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## RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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### POSTS FROM CANADA

#### GUN BILL STILL FACES LONG HAUL AS ELECTION CLOSES IN

A Liberal gun bill tabled nearly a year ago that has firearm owners and lobby groups up in arms is expected to finally pass through the Senate — but not until May. The sponsor of the bill in the Senate and the top opposition Conservative on the committee studying Bill C-71 the final hearing on the legislation, when senators vote on it clause by clause, is not expected to begin until April. The bill then has to go through final debate and voting in the Senate chamber, where amendments could possibly delay it further and force the bill back to the Commons.

By Tim Naumetz. Published on Feb 22, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/02/22/gun-bill-still-faces-long-haul-as-election-closes-in/>

#### FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DANFORTH SHOOTING WANT BAN ON HANDGUNS, ASSAULT RIFLES

Relatives of those killed or injured in the shooting rampage in Toronto's Greektown last summer are calling for a ban on the private ownership of handguns and assault rifles. Ken Price, father of one of the injured victims, told the media on Friday that a group of families have sent a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The letter requests that the government addresses what they say is a lack of action to curb gun violence.

By Jeremiah Rodriguez, CTVNews.ca Writer - Published Friday, February 22, 2019

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/families-affected-by-danforth-shooting-want-ban-on-handguns-assault-rifles-1.4308261>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/danforth-shooting-families-speak-1.5028044>

[https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/02/22/families-of-toronto-danforth-shooting-victims-call-for-ban-on-assault-rifles-and-handguns\\_a\\_23676166/](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/02/22/families-of-toronto-danforth-shooting-victims-call-for-ban-on-assault-rifles-and-handguns_a_23676166/)

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/02/22/victims-of-danforth-mass-shooting-call-for-national-ban-on-handguns-and-assault-rifles.html>

#### CBC - REGINA'S GUN VIOLENCE SHOWS STEADY RISE TO HIGHEST RECORDED LEVELS IN 2018

Violent gun offences were up 25 per cent from 2017, and the number of victims injured by firearms was also up by 41 per cent from 2017. Synthetic drugs and accessible guns create 'terrible combination,' says RPS spokesperson

By Janani Whitfield · CBC News · Posted: Feb 22, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/regina-gun-crime-police-1.5030747>

#### WINDSOR MAN CHARGED AFTER GUNS SEIZED ON WALKER ROAD

A Windsor man with a history of gun incidents is facing five charges related to firearms after police seized a rifle, a revolver, and ammunition from a property on Walker Road on Wednesday. Duke Bracaj, 49, of Windsor, has been charged with two counts of possessing a firearm without a licence, two counts of unsafe storage of a firearm, and **one count of possessing a firearm while prohibited**. By DALSON CHEN, WINDSOR STAR - Updated: February 22, 2019

<https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/windsor-man-charged-after-guns-seized-on-walker-road>

#### TARGETING BAD GUYS WITH GUNS

##### PETITION TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: SHOULDN'T POLICE KNOW WHERE THESE BAD GUYS WITH GUNS LIVE?

We residents of Canada call on the Government to pass a motion making it mandatory for judges when imposing a firearms prohibition order, as part of a criminal sentence, a protection order or restraining order, also make it mandatory for these persons to report any change of address to police and this information be made available to police in a database on CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre). By Dennis R. Young - November 9, 2018 <https://lnkd.in/eKnCw4n>

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

## **\$62,000 WORTH OF DRUGS SIEZED IN KAPUSKASING INVESTIGATION**

During the morning of Feb. 20, 2019, members of the North East Region Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) of the Ontario Provincial Police executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) search warrant at a residence on Dallyn Avenue in the Town of Kapuskasing, Ont.

By: TimminsToday Staff - O.P.P. NEWS RELEASE - February 22, 2019

<https://www.timminstoday.com/local-news/62000-worth-of-drugs-siezed-in-kapuskasing-investigation-1256250>

- Two counts of possession of firearm or ammunition contrary to prohibition order contrary to section 117.01(1) CC,
- Fail to comply with probation order contrary to section 733.1(1) CC, and
- Four counts of fail to comply with recognizance contrary to section 145(3) CC.

## **MANDEL: FREED HOMEGROWN JIHADIST REMAINS 'HIGH RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY'**

According to a parole board decision obtained this week by Global News' Stewart Bell and Andrew Russell, the panel worries the Whitby man still harbours "dangerous radical religious beliefs" and "may continue to commit terrorist related offences." So how concerned should we be about this wannabe jihadi? "Absolutely concerned," says Phil Gurski, a former Canadian Security Intelligence Service analyst and author of The Threat from Within: Recognizing Al Qaeda-Inspired Radicalization and Terrorism in the West. By Michele Mandel, Toronto Sun - February 22, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/mandel-freed-homegrown-jihadist-remains-high-risk-to-public-safety>

## **RCMP LABS MAKE MORE CUTS TO FIREARMS TESTING, IMPACTING SOME CRIMINAL CASES**

The RCMP's national forensic labs have further reduced the circumstances under which they'll accept firearms for examination By KIM BOLAN, Vancouver Sun - Updated: February 21, 2019

<https://vancouversun.com/news/crime/rcmp-labs-make-more-cuts-to-firearms-testing-impacting-some-criminal-cases>

## **CANADA'S MARK ARENDZ WINS SILVER IN BIATHLON INDIVIDUAL AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. — Canada's Mark Arendz won silver in the biathlon individual race to capture his fourth medal of the World Para Nordic Skiing Championships. The Springton, P.E.I., native hit 20 targets on the range and completed the 15-kilometre race in 42 minutes 50.4 seconds at the Otway Nordic Ski Centre.

By The Canadian Press - February 21, 2019

<https://nanaimonewsnow.com/article/609289/canadas-mark-arendz-wins-silver-biathlon-individual-world-championships>

## **NEW CHAIR, MEMBERS NAMED TO CANADIAN FIREARMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian government replaced the chair of its Firearms Advisory Committee and named two new members as it prepares gun bans and other restrictions against hunters, farmers and sport shooters. Wallace Oppal joined the group today as the new chair to replace John Major, Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale said today in a statement via Cision. Goodale also appointed Christine Creyke as the committee's 11th member.

THE GUN BLOG - FEBRUARY 20, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/20/new-chair-members-named-to-canadian-firearms-advisory-committee/>

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-welcomes-two-new-members-to-the-canadian-firearms-advisory-committee-848979396.html>

## **PARKLAND SHOOTING SURVIVOR DAVID HOGG HAS ADVICE FOR CANADIAN POLITICIANS, VOTERS**

- HuffPost Québec spoke exclusively with Hogg, who gave a talk on youth and democracy at the youth conference Rencontres Action Jeunesse in Quebec. He spoke about opposition to the Quebec long-gun registry, hatred against minorities and political polarization. Below is a condensed version of the conversation, lightly edited for clarity.

By Catherine Lévesque February 20, 2019 [https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/02/20/parkland-shooting-survivor-david-hogg-has-advice-for-canadian-politicians-voters\\_a\\_23674527/](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/02/20/parkland-shooting-survivor-david-hogg-has-advice-for-canadian-politicians-voters_a_23674527/)

## **VANCOUVER POLICE SEIZED 648 GUNS OVER 32-MONTH PERIOD**

Majority of seized guns were non-restricted rifles and shotguns bought in Canada. Interestingly, the majority of the 648 guns seized by police over that 32-month period were "known to bear Canadian import markings, indicating Canadian origin even in absence of registration records." Which means guns were manufactured outside the country and shipped to a Canadian store such as Canadian Tire or Cabela's, then sold to a person with a valid possession and acquisition licence.

By Mike Howell, Vancouver Courier - FEBRUARY 20, 2019

[https://www.vancourier.com/opinion/vancouver-police-seized-648-guns-over-32-month-period-1.23640367?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://www.vancourier.com/opinion/vancouver-police-seized-648-guns-over-32-month-period-1.23640367?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

### **CSSA: OPEN LETTER TO MATT GURNEY**

Re: Despite a correction, Canada's gun control debate is still tainted by bad information by Matt Gurney, January 5, 2019  
by David Lisi, CSSA Member - Team CSSA E-News | February 20, 2019

<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/02/team-cssa-e-news-february-20-2018/>

### **SENATE COMMITTEE PRESSES PAUSE ON GUN BILL STUDY AMID SNC-LAVALIN AFFAIR**

The Senate National Security and Defence Committee is pausing witness hearings on the bill after only one meeting. The marathon session ending just before midnight Monday drew out perhaps the most dramatic testimony over gun violence since the legislation began its journey through Parliament nearly a year ago. By Tim Naumetz. Published on Feb 20, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/02/20/committee-presses-pause-on-senate-study-of-gun-bill-amid-snc-lavalin-affair/>

### **QUEBEC GOVERNMENT RESPONSIVE TO GUN REGISTRY DEMANDS: MAKIVIK**

Inuit birthright org has asked for years for an exemption for Nunavik Inuit

By Sarah Rogers, Reporter - February 20, 2019

<https://nunatsiaq.com/stories/article/quebec-government-responsive-to-demands-around-gun-registry-makivik/>

### **CSSA: CLASSIFICATIONS, ATTS AMONG ISSUES ADDRESSED AT BILL C-71 SENATE COMMITTEE**

OTTAWA - Canadian Shooting Sports Association President, Steve Torino, and Executive Director, Tony Bernardo, testified before the Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Defence in a marathon session last evening that brought organizations and individuals on both sides of the gun debate together in the new Senate of Canada Building to examine Bill C-71, An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms. Messrs. Torino and Bernardo outlined several significant problems with Bill C-71 including the change to lifetime background checks; changes to the licence verification process; requirements for businesses to keep detailed recordings of all firearm transactions; changes to the electronic conditions of Authorizations to Transport (ATTs); and the removal of the Governor-in-Council to declare a firearm to be non-restricted. [read the rest by clicking on the link below]

CSSA NEWS RELEASE - FEBRUARY 19, 2019 <https://cssa-cila.org/2019/02/news-releaseclassifications-atts-among-issues-addressed-at-bill-c-71-committee/>

### **ALBERTA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION CONCERNED ABOUT NEW LICENCE FEES DUBIOUS DISCOUNT - AFGA WORRIES ABOUT FUNDING DROP**

The surprise announcement of a reduction in hunting licensing fees for Alberta's seniors will have damaging effects on conservation efforts in the province. That's the word from the Alberta Fish and Game Association's executive vice-president, Martin Sharren, who says his organization is dismayed by the way the change was implemented. This past August, the provincial government reduced the senior's fee for a wildlife certificate and bird game permit from \$44.02 down to just \$8.25. It also lowered the cost of a senior's white-tailed deer licence from \$39.95 to \$8.25. All money collected from licence sales in the province goes to the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA), which, among other responsibilities, provides grants to local conservation organizations.

By BOB SEXTON, Outdoor Canada - FEBRUARY 19, 2019

<https://www.outdoorcanada.ca/alberta-fish-and-game-association-concerned-about-new-licence-fees/>

### **SHOOTING FEDERATION HEAD SAYS GUN LAW MAY PUSH HER INTO POLITICS**

"I consider what I do my cultural heritage," Honour told the committee by video from Edmonton. "And someone is threatening that. If law-makers and -enforcers start to threaten that, that will really bother me, and I may end up having to run for political office because of it." Honour, elected SFC president in October, was answering questions as part of the final panel of 23 speakers in a meeting that lasted more than six hours. THE GUN BLOG - FEBRUARY 19, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/19/shooting-federation-head-says-gun-law-may-push-her-into-politics/>

### **PANELISTS AGAINST BILL C-71**

- Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights: Rod Giltaca

- Canadian Shooting Sports Association: Tony Bernardo and Steve Torino
- National Firearms Association: Sheldon Clare
- National Range Officers Institute: James Smith
- Shooting Federation of Canada: Sandra Honour
- Solomon Friedman, Lawyer
- Dennis Young, Researcher

**PRESENTATION ON LACK OF EVIDENCE SUPPORTING BILL C-71 TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENCE - Albert Einstein is credited with saying: “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again but expecting different results”.** There’s no proof that **Einstein** really made this statement just as there is no proof – no ‘evidence’ – that any of the reams of gun control laws passed by successive governments over the last four decades has reduced the number of homicides, reduced the number of suicides, reduced violent crime, improved public or police safety or kept firearms out of the hands of criminals.

By Dennis R. Young – February 18, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/02/20/senate-presentation-on-lack-of-evidence-supporting-bill-c-71/>

<https://www.change.org/p/justin-trudeau-shouldn-t-police-know-where-these-bad-guys-with-guns-live/u/24207572>

### **STILL A SECRET: HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES LEGAL AUTHORITIES PAPER**

Once Again, Alberta Justice Withholds the Legal Authorities Paper that would shed some light on why RCMP kicked in hundreds and hundreds of doors, causing \$2.45 million in damages to 2,210 High River homes. What is more important, protecting the ‘privileged information’ of bureaucrats or rebuilding trust in the RCMP? Alberta Justice and Solicitor General FOIP Response dated February 14, 2019 – Received February 18, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/02/21/still-a-secret-high-river-forced-entries-legal-authorities-paper/>

<https://www.change.org/p/premier-of-alberta-call-a-judicial-inquiry-into-the-high-river-forced-entries/u/24203915>

### **CSF PRESIDENT JEFF CRANE AWARDED HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO CANADA’S**

**PARLIAMENTARY OUTDOOR CAUCUS** - On February 12, Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation (CSF) President Jeff Crane was recognized by Canada’s Parliamentary Outdoor Caucus Co-Chair Bob Zimmer as an Honorary Member of the Canadian Caucus. Posted on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 <http://congressionalsportsmen.org/the-media-room/news/jeff-crane-awarded-honorary-membership-to-parliamentary-caucus>

### **STATSCAN: FIREARM-RELATED CRIME IN CANADA**

By Yvan Clermont, Director, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Statistics Canada

Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence - February 18, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/CCJS-SECD-C-71.pdf>

### **TORONTO COPS SEIZE DRUGS, GUNS IN MAJOR ARREST**

Toronto Police have seized \$700,000 worth of drugs, an **arsenal of weapons** and \$60,000 in cash in what they are calling a significant and high risk bust. Working with the Ottawa Police Service, the drug and gun investigation called Project Moses began in October and on Friday search warrants were executed at homes and vehicles. In addition to a **high-powered rifle, six handguns and 1,000 rounds of ammunition**, police recovered 2.5 kilograms of powdered cocaine, a kilogram of fentanyl and a kilogram of heroin. By Kevin Connor, Toronto Sun - February 18, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/toronto-cops-seize-drugs-guns-in-major-arrest>

### **SENATE COMMITTEE C-71 HEARING - FEBRUARY 18, 2019**

A great string of Tweets by TheGunBlog.ca

<https://twitter.com/TheGunBlog/status/1097675387998330880>

### **TAKING AIM AT DOCTORS WHO TAKE A STAND ON GUN CONTROL**

Canadian gun owners – or, more precisely, the small minority of National Rifle Association-wannabes who claim to speak for them – have a new target: Canadian Doctors for Protection from Guns, a group that has the audacity to say gun violence is a public health issue. The CDPG, whose members are mostly emergency room doctors and trauma surgeons

who see the devastation wrought by guns first-hand, have come out in support of Bill C-71, proposed firearms legislation that is being debated in Parliament. They have also called for a ban on handguns and assault rifles. In response, the Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights and TheGunBlog.ca have lashed out, arguing physicians have no business taking a stand on guns and they should “stay in their lane.” By André Picard, Globe and Mail - Updated February 17, 2019 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-taking-aim-at-doctors-who-take-a-stand-on-gun-control/>

### **THE STAR - AURORA SHOOTER’S PERMIT WAS REVOKED BUT GUN WASN’T SEIZED**

AURORA, Ill. - An initial background check failed to detect a felony conviction that should have barred the man who killed five co-workers and wounded six other people at a suburban Chicago manufacturing plant from buying the gun. Months later, a second background check of Gary Martin found his 1995 aggravated assault conviction in Mississippi involving the stabbing of an ex-girlfriend. But it prompted only a letter stating his gun permit had been revoked and ordering him to turn over his firearm to police — raising questions about the state’s enforcement to ensure those who lose their permits also turn over their weapons.

By DON BABWIN AND JULIE WATSON - The Associated Press - Sun., Feb. 17, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/us/2019/02/17/aurora-attacker-took-gun-to-work-he-shouldnt-have-owned.html>  
<https://business.financialpost.com/pmn/business-pmn/aurora-attacker-took-gun-to-work-he-shouldnt-have-owned>

### **HOW STATISTICS CANADA SHAPES GUN POLITICS AND PERCEPTIONS**

TheGunBlog.ca — On Aug. 27, less than 24 hours before Canada’s prime minister ordered the examination of a “full ban” on more than a million guns owned by hunters, farmers and sport shooters, Statistics Canada published a special report: “Firearm-related violent crime, 2009 to 2017.” On Sept. 4, StatCan Chief Statistician Anil Arora wrote to the prime minister’s office about the “Latest information on crime and guns,” according to a House of Commons report. In between, on Aug. 30, the state media company published “Canada gun facts: Here are the latest stats on firearm deaths, injuries and crime.” THE GUN BLOG – FEBRUARY 17, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/17/how-statistics-canada-shapes-gun-politics-and-perceptions/>

#### **THE ARTICLE LOOKS AT:**

- Relations between the national statistics office in Ottawa and the federal government around the Aug. 27 report and the Sept. 4 letter.
- At greater length: How StatCan covers guns and shooting in its reports.

#### **WHY THIS MATTERS**

- Procedure. The government passed the Statistics Act of 2017 to give StatCan “greater independence” from the government. TheGunBlog.ca asked the agency this month about relations with the government, the Aug. 27 report and the Sept. 4 letter. StatCan’s full response is below.
- Perceptions. The creation and interpretation of statistics shapes perceptions, politics, policy and culture. Collecting, analyzing, presenting and understanding data is complex. Stats are easy to misinterpret and easy to abuse.
- Accurate stats can still lead to inaccurate perceptions and invalid conclusions.

### **DOCTORS VS GUN-OWNERS**

Mark debates with Dr Alan Drummond from Canadian Doctors for Protection from Guns about what the statistics really say in regards to stricter gun ownership laws vs gun violence in Canada. By MARK TOWHEY Sunday, Feb 17, 2019 <http://www.iheartradio.ca/newstalk-1010/february-17-doctors-vs-gun-owners-1.8809242?mode=Article>

### **GUNTER: THE LIBERALS' CYNICAL, INEFFECTIVE GUN POLICIES CONTINUE**

For instance, last year Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale claimed there were more than 1,200 break-ins a year in Canada in which guns were stolen. He credited StatsCan for that figure. However, StatsCan’s database shows five “robberies to steal firearms” in 2013, 16 in 2014, 12 in 2015 and 18 in both 2016 and 2017. There may not have been 1,200 break-ins to steal guns in the 151 years since Confederation. Firearms researcher Dennis Young filed an access to information request asking for “records, reports and statistics showing the number of firearms stolen in Canada” over the last 18 years and “where they were stolen from.” The federal government had to admit it doesn’t keep those statistics (except at StatsCan), even though Goodale, Blair and others keep insisting on much higher totals. Perhaps most troubling, there are more than 420,000 Canadians who are banned from owning guns, typically because of previous criminal



convictions. But Goodale had to admit recently, the federal firearms computers “do not capture information concerning the illegal acquisition of firearms by prohibited persons.” By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - February 16, 2019  
<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-the-liberals-cynical-ineffective-gun-policies-continue>

### **CBC - HUNTERS RALLY AGAINST QUEBEC LONG-GUN REGISTRY IN DOWNTOWN MONTREAL**

About 100 people gathered at Place Jean-Paul-Riopelle Saturday to protest CBC News · Posted: Feb 16, 2019  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/hunters-rally-against-quebec-long-gun-registry-in-downtown-montreal-1.5022799>  
<https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/hunters-hold-rally-to-protest-quebec-long-gun-registry>

### **UPDATED: 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: February 15, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/02/16/updated-where-is-the-evidence-canadas-gun-control-programs-are-working/>

### **RCMP REPORT: FIREARMS LICENSING AND REGISTRATION ERRORS FOR 2017**

Response to Access to Information Act request dated February 3, 2019 RCMP ATIP FILE: A-2018-03594

Received by Dennis R. Young February 15, 2019 – Detailed analysis of attached statistics pending

### **CTV - YOUNG B.C. BIATHLETE HAS HIS EYE ON THE PRIZE AT CANADA WINTER GAMES**

Ethan Algra first started the sport, which combines cross-country skiing and rifle shooting, when he was just 10 years old. When CTV News first reported on him in 2016, he was fresh off winning two gold medals at the BC Winter Games. His goal then was to earn a spot on the 2019 Canada Winter Games roster. That time has now come. By Christina Heydanus , Sportscaster, CTV Vancouver - Published Friday, February 15, 2019

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/young-b-c-biathlete-has-his-eye-on-the-prize-at-canada-winter-games-1.4299253>

### **VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **REPORT TO THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD - FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

<https://vancouver.ca/police/policeboard/agenda/2019/0221/1902P04-Proposed-CAPG-Resolutions.pdf>

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Vancouver Police Board approve the proposed resolutions and submits it to the Canadian Association of Police Governance.

**SUMMARY:** The Vancouver Police Board (VPB) requested that the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) propose a draft resolution(s) that the VPB, if approved, could submit to Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG).

**DISCUSSION:** The VPD recommends the following proposed resolutions to the CAPG (supporting material for each resolution is provided beginning on the next page):

- 1) That the Government of Canada enact Bill C-71; and
- 2) That the Government of Canada implement provisions within Bill C-31 to limit criminal aspects associated with cryptocurrency.

### **ORGANIZED CRIME RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS NUMBER 7**

Public Safety Canada ISSN 1927-808X

<https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/rgnzd-crm-rsrch-hghlghts-07/rgnzd-crm-rsrch-hghlghts-07-en.pdf>

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For more information on organized crime research at Public Safety Canada, please contact the Organized Crime Research Unit [ocr-rco@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:ocr-rco@ps-sp.gc.ca)

## **MAXIME BERNIER: A FAIR GUN POLICY FOR CANADA OUR PARTY PLATFORM A FAIR GUN POLICY FOR CANADA**

<https://www.peoplespartyofcanada.ca/a-fair-gun-policy-for-canada>

- Make firearms safety courses more widely available
- Double the length of firearms licenses from 5 to 10 years
- Classify firearms based on function, not appearance
- Repeal magazine size restrictions
- Reimburse gun owners for property loss resulting from previous government gun grabs, and end future grabs
- Reclassify firearms through law in Parliament instead of the RCMP or cabinet
- Canadian Firearms laws are broken, and I want to fix them
- Stop the harassment of law-abiding gun owners
- Respect the rights of firearms owners

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

### **CNN - DOCTORS HAVE BEEN SPEAKING UP FOR GUN CONTROL, BUT STUDY FINDS MEDICAL PACS GIVE MORE TO PRO-GUN CANDIDATES**

In other words, there's sometimes a disconnect between the political positions of certain physicians' groups and the positions of the politicians whom their PACs have supported, according to the study, published in the medical journal JAMA Network Open on Friday. By Jacqueline Howard, CNN - Fri February 22, 2019

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/02/22/health/medical-pacs-firearm-politicians-study/>

### **CHICAGO TRIBUNE EDITORIAL: ENFORCING GUN LAWS MIGHT PREVENT THE NEXT AURORA**

Illinois and federal gun laws offer a measure of protection against people like Gary Martin, who killed five people and wounded five at a factory in Aurora. But those laws aren't self-enforcing. Martin's crime came about partly because of failures by those responsible for keeping firearms away from those who aren't allowed to have them.

Chicago Tribune Editorial Board - February 22, 2019 <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/editorials/ct-edit-aurora-shooting-martin-foid-gun-rights-control-20190222-story.html>

### **WASHINGTON STATE: AT LEAST 20 COUNTY SHERIFFS REFUSE TO ENFORCE NEW GUN LAWS**

Moves may pose a significant threat to the state's ambitious agenda on firearms reform

By Jason Wilson in Portland, Oregon - Fri 22 Feb 2019

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/feb/22/washington-state-county-sheriffs-refuse-to-enforce-gun-laws>

<https://www.npr.org/2019/02/21/696400737/when-sheriffs-wont-enforce-the-law>

### **THE OUTDOOR WIRE - FEBRUARY 22, 2019**

#### **FEATURE: UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES**

PHOTO CAPTION: This is the Facebook post that went up (and down) thanking Benchmade for helping the Oregon City PD with a "disposal" problem. It has caused other problems - despite having been pulled down and hastily "explained" by OCPD. Internet screen shot.

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/898fa841-91ba-47c5-a4c9-fdc903988ff2>

**COMMENT:** This is happening every day somewhere in Canada too.

### **SHOTS FIRED AS WOMAN, 79, HALTS HOME INVASION BY HERSELF**

A 79-year-old Georgia woman spent nearly 10 minutes on the phone with a 911 dispatcher – while holding a burglar at bay with her handgun. A recording of the call shines new light on the ordeal.

by MAX SLOWIK on FEBRUARY 21, 2019 <https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/shots-fired-as-woman-79/>

### **SOUTH AFRICA: TERROR AS GUNMEN STORM SUBURBAN SCHOOL, GUNS BLAZING**

Edenvale High School staff were being forced at gunpoint to hand over R8,000 in cash, but a teacher's voice note to the local community policing forum would soon see the deployment of police, who shot dead two of the intruders.

BY IAVAN PIJOOS - 22 February 2019

<https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2019-02-22-terror-as-gunmen-storm-suburban-school-guns-blazing/>

### **IT TURNS OUT THE DEMAND FOR SURPLUS ARMY 1911 HANDGUNS OUTSTRIPS SUPPLY (BY A LOT)**

According to a new government report, there has been double the demand for surplus M1911 .45 caliber pistols released for civilian sales from the Army, and the same program received 100,000 more requests for surplus M1 Garand .30 caliber rifles. A recent Government Accountability Office report showed detailed accounting for the weapons that the Civilian Marksmanship Program has transferred for civilian sales between 2008 and 2017. By: Todd South - February 21, 2019

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2019/02/20/it-turns-out-the-demand-for-surplus-army-1911-handguns-outstrips-supply-by-a-lot/>

### **BLOOMBERG OPINION: STRONG GUN LAWS SAVE KIDS' LIVES**

Studies confirm what common sense suggests: Stringent rules mean fewer deaths.

By Editorial Board - February 21, 2019

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2019-02-21/guns-and-children-strong-gun-laws-prevent-early-deaths>

### **THE OUTFITTER WIRE - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

#### **BREAKING NEWS: HUNTING REPORTED OBJECTIVELY IN MAINSTREAM MEDIA**

American hunter Bryan Harlan with his Astor markhor in the Gilgit region of Pakistan. \$88,000 of the record \$110,000 he paid for the permit went to the local people

<http://www.outfitterwire.com/features/58bb9fc7-f597-46b5-ada7-73146cde61fa>

### **THE US 'HAS THE MOST MASS SHOOTINGS'—AND OTHER BOGUS GUN RESEARCH**

But why are guns on the Democrats' "emergency" list anyway? One reason is sloppy reporting by lazy media. Last year, they claimed that there were school shootings at "hundreds of schools." It was "an almost daily occurrence" in the U.S., some said. This was nonsense. NPR reporters looked into the 235 shootings reported by the U.S. Department of Education and were only able to confirm 11 of them. It turned out that schools were added to the list merely because someone at a school heard there may have been a shooting. Good for NPR for checking out the Education Department's claims.

Economist John Lott, president of the Crime Prevention Research Center (and the father of one of my producers), spends much of his time researching gun use and correcting shoddy studies

By John Stossel - February 20, 2019 / 31 Comments

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/02/20/the-us-has-the-most-mass-shootings-and-other-bogus-gun-research/>

### **NY TIMES - HOW SO MANY VIOLENT FELONS ARE ALLOWED TO KEEP THEIR ILLEGAL GUNS**

Federal law bars gun ownership by felons, fugitives, drug abusers, people adjudicated to be mentally ill, those dishonorably discharged from the military or living in the country illegally, and by convicted domestic abusers or others subject to domestic violence restraining orders. But experts say the number of people who are barred from owning guns but have them anyway may reach into the millions. Still, only eight states have laws that provide an explicit mechanism so that people suspected of having guns in violation of those prohibitions are actually required to give them up. And some of those states merely allow — but do not require — the police to seek a court order to confiscate such guns.

By Richard A. Oppel Jr. - Feb. 20, 2019

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/20/us/gun-seizures-felons-abusers.html>

**COMMENT:** We could very well have the same problem in Canada because although we have the laws to seize guns from convicted criminals, prohibited from owning guns and from gun owners 'Red Flagged' in the Firearms Interest Police (FIP) database, the government doesn't have the information to prove our laws are being enforced.

### **FEBRUARY 15, 2019 - RCMP REPORT: FIREARMS LICENSING AND REGISTRATION ERRORS FOR 2017 -**

Response to Access to Information Act request dated February 3, 2019 RCMP ATIP FILE: A-2018-03594 Received by Dennis R. Young February 15, 2019 – Detailed analysis of attached statistics pending

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/02/16/rcmp-report-firearms-licensing-and-registration-errors-for-2017/>



## **FEBRUARY 5, 2019 - OPEN LETTER #4 TO SENATORS**

RE: EVIDENCE LACKING ON HIGH, MEDIUM AND LOW PRIORITY GUN CONTROL TARGETS

Why are 443,043 convicted criminals prohibited from owning firearms by the courts allowed to roam Canada free of any of the government's gun control programs? On November 24, 2004, Firearms Commissioner Bill Baker testified before the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights: "On the change of address, if someone is prohibited from having a firearm in the country they are no longer effectively covered by the Firearms Act." Maybe it's time they should.

By Dennis R. Young – February 5, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/02/05/evidence-lacking-on-high-medium-and-low-priority-gun-control-targets/>

## **NOVEMBER 18, 2018 - OPEN LETTER #1 TO SENATORS**

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

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

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

## **MASS SHOOTING IN AURORA SHOWS WHY GUN CONTROL DOESN'T WORK**

The shooter was able to carry out an act of violence not because of a lack of gun laws, but because of a bureaucratic failure to enforce the existing ones. By Madeline Osburn, The Federalist - FEBRUARY 20, 2019

<http://thefederalist.com/2019/02/20/mass-shooting-aurora-shows-gun-control-doesnt-work/>

## **THE OUTDOOR WIRE FEATURE: BUILDING SOME BRIDGES**

By James Swan, Ph.D. - FEBRUARY 20, 2019

A 2017 report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows that wildlife-watching is really increasing, and the number of fishermen nation-wide is finally stable after declining. However, in some states the number of fishermen is definitely declining. California is the worst. In 1982 the number of fishing licenses sold in California peaked at 2,541,627. In 2018 1,777,008 Californians bought fishing licenses. Nation-wide, participation in hunting has dropped from 14.1 million hunters to a total of 11.5 million. Today, only about 5% of Americans, 16 years old and older, actually hunt. That's half of what the percentage was 50 years ago. Total annual expenditures by hunters have also declined 29% from 2011 to 2016, from \$36.3 billion to \$25.6 billion. That cuts into the Pitman-Robertson funds from taxing sales of hunting gear, which means less money for state fish and wildlife agencies. California again has the biggest drop in hunting license sales of any state. In 1982, 763,671 hunting licenses were sold in the Golden State. In 2018 254,833 Californians bought hunting licenses. In response to the declines, there is a national movement underway called **The Three R's to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters and fishermen**. 3 R's programs are targeting state agencies, encouraging them to create special programs to recruit, reactivate and restore, hunters and fishermen. Strategies include reducing license fees in some places, increasing access, offering many programs to teach skills and finding ways to get more people out in the field and on the water. It's hard to argue against the 3 r's, but is that all that's needed? [READ THE REST]

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/8d1e123b-d8e9-456c-ae32-b8a96fdd0c2c>

## **DOG SHOTS MAN: GERMAN COURT RULES OWNER NOT FIT FOR LICENSE**

The Associated Press - Published: February 19, 2019 <https://o.canada.com/pmn/news-pmn/dog-shoots-man-german-court-rules-owner-not-fit-for-license/wcm/fa65738e-26cf-4c7a-8a56-612f6a330600>

BERLIN — A German court has ruled that a dog owner isn't fit to carry a firearms license after his dog shot him with a rifle. The Munich administrative court on Tuesday dismissed the man's appeal against an earlier decision by Bavarian authorities to withdraw his license to own a rifle, as well as his hunting permit. The decision followed a 2016 incident in which the man, a passionate hunter, was shot in the arm after his dog managed to release the trigger on a loaded rifle that was lying in his car. The court ruled the hunter couldn't be relied upon "because it must be assumed that he will handle firearms and ammunition carelessly in future as well." The man, whose name wasn't released, can appeal the verdict.

## **THIS RUSSIAN RIFLE JUST MIGHT BE THE COCKROACH OF GUNS: MEET THE SKS**

The most iconic rifle of the 20th century is the AK-47. One of the most iconic rifles of World War II—granted, this is more debatable—is the Mosin-Nagant. Both were developed in Russia. The SKS, short for Self-Loading Carbine of the Simonov System, is the odd one out. It's not perfect. The SKS' free-floating firing pin, if not cleaned and acting properly,

can cause this semi-automatic gun to “slamfire,” meaning it begins to fire in automatic with no way to stop it—which is considerably dangerous. But few would deny the SKS just kept working, in many more places, and long after Sergei Simonov—who died in May 1986 at the age of 92—could have imagined. by WarIs Boring - February 19, 2019 <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/russian-rifle-just-might-be-cockroach-guns-meet-sks-44982>

### **ARMED AND DANGEROUS: HOW THE ATF RETRIEVES GUNS FROM BANNED BUYERS**

A firearms purchase can proceed after three business days, whether or not the federal background check is complete By Dan Frosch and Zusha Elinson, Wall Street Journal - Feb. 19, 2019 <https://www.wsj.com/articles/thousands-of-guns-are-mistakenly-sold-to-banned-buyers-its-the-atfs-job-to-get-them-back-11550591324>

### **TWO MEN STOLE GUNS AT SHOT SHOW. HERE’S THE HICCUP THEY DIDN’T ANTICIPATE.**

The pair stole 65 firearms from four companies: Remington Arms, LKCI, Blaser USA and Legacy Sports International, the Review-Journal reported. The reason the men were caught is because the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the hosts of SHOT Show, require all manufacturers to remove firing pins from weapons displayed during the show, meaning they're inoperable. By Beth Baumann - Posted: Feb 18, 2019 <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/bethbaumann/2019/02/18/two-men-stole-guns-at-shot-show-heres-the-hiccup-they-didnt-anticipate-n2541633>

### **THREE AMICUS BRIEFS FILED WITH SUPREME COURT IN KNIFE RIGHTS’ NYC GRAVITY KNIFE**

**CASE - USA** – -(AmmoLand.com)- Three amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs have been filed in support of plaintiffs' petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States in our nearly eight-year-old civil rights lawsuit over New York City's persecution of pocket knife owners. Knife Rights Chairman Doug Ritter said, “we are thrilled to have three really strong amicus briefs from a diverse group of parties supporting our effort to get the U.S. Supreme Court to hear this case. These briefs come from nationally recognized constitutional and criminal law professors and scholars, along with the CATO Institute and The Legal Aid Society. We are grateful for the support of these parties and once again urge the Court to take this important civil rights case.”

Ammoland Inc. Posted on February 18, 2019 by Doug Ritter <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/02/three-amicus-briefs-filed-supreme-court-in-knife-rights-nyc-gravity-knife-case/#axzz5g0AMDteI>

### **HOW MANY MORE YOUNG AMERICANS HAVE TO DIE FOR GUN LAWS TO CHANGE?**

The House Judiciary Committee this week passed a measure that would require background checks for all gun sales and most gun transfers. The action, coming just days before Friday’s mass shooting in Aurora, Ill., in which a gunman killed five people, was the most significant gun-control legislation to advance in Congress in years, and its chances for approval in the Democratic-controlled House are good. Pitifully, its prospects are far different in the Republican-controlled Senate. By Editorial Board, Washington Post - February 16 at 6:59 PM

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/how-many-more-young-americans-have-to-die-for-gun-laws-to-change/2019/02/16/703468ba-3095-11e9-8ad3-9a5b113ecd3c\\_story.html?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.7c389c4ee3ce](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/how-many-more-young-americans-have-to-die-for-gun-laws-to-change/2019/02/16/703468ba-3095-11e9-8ad3-9a5b113ecd3c_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.7c389c4ee3ce)

### **UNPRECEDENTED GUN CONFISCATION HITS US AS THOUSANDS OF GUNS SEIZED FROM**

**INNOCENT CITIZENS** - Since the tragic shooting in Florida last February, the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence has recorded a whopping 55 new gun control measures in 26 states—in just the first six months of the year. Some of these laws being passed are ‘Red Flag’ laws which are used to disarm individuals who are reported as a threat by a family member or friend. Many believe that these red flag laws are dangerous as they can prompt police action with little to no due process. Guns In The News / February 12, 2019

<https://gunsinthenews.com/unprecedented-gun-confiscation-hits-us-as-thousands-of-guns-seized-from-innocent-citizens/>

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

### **COLBY COSH: MICHAEL WERNICK SPEWED DRIVEL WHILE TAKING US ALL FOR FOOLS**

He made a creepy attempt to persuade Canadians that if they doubt our institutions of government it is them, and not said government, that must be the problem. By Colby Cosh, National Post - February 22, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/colby-cosh-michael-wernick-spewed-drivel-while-taking-us-all-for-fools>

### **LILLEY: CANADA'S JUSTICE SYSTEM NOT AS PURE AS WE THOUGHT**

“There was no inappropriate pressure put on the minister at any time,” Wernick said. That’s a far cry from what the government had previously claimed, that there was no pressure, none whatsoever. Do we have a justice system that treats everyone fairly and is blind to our station in life or do we have a system that defends the allies of the powerful and prosecutes the enemies? The evidence this week would suggest that we are closer to a banana republic than we would like. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - February 22, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-canadas-justice-system-not-as-pure-as-we-thought>

### **IN OTTAWA POLITICS, THERE’S PRESSURE ... AND THEN THERE’S ‘PRESSURE’**

PMOs over the years have been accused of holding too much power. This phenomenon is not seen to be limited to a particular political party, group or individual, but instead is commonly understood to be a normal (and perhaps unavoidable) symptom of Westminster parliamentary government. This power stems from a number of sources, including the Prime Minister’s authority to appoint, shuffle and dismiss ministers, sign off on nomination papers for party candidates, set the policy direction for the party and affect committee assignments. Party discipline is the glue that holds this concentration of power together. No member of caucus is immune from the PMO’s reach. By Lori Turnbull, Special to The Globe and Mail - February 22, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-in-ottawa-politics-theres-pressure-and-then-theres-pressure/>

### **THE IMPOSSIBLE POSITION: CANADA’S ATTORNEY-GENERAL CANNOT BE OUR JUSTICE MINISTER**

- There is no deeper historical reason that the two jobs are fused in Canada, either. In the British parliamentary system, from which Canada inherited its governance structure, the attorney-general and the Minister of Justice (Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice) have always been two separate positions. The British minister of justice is a member of cabinet, while the attorney-general is not, although the latter does attend cabinet meetings. Simply put, combining the roles and responsibilities of the minister of justice and the attorney-general of Canada places too much on one person. By Adam Dodek, Special to The Globe and Mail - Published February 22, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-the-impossible-position-canadas-attorney-general-cannot-be-our/>

### **'CRISIS OF OUR OWN MAKING': REGULATORY LOGJAM HAS COST \$100B IN CANCELLED RESOURCE PROJECTS**

- More to be expected without major amendments to Bill C-69: C.D. Howe  
BY Geoffrey Morgan, Financial Post - February 21, 2019 <https://business.financialpost.com/commodities/crisis-of-our-own-making-regulatory-logjam-has-cost-100b-in-cancelled-resource-projects>

### **JOHN IVISON: TOUGH TALK FROM A MAN WITH NOTHING TO LOSE**

The most logical version was that either Trudeau or Butts, tried to persuade Wilson-Raybould to grant SNC a remediation agreement at meetings in September and December By John Ivison, National Post - February 21, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-tough-talk-from-a-man-with-nothing-to-lose>

### **LILLEY: BUTTS OUT, SCANDAL AND QUESTIONS LINGER**

Putting pressure on the attorney general to give a sweetheart deal could be a criminal act, obstruction of justice, a charge that comes with a jail term of up to 10 years. We know the conversations happened but were they inside or outside of the line? Were they criminal? Did Butts or anyone else in the PMO try to get a sweetheart deal for a rich and powerful company that you couldn’t get if you were facing charges? By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - February 19, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-butts-out-scandal-and-questions-linger>

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-butts-is-finally-gone-but-questions-remain>

### **DIANE FRANCIS: MONEY LAUNDERING BY FOREIGNERS IS WHAT'S REALLY DESTROYING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN CANADA**

Current proposals to flood the market with new affordable housing or to lift zoning restrictions won’t resolve anything By Diane Francis, Financial Post - February 19, 2019

<https://business.financialpost.com/diane-francis/money-laundering-by-foreigners-is-whats-really-destroying-housing-affordability-in-canada>

**This is what Canada must do to drive out dirty money and get prices in line:**

- Create a public registry of beneficial owners, and penalties for non-disclosure;
- Lawyers, real estate agents and notaries must report suspicious owners and transactions, as is now required of banks;
- Speculation must be stopped by taxing residences that are unoccupied, which will also free up supply; and
- Where real estate prices have soared above affordable levels for locals, bans on foreign ownership should be imposed as has been done in New Zealand, China, Hong Kong, Switzerland, Greece, Hungary, Denmark, Poland and Malta, among others.

Current proposals by the NDP — to flood the market with new affordable housing — or by conservatives — to lift zoning restrictions — simply won't move the dial.

**KELLY MCPARLAND: IF NO ONE DID ANYTHING WRONG, WHY TWO RESIGNATIONS AND A PMO IN CRISIS MODE?** Many believe Trudeau would never have entered politics if not for Butts, and might not have succeeded in winning Canada's highest office without his support. By Kelly McParland, National Post - February 18, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/kelly-mcparland-if-no-one-did-anything-wrong-why-two-resignations-and-a-pmo-in-crisis-mode>

**NP VIEW: TRUDEAU'S SNC-LAVALIN COVERUPS ARE MORE DISTURBING THAN THE ALLEGED CRIMES** - It's a truism that it's not the crime but the coverup that typically does a government in. Maybe. But if this is a coverup, it is almost criminally incompetent. The alleged offence is bad enough. The aftermath is embarrassing.

National Post View - February 15, 2019 [https://nationalpost.com/opinion/np-view-trudeaus-snc-lavalin-coverups-are-more-disturbing-than-the-alleged-crimes?video\\_autoplay=true](https://nationalpost.com/opinion/np-view-trudeaus-snc-lavalin-coverups-are-more-disturbing-than-the-alleged-crimes?video_autoplay=true)

**LILLEY: WHY DOES TRUDEAU DESPERATELY WANT TO SAVE SNC-LAVALIN?**

Just last week it was prosecutors in Quebec, aided by the RCMP, that were found to be investigating the company on bribery charges related to a Montreal bridge project. If this is the company that Justin Trudeau wants to stake all his political capital on then we have to ask, what do they have on him? By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - February 16, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-why-does-trudeau-desperately-want-to-save-snc-lavalin>

**BONOKOSKI: WHEN A LIBERAL SCANDAL BECOMES A HASHTAG, IT'S BIG TROUBLE**

Justin Trudeau, as a result of decisions past, therefore became the first and only prime minister to be found guilty of ethics violations. By Mark Bonokoski, Toronto Sun - February 16, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/bonokoski-when-a-liberal-scandal-becomes-a-hashtag-its-big-trouble>

**WARREN: THE SNC-LAVALIN MESS IS ALL ABOUT QUEBEC VOTES**

This year, an election year, we are going to hear about more scandals and conflicts. It will impact all of the political parties. And it will all be done in a way to try and pander to Quebec voters in order to win the next federal election.

By Jim Warren, Toronto Sun - February 16, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/warren-the-snc-lavalin-mess-is-all-about-quebec-votes>

**GLOBE EDITORIAL: SNC-LAVALIN, AND THE PERILS OF CONCENTRATING POWER IN THE PMO**

If Canadians want a different kind of prime minister, they should look not at a candidate's haberdashery — or at the dimples in their cheeks, for that matter. What they should ask is, will you reverse the concentration of power in the PMO? Will you shift power back to MPs? Will you enhance their independence and the role of the House of Commons as a check on the power of the executive? Or do you intend to follow the examples of Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Harper and rule as an imperial prime minister? FEBRUARY 15, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-globe-editorial-snc-lavalin-and-the-perils-of-concentrating-power-in/>

**WENTE - A PERFECT STORM FOR JUSTIN TRUDEAU**

By Margaret Wente, Globe and Mail - February 15, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-a-perfect-storm-for-justin-trudeau/>

**SYRIAN COMEDIAN BREAKS DOWN TRUDEAU'S ISIS INSANITY BETTER THAN ANY POLITICIAN COULD** - TheOriginalMaxGForce - Published on Mar 10, 2018  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5raDGD9EWw>

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