



RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

NO 'EVIDENCE' TO SUPPORT BILL C-71 ATT AMENDMENTS

"The Canadian Firearms Program does not have a specific costing breakdown associated to the process for the issuance of an Authorization to Transport". RCMP E-Mail dated Feb 28, 2019

RCMP Response to Access to Information Act Request – Update by Dennis R. Young – March 1, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/03/01/no-evidence-to-support-bill-c-71-att-amendments-2/>

ANDREW SCHEER ASKED: WHY STRONGER BACKGROUND CHECKS?

Why does Andrew Scheer support stronger background checks on applicants for firearms licences? On 23 January 2019, Dr Caillin Langmann and I wrote the following letter to the Hon. Andrew Scheer, MP, QC, the Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada and the Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. As yet, we have not received a reply. We look forward to hearing from the Hon. Andrew Scheer. March 1, 2019

<https://justiceforgunowners.ca/why-stronger-background-checks/>

POLICE WON'T HAVE ACCESS TO LONG-GUN DATABASE, SAYS GOODALE AIDE

A spokesperson for Goodale made the statement Thursday after a firearms industry lobby group expressed concern that the government intends to use an existing RCMP computer platform for restricted firearms to process data for licence verification under the Liberal gun legislation now making its way through the Senate.

By Tim Naumetz. Published on Mar 1, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/03/01/police-wont-have-access-to-long-gun-database-says-goodale-aide/>

BILL C-71 CREATES PAL HOLDER 'CONNECTIONS REGISTRY' ON TRANSFERS

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian government's proposed law against hunters, farmers and sport shooters will require the federal police to record contacts between licensed gun owners who buy, sell, give or receive firearms, creating a "connections registry" that violates personal privacy. The workings of the plan were reiterated by a government spokesman quoted today in iPolitics. Unless the Senate amends or defeats Bill C-71, gun sellers and buyers will have to apply together to the federal police for permission to transfer the ownership of any so-called "Non-restricted" rifle or shotgun. THE GUN BLOG - MARCH 1, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/03/01/bill-c-71-creates-pal-holder-connections-registry-on-transfers/>

CANADA PENSION PLAN INVESTMENT BOARD PURCHASES 228,300 SHARES OF AMERICAN OUTDOOR BRANDS CORP (AOBC)

American Outdoor Brands Corporation designs, manufactures, and sells firearms worldwide. The company's Firearms segment offers handguns, long guns, handcuffs, suppressors, and other firearm-related products under the Smith & Wesson, M&P, Performance Center, Gemtech, and Thompson/Center Arms brands. Posted by Nadine Saad on Feb 28th, 2019

<https://highlightpress.com/2019/02/28/canada-pension-plan-investment-board-purchases-228300-shares-of-american-outdoor-brands-corp-aobc.html>

HANDGUN TURNS OUT TO BE PELLET GUN, PENTICTON RCMP

Penticton RCMP were called about a resident possibly having a handgun Feb. 28 “Once we arrived we were able to ascertain the resident did have a pellet gun inside his suite, but no overt threats were made with it. A man was taken into custody and the investigation is continuing,” a release from the South Okanagan RCMP detachment stated. Feb. 28, 2019
<https://www.pentictonwesternnews.com/news/handgun-turns-out-to-be-pellet-gun-penticton-rcmp/>

CBC - WINNIPEG MAN THREATENED CAB DRIVER, 5 PEOPLE AT MAGNUS AVENUE HOME WITH RIFLE: POLICE - A 23-year-old Winnipeg man faces multiple charges including six counts of pointing a firearm, three counts of unauthorized possession of a firearm and two counts of carrying a concealed weapon. He remains in custody. CBC News · Posted: Feb 28, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-police-firearms-arrest-1.5037300>

POWELL RIVER ATHLETES PREPARE FOR PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL TARGET SHOOTING

COMPETITIONS - Two Powell River athletes, Katheryn Sheldon and Gabriella Dube, have been honing their target shooting skills with Powell River Yellow Jackets for the past few years, and their dedication is paying off. Both have been named to the sport’s provincial team and in addition to competing at provincials they plan to attend a national competition held in Toronto later this summer. By Sara Donnelly / Powell River Peak - FEBRUARY 28, 2019

<https://www.prpeak.com/sports/powell-river-athletes-prepare-for-provincial-and-national-target-shooting-competitions-1.23648371>

BROWN: YES, DOCTORS HAVE A VITAL ROLE IN TOUGHENING GUN LAWS

Medical professionals have a long history of expressing expert opinion on how the availability of firearms and guns laws affect public health. BY R. BLAKE BROWN, Ottawa Citizen - Updated: February 27, 2019

<https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/brown-yes-doctors-have-a-vital-role-in-toughening-gun-laws>

LIBERALS PLAN TO PUT LONG GUN BUYER DATA IN REGISTRY: LOBBY GROUP

Two top officials with the Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association (CSAAA) told a Senate committee studying the legislation, Bill C-71, that the group is “certain” Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale’s office intends to store information from a new system for validating firearm licences in an existing registry containing data on all restricted firearms in Canada. The names and addresses of every person who acquires a firearm must be included in order to enter data into that registry maintained by the RCMP, the association witnesses said By Tim Naumetz - Feb 27, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/02/27/liberals-plan-to-put-long-gun-buyer-data-in-registry-lobby-group/>

LIBERALS MUST STOP ‘REPEATED ATTACKS’ ON GUN OWNERS: MP REMPEL

TheGunBlog.ca — Canada’s opposition Conservative Party said the government must scrap its planned laws to criminalize hunters, farmers and sport shooters and “stop its repeated attacks on responsible firearm owners.”

Michelle Rempel, a member of parliament in Calgary, made the comment today in an e-mailed statement to TheGunBlog.ca. The full text is below. THE GUN BLOG - FEBRUARY 27, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/27/liberals-must-stop-repeated-attacks-on-gun-owners-mp-rempe/>

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-1883>

CSSA COMMENTARY: SENATE COMMITTEE ON BILL C-71 – WITNESS TESTIMONY DAY TWO

A heartfelt “thank you” to the following members of the Senate Committee on National Security and Defence (SECD) for understanding Bill C-71 completely misses its intended target. Team CSSA E-News | February 26, 2019

<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/02/team-cssa-e-news-february-26-2019/>

TRUDEAU AND BERNIER LESSONS FOR GUN OWNERS AFTER BY-ELECTIONS

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian by-elections yesterday provide a reality check for gun owners who believe Justin Trudeau can't win the general election in October or believe Maxime Bernier can. The three by-elections were the first test of Bernier's potential since he ditched the Conservative Party last year to create his own group. They are the newest look at Prime Minister Trudeau's prospects of winning again. THE GUN BLOG - FEBRUARY 26, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/26/trudeau-and-bernier-lessons-for-gun-owners-after-by-elections/>

CBC - VPD TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARRESTS AND CHARGES OF GANG MEMBERS

Project Territory is a part of Task Force Tourniquet, a multi-agency initiative created by the VPD in March 2017 in response to increasing gang violence in the Lower Mainland. 4 men from B.C. and Ontario charged with conspiracy to commit murder. Police say the task force has resulted in 209 charges against 38 people, the seizure of more than 170 firearms, more than 10 kilograms of fentanyl, 40 kilograms of heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine and more than \$2 million in cash, jewelry and high end vehicles. CBC News · Posted: Feb 26, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vpd-taskforce-investigation-leads-arrests-charges-gang-members-1.5034554>

ONTARIO - NUMBER & LOCATION OF CFO 'DESIGNATED FIREARMS OFFICERS'

EXCERPT: "Please note that the Chief Firearms Officer of Ontario, N. Dwight Peer is designated by the provincial minister, the Honourable Sylvia Jones. Under the authority of section 98 of the Firearms Act, there are 78 Firearms Officers designated by the Chief Firearms Officer of Ontario. Details related to the breakdown can be found in the attached table." Ontario CFO FOIP Response dated Feb 21, 2019 – Received Feb 25, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/02/25/ontario-number-location-of-cfo-designated-firearms-officers/>

CANADA'S WWII-ERA BROWNING'S STILL PUTTING IN WORK

Canada built its own, more Maple Leaf version of the Browning Hi-Power in Toronto during World War II, and their military is still using them. Recently spotted with Canadian Army troops on a UN peacekeeping mission in the African country of Mali, those same 1940s-era 9mm combat handguns are still holding the line. 02/25/19 7:00 AM | by Chris Eger

<https://www.guns.com/news/2019/02/25/canadas-wwii-era-brownings-still-putting-in-work>

CRIME SCENE: TORONTO COPS SEIZE GUNS

They were the gangstas who couldn't shoot straight. Hamilton cops have arrested a 23-year-old Ottawa man in an east-end shooting. They discovered Noah Hope suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg and he was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. A 26-year-old gunshot victim was located in a nearby residence with a bullet wound to his chest. By Brad Hunter, Toronto Sun - February 25, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/crime-scene-toronto-cops-seize-guns>

GUNS, DRUGS SEIZED IN BRACEBRIDGE IN CONNECTION WITH TORONTO LIBRARY SHOOTING

Local OPP worked with a number of police agencies in the arrest of four people at a Bracebridge residence on Feb. 23. NEWS Feb 24, 2019 by Roland Cilliers Bracebridge Examiner <https://www.parrysound.com/news-story/9190636-guns-drugs-seized-in-bracebridge-in-connection-with-toronto-library-shooting/>

BRACEBRIDGE – Police have arrested four people following an investigation into a Toronto shooting. On February 23 the Bracebridge Ontario Provincial Police, Community Street Crime Unit and the Toronto Police Service West Command, Gun Violence Suppression Unit engaged in a joint investigation into the whereabouts of a male wanted for charges

relating to a shooting at a Toronto Library in early February. As a result of the investigation, the OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit executed a warrant at an address on Fraserburg Road in the Town of Bracebridge. Four parties were arrested, including the male wanted for the shooting. A loaded 9mm handgun was located as well as a .22 calibre handgun, .22 calibre rifle and a 12 gauge shotgun. In addition, cocaine and a large quantity of Canadian currency were seized.

- Nathaniel White, 20, of Toronto is charged with four counts of careless storage of a firearm, Possession of a Loaded Prohibited Firearm, Unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, two counts of Possession of Unauthorized Firearm, Possession of a Restricted Firearm, **Breach of Recognizance**. White is also facing numerous charges in relation to the early February shooting.
- Brandon Anthony Howell, 25 of Toronto is charged with Four counts of Careless Storage of a Firearm, Possession of a Loaded Prohibited Firearm, Unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, Two counts of Possession of Unauthorized Firearm, Possession of a Restricted Firearm, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 and Possession of a Schedule I Substance – Cocaine.
- Blayne Roper, 30 of Bracebridge is charged with Four counts of Careless Storage of a Firearm, Possession of a Loaded Prohibited Firearm, unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, Two counts of Possession of Unauthorized Firearm, Possession of a Restricted Firearm, Possession of a Schedule I Substance – Cocaine, **Two counts of Fail to Comply with Recognizance and Possession of a Firearm contrary to Prohibition Order**.
- Kaitlyn Brooks, 23, of Bracebridge is charged with four counts of Careless Storage of a Firearm, Possession of a Loaded Prohibited Firearm, Unauthorized possession of a prohibited firearm, Two counts of Possession of Unauthorized Firearm, Possession of a Restricted Firearm, **two counts of Fail to Comply with Undertaking**.

All accused were held in custody and will appear for a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Bracebridge on February 25, 2019.

COMMENT: More than two million licensed gun owners are tracked on CPIC every day and are required by law to report their change of address within 30 days or be subject to an offence under the Criminal Code but the convicted criminals who are prohibited from owning firearms are not required to follow a similar law unless the court ordered them to do so as part of their sentence.

‘THE PROPOSAL IS A BAN ON PRIVATE OWNERSHIP,’ GOVERNMENT MP SAYS

TheGunBlog.ca — A Canadian government politician working to imprison sport shooters who don’t surrender their handguns said “the proposal is a ban on private ownership,” with forced storage at a “secure, licensed facility.”

THE GUN BLOG - FEBRUARY 24, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/02/24/the-proposal-is-a-ban-on-private-ownership-government-mp-says/>

PLETZ WINS GOLD IN BIATHLON AT CANADA WINTER GAMES

Regina’s Logan Pletz won a gold medal in biathlon on Thursday at the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer. Pletz finished with a time of 37:46.9 in the men’s 12.5 kilometre individual event, 11 seconds ahead of silver medalist Leo Grandbois for Quebec. Alberta’s Haldan Borglam finished third, about two minutes behind Pletz.

CTV Regina Published Saturday, February 23, 2019 <https://regina.ctvnews.ca/pletz-wins-gold-in-biathlon-at-canada-winter-games-1.4309641>

ALBERTA SWEEPS MEDAL STANDINGS IN 10 KM INDIVIDUAL FEMALE BIATHLON AT 2019 CANADA WINTER GAMES - Team Alberta swept the medal podium on Thursday in the 10 kilometre individual female biathlon competition at the 2019 Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, Alberta. February 22, 2019 Jeremy Freeborn

<https://canadiansportscene.com/alberta-sweeps-medal-standings-in-10-km-individual-female-biathlon-at-2019-canada-winter-games/>

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

SO MANY GUNS IN CALIFORNIA THE STATE CAN'T KEEP UP. THOUSANDS STILL OWN THEM ILLEGALLY - Close to 9,400 residents with criminal charges, domestic violence records and mental health issues still possess firearms in California, despite the state's leadership in creating a first-of-its-kind investigative database that advances efforts to confiscate the weapons. Attorney General Xavier Becerra unveiled the results Friday as he released a report describing the state's Armed Prohibited Persons System, which seeks to confiscate weapons from people with criminal records and restraining orders. BY HANNAH WILEY - MARCH 01, 2019

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article226654899.html>

<https://o.canada.com/pmn/news-pmn/the-latest-california-gun-seizure-program-backlog-remains/wcm/07ec6266-93ab-4581-8050-f87debcc07a9>

COMMENT: Same problem here in Canada but the RCMP have no idea how many of the 243,043 convicted criminals prohibited from owning guns and the 29,487 red flagged FIP Events still have firearms in their possession!

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/>

CNN, MSNBC GIVE LIBERALS FORUM TO PUSH GUN CONTROL MYTHS

In the aftermath of the House of Representatives passing two Democratic-supported gun control bills that expand background check requirements to private purchases and transfers, and lengthens the allowed background check period, CNN and MSNBC have been celebrating by having liberal guests come on their shows and going along with their gun control myths without any conservative guests to counter them. By Brad Wilmoth | March 1, 2019

<https://www.newsbusters.org/blogs/nb/brad-wilmoth/2019/03/01/cnn-msnbc-gives-liberals-forum-push-gun-control-myths>

NEW MEXICO SHERIFFS' GUN LAWS PROTEST FOLLOWS OTHER STATES

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Dispute over a slate of New Mexico gun-control measures has raised questions over the local law enforcement officials' legal standing in refusing to enforce the proposals should they become law. More than 20 county commissions in New Mexico have passed sheriff-backed resolutions that express support for sheriffs in deciding not to enforce gun laws that they find violate gun-owners' rights under the constitution. In the resolutions, the counties declare themselves sanctuaries for the Second Amendment. Mar 1, 2019 https://www.heraldcourier.com/news/new-mexico-sheriffs-gun-laws-protest-follows-other-states/article_b6083fe5-0885-585a-811b-63f942832342.html

MINNESOTA NOW HAS 290,500 RESIDENTS PERMITTED TO CARRY HANDGUNS

Sheriff's offices issued more than 66,000 permits last year alone. The report found that people holding permits were involved in 1,828 crimes, but most of those were drunken driving or other traffic offenses.

By Tim Harlow Star Tribune MARCH 1, 2019

<http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-now-has-290-000-residents-permitted-to-carry-handguns/506568082/>

BANGKOK - POLICE OFFICER CAUGHT STEALING 11 HANDGUNS & RESELLING THEM ON BLACK MARKET - In a report by Sinar Harian, Thai police have reported that a rogue police officer has infiltrated a weapons storage facility in Ayutthaya, north of Bangkok, and stole 11 handguns from the armoury.

Published 12 hours ago on March 1, 2019 By Hubert Wong Read more at WOB: <https://www.worldofbuzz.com/police-officer-caught-stealing-11-handguns-reselling-them-black-market/>

AUSTRALIA - 'CRITICAL GAPS' IN NSW FIREARMS REGISTRY INCLUDE INABILITY TO TRACK LOCATION OF GUNS - Damning review of agency finds significant shortcomings in capacity to effectively police firearms. By Michael McGowan - Thu 28 Feb 2019 <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2019/mar/01/critical-gaps-in-nsw-firearms-registry-include-inability-to-track-location-of-guns>

GERMANY: STABBINGS AND KNIFE CRIMES AT RECORD HIGH

by Soeren Kern , Gatestone Institute - February 28, 2019

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/13802/germany-stabbings-knife-crimes>

- Police reported more than 4,100 knife-related crimes in 2018, compared to around 3,800 reported during 2017 — and only 400 in 2008. Overall, during the past ten years, knife-related crimes in Germany have increased by more than 900% — from one a day to more than ten a day.
- German media do not report most knife-related violence. Crimes that are reported are often dismissed as "isolated incidents" that are unrelated to mass immigration. Moreover, many crime reports, including those in police blotters, omit references to the nationalities of the perpetrators and victims — apparently to avoid inflaming anti-immigration sentiments.... Many Germans have the sense that danger lurks everywhere, but the lack of official statistics seemingly allows German authorities to pretend that the problem is imaginary.
- Germany's knife-crime epidemic has continued nonstop into 2019. During the first 45 days of 2019, police reported more than 500 knife crimes — an average of 11 a day.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSES EXTREME GUN CONTROL BILL

H.R. 8 Mandates "Universal" Background Checks. Chris W. Cox, the executive director of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA), issued the following response to the passage of H.R. 8: "This extreme gun-control bill will make criminals out of law-abiding Americans. It will also make it harder for good people to defend themselves and their families. Criminals, on the other hand, will continue to get their firearms the way they always have — through the black market, theft, and straw purchases. Forcing more government paperwork and additional fees on

good people trying to exercise a constitutional right will do nothing to make Americans safer. On behalf of our members and supporters, the National Rifle Association will continue to fight to preserve the constitutionally protected right to self-defense." NRA/ILA - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20190227/us-house-of-representatives-passes-extreme-gun-control-bill>

<https://o.canada.com/pmn/news-pmn/house-approves-bill-to-expand-gun-sale-background-checks/wcm/e93b6854-9f1a-41cd-9cbd-944c83f5ca44>

UN WELCOMES AFRICA'S GOAL OF 'SILENCING THE GUNS' BY 2020

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council welcomed Africa's campaign for "Silencing the Guns" on the continent by 2020 and called Wednesday for international support to achieve peace in every country. A resolution adopted unanimously by the council "expresses support for initiatives aimed at finding African solutions to African problems" while recognizing that other countries can help accelerate progress.

By Edith M. Lederer | AP - February 27, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/un-welcomes-africas-goal-of-silencing-the-guns-by-2020>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/un-welcomes-africas-goal-of-silencing-the-guns-by-2020/2019/02/27/b15cdf0a-3af1-11e9-b10b-f05a22e75865_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.085dc6b24aa6

LET'S HAVE A REAL DISCUSSION ABOUT GUN-CONTROL FACTS

- It seem we have a lot of violence in the news. Is the United States a violent country?
- Aren't guns just killing machines? Don't people use guns to kill every day?
- I don't hear about those examples of armed self-defense. How do I know they really happen?
- If violent crime and self-defense are so rare, doesn't that mean we'd be safer if we all turned in our guns?
- That sounds like bad news and that criminals are unstoppable. Can't we do something to reduce violent crime?

Ammoland Inc. Posted on February 25, 2019 by Rob Morse

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/02/lets-have-a-real-discussion-about-gun-control-facts/#axzz5gwmzPsvv>

<https://slowfacts.wordpress.com/2019/02/22/lets-have-a-real-discussion-about-gun-control/>

N.D. GUN BUYBACK BILL CRITICIZED BY GUN-CONTROL ADVOCATES AS 'DUMBEST PIECE OF LEGISLATION'

House Bill 1381, which passed the House 66-26 Feb. 19 and now is being considered by the Senate, would ban gun buyback programs conducted by state agencies or local governments, as well as buybacks funded by taxpayer dollars. Rep. Luke Simons, R-Dickinson, is the bill's prime sponsor, "First of all, we know the program just doesn't work," Simons said. He cites a study in Buffalo, N.Y., where buyback programs got 3,000 guns off the street over a five-year period but did not reduce rates of gun homicides, gun assaults or gun robberies. "It just doesn't work," Simons said. By Patrick Springer / Forum News Service on Feb 25, 2019

<https://www.grandforksherald.com/news/government-and-politics/4576679-nd-gun-buyback-bill-criticized-gun-control-advocates-dumbest>

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NY'S NEWEST GUN-CONTROL LAW

ALBANY – A new law in New York will allow law enforcement officials, family members or school officials to seek a petition to seize the guns of people that courts find are dangerous to themselves or others. The Red Flag Law, also known as the extreme risk protection order law, will give authorities or household members the ability to seek a court order that would prohibit a person for up to one year from purchasing or possessing a firearm.

By Joseph Spector, Albany Bureau Published Feb. 25, 2019

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/politics/albany/2019/02/25/gun-control-new-york-how-gun-owners-deemed-dangerous-could-lose-their-weapons/2979374002/>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - FEBRUARY 25, 2019

FEATURE: THEY JUST SHOWED THEIR HAND

Editor's Note: Today's op-ed was written by our friend and colleague, Tom Gresham.

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/e98ff2ed-db8d-4bf6-b4ce-6fb8fdd4ca74>

Sometimes understanding what's going on requires us to connect the dots on things that don't immediately appear to be connected. Looking at recent events, it's now possible to see the plans of the gun banners. It's much worse than almost anyone imagined.

First, what happened?

- HR 8, a bill in the House, would end the private sales of guns, would end being able to give a gun to someone, and would criminalize even loaning a gun to someone -- unless you got the permission of the FBI each time you want to buy, sell, loan, or borrow a gun. In other words, there could be no legal transfer of a gun in the U.S. unless the government approves each transaction.
- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi threatened that a Democrat President could declare a national emergency on gun violence.
- A separate bill -- HR 1112 -- would (according to the NRA-ILA) "...eliminate the 3-day safety-valve provision under the federal firearms background check system that prevents the government from enacting an indefinite delay of firearm purchases for law-abiding Americans."

OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

REX MURPHY: THE TRUDEAU VIRTUECRATS COME TUMBLING DOWN

Jody Wilson-Raybould, in her person and conduct, is all the Liberal government was supposed to be about

By Rex Murphy, National Post - March 1, 2019

https://nationalpost.com/opinion/rex-murphy-the-trudeau-virtuecrats-come-tumbling-down?video_autoplay=true

TRUDEAU'S LINEUP OF WILLING OP-ED WRITERS POINTS TO LARGER PROBLEM OF MEDIA MANIPULATION

One of the most revelatory bombshells from former Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould's candid and damaging testimony was when she alleged that the Prime Minister's chief of staff Katie Telford offered to get the minister positive press if she were to follow the Trudeau government's wishes. According to Wilson-Raybould, Telford told her chief of staff that the Prime Minister's Office could "lineup all kinds of people to write op-eds" to defend her for allowing SNC-Lavalin get off virtually scot-free for bribery charges.

by Graeme Gordon - March 1, 2019 <https://www.thepostmillennial.com/trudeaus-lineup-of-willing-op-ed-writers-points-to-larger-problem-of-media-manipulation/>

WATCH: JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S 'ANSWER' AFTER REMPEL ASKS ABOUT SNC-LAVALIN ALLEGEDLY PROCURING PROSTITUTES FOR MUAMMAR GADDAFI'S SON WAS A SICKENING DISGRACE

In Question Period, Conservative MP Michelle Rempel asked Justin Trudeau directly about it. She asked "When did the Prime Minister become aware that SNC-Lavalin paid for prostitutes for Moammar Gaddafi's son?"

By SPENCER FERNANDO - FEBRUARY 28, 20190

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/02/28/watch-justin-trudeaus-answer-after-rempel-asks-about-snc-lavalin-allegedly-procuring-prostitutes-for-muammar-gaddafis-son-was-a-sickening-disgrace/>

THE LAWYER DAILY COLUMN ON JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD'S TESTIMONY

In three-and-a-half hours of dramatic testimony, including 22 pages of detailed opening remarks, Wilson-Raybould rocked the Commons Justice Committee, opening with this bombshell: "For a period of approximately four months,

between September and December of 2018, I experienced a consistent and sustained effort by many people within the government to seek to politically interfere in the exercise of prosecutorial discretion in my role as the attorney general of Canada in an inappropriate effort to secure a deferred prosecution agreement with SNC-Lavalin.” By Cristin Schmitz, The Lawyer Daily - February 28, 2019

<https://www.thelawyersdaily.ca/articles/10592/ex-ag-alleges-pm-senior-officials-tried-to-politically-interfere-in-snc-case-trudeau-completely-disagrees-?category=news>

MACLEANS - THE MORAL CATASTROPHE OF JUSTIN TRUDEAU

Paul Wells: What Jody Wilson-Raybould described today is a sickeningly smug protection racket and it should make us all question what we're willing to tolerate. by Paul Wells Feb 27, 2019

<https://www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/the-moral-catastrophe-of-justin-trudeau/>

'VEILED THREATS': WILSON-RAYBOULD ACCUSES TRUDEAU AND OTHER TOP LIBERALS OF POLITICAL INTERFERENCE OVER SNC-LAVALIN

She said the conversations were 'clearly inappropriate' and included the suggestion that 'a collision with the Prime Minister on these matters should be avoided' - By Brian Platt - National Post - February 27, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/jody-wilson-raybould-testimony-justin-trudeau-pmo>

WHY RENEWABLES CAN'T SAVE THE PLANET

Now that we know that renewables can't save the planet, are we really going to stand by and let them destroy it? by Michael Shellenberger - February 27, 2019 comments 366

Michael Shellenberger is a Time Magazine “Hero of the Environment,” and president of Environmental Progress, an independent research and policy organization. <https://quillette.com/2019/02/27/why-renewables-cant-save-the-planet/>

JOHN IVISON: BYELECTIONS OFFER EVERY PARTY LEADER AN OPPORTUNITY TO DECLARE VICTORY

- The average People's Party vote across the three by-elections was 5.6 per cent — potentially the difference between victory and defeat for Andrew Scheer, if replicated in a general election. If the 18 point drop in support for the NDP in Outremont is repeated across the province in October, the Liberals could add another 10 to 15 seats to their tally. By John Ivison, National Post - February 26, 2019 https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-byelections-offer-every-party-leader-an-opportunity-to-declare-victory?video_autoplay=true

BRAID: THE LIBERALS' STUNNING HYPOCRISY OVER SNC-LAVALIN AND PIPELINES

Along the way, the Liberals have virtually ceded a key power that holds Canada together, federal control over interprovincial shipping. At the same time, their bills would severely dilute provincial ownership and development of natural resources. Such is the discriminatory regime the Liberals are creating for Western Canada's resources. You can be sure they will enforce every nuance. For SNC-Lavalin, though, existing law is a malleable thing, uniquely adaptable to partisan Liberal needs. This double standard goes beyond simply hypocrisy. It's a destructive message to the whole country about who counts, and who doesn't. By DON BRAID, CALGARY HERALD - Updated: February 26, 2019

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/politics/braid-the-liberals-stunning-hypocrisy-over-snc-lavalin-and-pipelines>

OUR ENERGY INDUSTRY IS IN CRISIS, BUT TRUDEAU IS TOO BUSY DOING DAMAGE CONTROL OVER SNC-LAVALIN TO ACT

- Diane Francis: If Liberals are dead set against oil and gas, they should let voters know — and then get out of the way for the Tories to win this fall By Diane Francis, FINANCIAL Post - February 25, 2019

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GOLDSTEIN: HOW CANADA IS ‘FAKING IT’ ON CLIMATE CHANGE

As Bjorn Lomborg, director of the Copenhagen Consensus Center and author of *The Skeptical Environmentalist* and *Cool It* noted in a recent column, “Faking It on Climate Change”, published by Project Syndicate, nations all over the world are using similar accounting tricks to artificially lower emissions.

By Lorrie Goldstein, Toronto Sun - February 25, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-how-canada-is-faking-it-on-climate-change>

GOLDSTEIN: TRUDEAU DESTROYED HIS PROMISE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT

All of which demonstrates, yet again, that Trudeau’s promises aren’t worth the paper they’re printed on.

By Lorrie Goldstein, Toronto Sun - February 23, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-trudeau-destroyed-his-promise-of-open-government>

FUREY: INTEGRITY OF TOP PUBLIC SERVANTS THE LATEST COLLATERAL DAMAGE IN SNC-LAVALIN AFFAIR

Yet on Thursday he (Michael Wernick – the Clerk of the Privy Council) behaved more like Trudeau’s personal attack dog than even (Liberal MP Randy) Boissonnault. How can he then go on to perform his role for anyone other than Trudeau? The previously above-reproach conduct of Canada’s top public servants has now been called into question. Did Wernick not think about the broader implications of his remarks in advance? (The other huge revelation from Wernick’s testimony is that he pretty much confirmed Jody Wilson-Raybould was pressured by the PMO, the thing Liberals have been denying since the beginning. Wernick just argued it was “lawful advocacy” as opposed to “inappropriate pressure”.) By Anthony Furey, Toronto Sun - February 22, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/furey-integrity-of-top-public-servants-the-latest-collateral-damage-in-snc-lavalin-affair>

BONOKOSKI: SNC-LAVALIN’S PICKLE IN ‘CONTEXT’ IS NOT PUTTING ON ‘PRESSURE’

Wernick’s testimony, however, had its head-scratching moments. While it had absolutely nothing to do with SNC-Lavalin, and therefore nothing to do with why he was there, Wernick opened with his feelings of despair concerning today’s political environment-even to the point of worrying about a politician in Canada being assassinated in the upcoming federal election. It was totally uncalled for, and way out of line. But he was right about his “context” regarding SNC-Lavalin. A \$1.6 billion fourth-quarter loss is not good news. It is, however, pressure.

By Mark Bonokoski, Toronto Sun - February 23, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/bonokoski-snc-lavalins-pickle-in-context-is-not-putting-on-pressure>

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Part 35 of John Robson’s documentary comparing climate change alarmism with widely accepted facts about the past state and present condition of the Earth. In this final snippet Robson concludes that man made global warming is simply not the crisis it has been made up to be. It’s time to focus on real environmental problems. (3 minutes) by John Robson, Video - Frontier Centre for Public Policy - February 21, 2019

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