Vegas attack, or the 2016 Orlando Pulse shooting. **This is because the attackers at Parkland, Las Vegas, and Orlando, passed background checks to acquire their weapons.**

By Awr Hawkins - 13 Feb 2019 <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/02/13/democrats-gun-control-wouldnt-have-stopped-parkland-las-vegas-orlando/>

### **HOUSE BILL WOULD LET MORE ‘GOOD GUYS’ BRING GUNS INTO SCHOOLS, NAT’L PARKS**

House Democrats aim to expand background checks, and Senate Republicans are trying to thwart efforts to create a nationwide gun-registry database. Both measures seem unlikely to pass the opposing chamber—and neither directly addresses the conditions under which deranged teenager Nikolas Cruz carried out his attack last Valentine’s Day, killing 17 students and teachers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. However, a bill re-introduced by Rep. Don Bacon, R-Neb., would extend greater protections to vulnerable school systems by updating existing laws to give “good guys with guns” more latitude in concealed-carry laws.

February 12, 2019 Ben Sellers <https://www.libertyheadlines.com/good-guys-guns-school-zones/>

### **DESPITE GUNS AND SCHOOLS DEBATE, PARTICIPATION ON HIGH SCHOOL RIFLE TEAMS IS**

**INCREASING** - Seven of the past 10 WPIAL individual champions are female. “It’s a sport that’s starting to open up so it can accommodate all kinds of participants,” Long said. “It’s not a sport where you have to be athletically fit to do. You can be tall, skinny, short, fat — it doesn’t matter. “You can be a boy or a girl. I like that it is a coed sport. Nobody’s singled out.” By Doug Gulasy - Monday, Feb. 11, 2019 <https://triblive.com/local/valleynewsdispatch/14601133-74/despite-guns-and-schools-debate-participation-on-high-school-rifle-teams-is>

### **CANADIAN MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER FOR KILLING HOME INVADER**

According to Deputy Chief Rod Stafford with the Weyburn Police Service the police do not determine self-defense. That finding is determined by the courts and not the police. “Police departments have a lot of discretion in laying charges, but in capital cases, I don’t think that a police department would ever make a decision on its own not to lay a charge in a capital case where self-defense was either alleged or seemed like maybe even it was a case of self-defense,” said Stafford.

“Perhaps a Crown Prosecutor, once they get the file and read it, will direct that charges be amended, or dropped, or added but, again, in a capital case, that decision is best left for a jury to decide once they hear all of the evidence.”

Ammoland Inc. Posted on February 10, 2019 by John Crump

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/02/canadian-man-charged-with-murder-for-killing-home-invader/#axzz5fFnfkUiq>

## **2 GOOD GUYS WITH GUNS IS TRAGIC**

The tragic police shooting of an innocent man holding a gun at Riverchase Galleria is a cautionary tale for a state that is too quick to believe that public safety benefits from more good guys with guns. In the chaos of an active shooter situation, even trained police officers struggle to distinguish between good guys with guns and bad guys with guns. Feb 10, 2019

[https://www.timesdaily.com/opinion/editorials/good-guys-with-guns-is-tragic/article\\_db2c0cd3-a9d2-50aa-b55e-8fcbe836b489.html](https://www.timesdaily.com/opinion/editorials/good-guys-with-guns-is-tragic/article_db2c0cd3-a9d2-50aa-b55e-8fcbe836b489.html)

## **US APPEALS COURT TO REVISIT OPEN CARRYING OF GUNS**

A federal appeals court has decided to reconsider its recent decision that the Second Amendment of the US Constitution protects the right to openly carry guns in self-defense. In an order on Friday, the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals said it will revisit whether Hawaii acted lawfully in denying the plaintiff George Young a permit to openly carry a loaded gun in public. By Jonathan Stempel, Reuters - Posted at Feb 09 2019

<https://news.abs-cbn.com/overseas/02/09/19/us-appeals-court-to-revisit-open-carrying-of-guns>

## **JOHN LOTT: BACKGROUND CHECKS BILL WOULD TURN MANY WELL-INTENTIONED AMERICANS INTO CRIMINALS**

- Dr. John Lott has a new piece up at Townhall.com that discusses a new bill on universal background checks. Crime Prevention Research Centre - February 6, 2019 <https://crimeresearch.org/2019/02/at-townhall-background-checks-bill-would-turn-many-well-intentioned-americans-into-criminals/>

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

### **ANDREW COYNE: WHAT COULD TRUDEAU PROPERLY HAVE DISCUSSED WITH WILSON-RAYBOULD ABOUT SNC-LAVALIN?**

Consider solicitor-client privilege officially waived. The prime minister has spent the last several days disclosing, line by tendentious line, the contents of his discussions with the former attorney general in September of last year. Whether the PM or his officials crossed the line, or just tiptoed up to it, isn't really the issue: they shouldn't have come anywhere near it. By Andrew Coyne, National Post - February 15, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/andrew-coyne-trudeau-and-wilson-raybould-shouldnt-even-have-been-talking-about-snc-lavalin>

### **JOHN IVISON: TRUDEAU HAS NOBODY TO BLAME BUT HIMSELF FOR MISHANDLING WILSON-RAYBOULD AND SNC LAVALIN**

- The buck stops with any prime minister. He is the public face of those decisions — and in the SNC affair, he has become a figure of public derision. By John Ivison, National Post - February 15, 2019 [https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-for-mishandling-wilson-raybould-and-snc-lavalin-trudeau-has-nobody-to-blame-but-himself?video\\_autoplay=true](https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-for-mishandling-wilson-raybould-and-snc-lavalin-trudeau-has-nobody-to-blame-but-himself?video_autoplay=true)

### **GUNTER: LIBERALS SHIELDING TRUDEAU FROM THE SPOTLIGHT OF TRUTH**

Boissonnault and his Liberal colleagues are doing all they can to ensure you and I never get to know what really happened. By Lorne Gunter, Edmonton Sun - February 15, 2019

<https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-liberals-shielding-trudeau-from-the-spotlight-of-truth>

**PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE: OUR SIT-DOWN INTERVIEW WITH MAXIME BERNIER**

In our wide-ranging exclusive interview, Sun's national political columnist Anthony Furey talks with the leader of the People's Party of Canada, Maxime Bernier, on immigration, climate change, working with his opposition and questions him on some recent controversies and tweets. Posted by Craig Robertson - February 15, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/news/national/peoples-candidate-our-sit-down-interview-with-maxime-bernier>

**JOHN ROBSON: THE SNC-LAVALIN MESS PROVES AGAIN THAT POLITICS CORRUPTS**

Most people are drawn to politics by genuine dismay at bad policy and the low dishonest tone. And within months, they're spinning appalling rubbish. By John Robson, National Post - February 14, 2019

[https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-the-snc-lavalin-mess-proves-again-that-politics-corrupts?mc\\_cid=66273a7c2e&mc\\_eid=9d6fe17616](https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-the-snc-lavalin-mess-proves-again-that-politics-corrupts?mc_cid=66273a7c2e&mc_eid=9d6fe17616)

**JOHN IVISON: JUSTICE COMMITTEE BECOMES A FARCE NOT SEEN SINCE LIBERAL SPONSORSHIP SCANDAL** - One Liberal MP said that, since there is no hard evidence of wrongdoing, it would be a mistake to invite 'random people' — like Wilson-Raybould — as witnesses. Trudeau is sunk in the mire and it's getting messy.

By John Ivison, National Post - February 13, 2019 [https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-justice-committee-becomes-a-farce-not-seen-since-liberal-sponsorship-scandal?video\\_autoplay=true](https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-justice-committee-becomes-a-farce-not-seen-since-liberal-sponsorship-scandal?video_autoplay=true)

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**ANDREW COYNE: THE FRIGHTENED LIBERAL RABBITS SHUT DOWN INVESTIGATION INTO SNC-LAVALIN AFFAIR** - Wilson-Raybould is likely the first minister ever to lawyer up on her way out the door. It would seem she anticipates a fight. It would seem she is right. The provision disqualifying firms convicted of crimes from federal contracts has been on the books since 2006; the company would have known, even as it was allegedly plying Libyan officials with bribes, that this was the likely consequence if it were caught.

By ANDREW COYNE, Calgary Herald and National Post - Updated: February 13, 2019

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