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## RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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### POSTS FROM CANADA

#### **CBC - NEW ZEALAND PROMISED AND DELIVERED A GUN BAN. HERE'S WHY THE U.S. CAN'T DO THE SAME**

Move hailed as 'what we should expect from our leaders in America.' But it's complicated in the U.S.

By Matt Kwong · CBC News · Posted: Mar 22, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/new-zealand-assault-rifle-ban-why-u-s-wont-follow-suit-1.5066752>

#### **CTV - LOADED HANDGUN FOUND IN CHILD'S CRIB IN TORONTO**

Six children were home when Toronto police officers conducting a search warrant found a handgun inside a child's crib, cocked back and fully loaded. Deputy Chief James Ramer tweeted a photo of the .45-calibre handgun on a pink mattress inside the crib, next to a stuffed animal and a pile of clothes. Eight bullets were inside the magazine, with one in the chamber. CTVNews.ca Staff with a report from Tracy Tong - March 22, 2019

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/loaded-handgun-found-in-child-s-crib-in-toronto-1.4347535>

#### **NEW ZEALAND'S GUN BAN SHOWS THE WAY. WILL CANADA BE AS BOLD?**

Will Canada be as brave as New Zealand, and ban the types of guns that facilitate mass killing of humans? It would take an enormous act of political will. It would take a critical mass of people of to advocate against the weapons. It would involve standing up to the country's vocal gun lobby. By Elizabeth Renzetti, Globe and Mail - MARCH 22, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-new-zealands-gun-ban-shows-the-way-will-canada-be-as-bold/>

#### **CBC- CALGARY POLICE RECOVER CANNON STOLEN FROM WILD WEST THEATRE COMPANY**

Guns of the Golden West, a Wild West re-enactment group that dresses in 1860s-era western wear and brings the 19th century back to life for a night, or a weekend. "We have our period clothing as well as firearms that were used in the days of single action firearms," said Bob Wilson, the company's public relations officer, in an interview with CBC's Danielle Nermann. "And we're most happy to hear that our cannon has been re-secured and that it will be coming home to us yet."

By Stephen Hunt · CBC News · Posted: Mar 22, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/stolen-cannon-recovered-calgary-police-1.5067441>

#### **ALBERTA MAN ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING HANDGUNS WITH DEFACED SERIAL NUMBERS**

Colby Stephan Skolseg was in court in Edmonton on Monday for the start of an extradition hearing. He faces four counts in the U.S. of attempting to conceal items for illegal export and one count of possessing firearms with serial numbers "obliterated."

By Jonny Wakefield, Edmonton Sun - March 22, 2019

<https://edmontonsun.com/news/local-news/u-s-wants-alberta-man-accused-of-smuggling-handguns-extradited/wcm/a992cb02-8dc7-4447-a0e7-ca1dc0a99de0>

#### **POLICE TO COMBAT FIREARMS-RELATED CRIME WITH NEW STRATEGY**

Police also want to buy a "mobile shooting facility" to help investigate crimes involving guns, develop an advanced firearms investigation course, and bring in basic firearms investigation training for all new recruits. Police also plan to

submit a grant proposal for federal funding to address gun and gang crime. Edmonton police have been raising concerns about the increase in gun violence for years. The service's 2017 annual policing plan highlighted an 80-per-cent increase in the use of guns in the commission of crimes between 2012 and 2015. By Jonny Wakefield - March 22, 2019

<https://edmontonsun.com/news/crime/edmonton-police-roll-out-new-gun-strategy-after-surge-in-firearms-related-crime/>

### **FISH AND GAME GROUP CONCERNED ABOUT METIS HUNTING DEAL WITH ALBERTA**

A recent deal giving registered Metis rights to hunt and fish year-round throughout northern and central Alberta could lead to wildlife being over-harvested, a provincial conservation group says. "When you open up the system to allow unlimited hunting, fishing and trapping, there's some conservation items that are definitely of concern for us," said Brian Dingreville, president of the Alberta Fish and Game Association. THE CANADIAN PRESS - Updated: March 22, 2019

<https://ottawacitizen.com/pmn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/fish-and-game-group-concerned-about-metis-hunting-deal-with-alberta/>

### **BOTH SIDES OF GUN OWNERSHIP DEBATE CRITICAL OF LIBERALS' ACTION**

Blair Hagen, executive vice-president of National Firearms Association, says the current laws target people who are law abiding, and do nothing to stop someone who's determined to get a firearm. "They'll get them legally, they'll get them illegally, if there's no legal mean to it," he told Yahoo Canada. "The demand is still going to be there, and that's still going to be fulfilled. Attacking the rights and property to law-abiding people is not the answer to this."

By Elianna Lev, Yahoo Canada News - March 21, 2019

<https://ca.news.yahoo.com/both-sides-of-gun-ownership-debate-critical-of-liberals-action-211019570.html>

### **NEW ZEALAND'S NEW GUN RULES — WHAT CHANGES, AND WHAT STAYS THE SAME**

The ban includes any "military-style" semi-automatic guns or shotguns that are capable of being used with a detachable magazine that holds more than five rounds. It also extends to accessories, such as bump stocks, used to convert guns into what the government called "military-style" weapons. Military-style semi-automatics have been defined under New Zealand law as rifles with magazines exceeding seven shots, or with pistol grips, folding or telescopic butts, bayonet attachments or flash suppressors at the end of the barrel. Many different types of firearms, from pistols to rifles and shotguns, can be semi-automatic. Semi-automatic refers to a firearm's ability to self-load, not only firing a bullet with each trigger pull, but also reloading and making the firearm capable of firing again.

By Foster Klug and Juliet Williams - The Associated Press - MARCH 21, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5080275/new-zealand-gun-rules-explained/>

<https://torontosun.com/news/crime/new-zealand-outlaws-military-style-guns-after-mosque-attacks/wcm/7d82464b-195e-4766-9119-079b7559d78f>

### **SENATOR MARILOU MCPHEDRAN'S HISTORY WITH COALITION FOR GUN CONTROL**

McPhedran and Wendy Cukier both served on Firearms Advisory Committee together.

Posted on March 21, 2019 by Christopher di Armani

<https://christopherdiarmani.com/13200/liberty/gun-politics/senator-marilou-mcphedrands-history-with-coalition-for-gun-control/>

### **CBC - RCMP RECEIVES TONGUE-LASHING FROM COMMITTEE FOR POSTING MISLEADING FIREARMS ADVICE** - Committee ultimately decided the force wasn't in contempt of Parliament

By Catharine Tunney · CBC News · Posted: Mar 21, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rcmp-firearms-bill-71-1.5064950>

### **LIBERAL GUN REVIEW TO INCLUDE TYPE OF SEMI-AUTO RIFLES NZ SHOOTER USED: BLAIR**

By Tim Naumetz. Published on Mar 20, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/03/20/liberal-gun-review-to-include-type-of-semi-auto-rifles-nz-shooter-used-blair/>

## **SENATOR MCPHEDRAN SPREADS FALSE CLAIMS**

Senator McPhedran spreads false claims about law-abiding firearms owners. It is revealing that some Liberal appointed Senators, like Senator Marilou McPhedran, feel they must falsify evidence to support Bill C-71. Perhaps they realize there is no real evidence to support Bill C-71? Senator Marilou McPhedran tweeted on 18 March 2019: "Gun control is a gender issue – mostly licensed firearms used in women's murders says Dr. Amanda Dale, Executive Director (Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic) on Bill C-71 at #SECD." Her claim is false. Not only are more men murdered each year than women, but few murders involve law-abiding firearms owners, men or women. Senator McPhedran's short Tweet is packed with errors. By Gary Mauser, Justice for Gun Owners - March 20, 2019

READ THE REST: <https://justiceforgunowners.ca/senator-mcphedran-spreads-false-claims/>

## **BILL C-71 TURNS 1: TIMELINE AND HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR**

TheGunBlog.ca — Bill C-71, the Canadian government's planned law against hunters, farmers and sport shooters, turns one today. Here is a brief timeline of key dates with highlights of our coverage over the past year. We wish Bill C-71 a lousy birthday and a quick demise. THEGUNBLOG.CA MARCH 20, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/03/20/bill-c-71-turns-1-timeline-and-highlights-of-the-past-year/>

## **BILL C-71 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY: LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT, DEC. 2018**

TheGunBlog.ca — Canada's Library of Parliament published a summary of Bill C-71, the government's planned law against hunters, farmers and sport shooters, in December. It provides a different analysis than The Bill C-71 Book, which you can download as a free PDF from our Bill C-71 page. THE GUNBLOG.CA - MARCH 19, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/03/19/bill-c-71-legislative-summary-library-of-parliament-dec-2018/>

## **CBC - NEW ZEALAND BANNING SEMI-AUTOMATIC, ASSAULT RIFLES AFTER MOSQUE SHOOTINGS**

Arden said that similar to Australia, the new gun laws will allow for strictly enforced exemptions for farmers to conduct pest control and animal welfare. "I strongly believe that the vast majority of legitimate gun owners in New Zealand will understand that these moves are in the national interest, and will take these changes in their stride." New Zealand, a country of fewer than five million people, has an estimated 1.2-1.5 million firearms, around 13,500 of them MSSA type weapons. Most farmers in the Pacific country own guns, which they use for killing pests such as possums and rabbits, and for putting down injured stock. Thomson Reuters · Posted: Mar 20, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/new-zealand-assault-rifle-ban-1.5065338>

## **JOHN ROBSON: SO SHOOTINGS ARE ABOUT IDEOLOGY AFTER ALL**

For years, mass civilian slaughter prompted politicians to insist it was nothing to do with the killer's beliefs to distinguish mental illness from terrorism. Also, gun laws don't matter much. New Zealand has relaxed laws, many guns and few murders; the Netherlands strict laws, few guns and few murders. But bad guys can always get weapons. Our problem here is evil, not metal. And evil is perplexing. By John Robson, National Post - March 19, 2019

[https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-so-shootings-are-about-ideology-after-all?mc\\_cid=cddb968d69&mc\\_eid=9d6fe17616](https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-so-shootings-are-about-ideology-after-all?mc_cid=cddb968d69&mc_eid=9d6fe17616)

## **SOME NEW ZEALANDERS VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER GUNS IN WAKE OF MOSQUE SHOOTING**

**WATCH:** A New Zealand farmer says he is surrendering his guns in the wake of the Christchurch mosque attack.

By Maham Abedi, National Online Journalist, Global News - March 19, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5072672/new-zealanders-surrender-guns-mosque-shooting/>

**CTV - HANDGUN AND BODY ARMOUR RECOVERED FOLLOWING THEFT OF UNMARKED RCMP VEHICLE** - Calgary Police Service officials confirm a Smith & Wesson handgun, an RCMP badge and a soft body armour have been located after the items were stolen during the theft of an RCMP unit.

By Ryan White, Reporter / Producer - Published Tuesday, March 19, 2019

<https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/handgun-and-body-armour-recovered-following-theft-of-unmarked-rcmp-vehicle-1.4343003>

**‘PRETTY BIG MEASURES’ UNDERWAY TO RESTRICT GUNS, BLAIR TELLS CTV**

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian government will undertake “pretty big measures” this year to further limit gun owners as it considers new bans for hunters, farmers and sport shooters, Minister Bill Blair told CTV News yesterday. Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said separately to the Senate in Ottawa he expects Blair will have “something pretty important to say about his consultation” on a handgun ban. He said Blair may speak to the Senate next month.

THEGUNBLOG.CA - MARCH 19, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/03/19/pretty-big-measures-underway-to-restrict-guns-blair-tells-ctv/>

**WENDY CUKIER SAYS I’M A VIOLENT, ANTI-SEMITIC, ISLAMOPHOBIC, RIGHT-WING EXTREMIST WHO HATES WOMEN** - Who’s going to break the terrible news to my wife?

Posted on March 19, 2019 by Christopher di Armani

**EXCERPT:** Wendy Cukier didn’t miss a beat when she danced in the blood of 50 slain New Zealand Muslims. She immediately smeared anyone who disagreed with her strident calls for more “gun control” as violent racist misogynists. “There’s no question both from the data, the research, the evidence and also my personal experience that there are clear overlaps between the extreme elements of the gun lobby and right-wing extremists” She is as manipulative and disingenuous as she is a smart tactician. <https://christopherdiarmani.com/13187/liberty/gun-politics/wendy-cukier-says-im-a-violent-anti-semitic-islamophobic-right-wing-extremist-who-hates-women/>

**RCMP REPORT: 4,298 FIREARMS REGISTERED WITHOUT SERIAL NUMBERS**

Missing Information from original RCMP release Firearm Licencing and Registration Errors dated March 14, 2019 -

Received on March 19, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/03/19/rcmp-report-4298-firearms-registered-without-serial-numbers/>

**MP BRAD TROST'S FOUR ORDER PAPER QUESTIONS – MARCH 18, 2019**

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/03/18/mp-brad-trosts-four-order-paper-questions-march-18-2018/>

Q-2319 Firearms Interest Police (FIP) Database Deficiencies

Q-2320 Auditor General Firearms Program ‘major additional costs’

Q-2321 Benefits of Firearms Ownership

Q-2322 Effectiveness of Firearms Interest Police (FIP) Database

**CSSA COMMENTARY: QUESTIONS NOBODY ASKS AFTER MASS MURDER WITH A FIREARM**

Senator André Pratte invoked the Quebec mosque killer’s name on Twitter, tied it to the New Zealand mosque tragedy, then implied Bill C-71 will stop these kinds of horrors from happening in the future. Utter nonsense. Bill C-71 would give the RCMP the authority to examine the entire life of an applicant. It does not give police the power to read minds or see into the future. Team CSSA E-News | March 18, 2019

<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/03/team-cssa-e-news-march-18-2019/>

## **TRUDEAU-APPOINTED SENATOR CALLS FOR HURRIED HANDGUN BAN IN BILL C-71 CITING “LIMITED TIME” BEFORE ELECTION**

- During a review of Bill C-71, Sen. Marilou McPhedran suggested a handgun prohibition be added to the new legislation just in time before the 2019 election.

by Cosmin Dzsurdza - March 18, 2019 <https://www.thepostmillennial.com/trudeau-appointed-senator-calls-for-hurried-handgun-ban-in-bill-c-41-citing-limited-time-before-election/>

## **NEW ZEALAND SHOOTINGS COULD PROMPT GUN REFORM IN CANADA: GOODALE**

A bill already before the Senate would expand the scope of background checks on buyers.

By Jim Bronskill, Canadian Press - March 18, 2019 [https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/03/18/new-zealand-shootings-could-prompt-gun-law-reform-in-canada-goodale\\_a\\_23695269/](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/03/18/new-zealand-shootings-could-prompt-gun-law-reform-in-canada-goodale_a_23695269/)

## **NEW ZEALAND SHOOTINGS WILL PROMPT CAREFUL GUN REVIEW IN CANADA, GOODALE**

**PREDICTS** - PHOTO CAPTION: Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Minister Ralph Goodale waits to appear before the Senate Committee on National Security and Defence in Ottawa, Monday, March 18, 2019. BY THE CANADIAN PRESS/POSTED MAR 18, 2019

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2019/03/18/new-zealand-shootings-will-prompt-careful-gun-review-in-canada-goodale-predicts/>  
<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2019/03/18/new-zealand-shootings-will-prompt-careful-gun-review-in-canada-goodale-predicts.html>

## **REPORT ON HANDGUNS, ASSAULT WEAPONS COMING ‘VERY QUICKLY,’ GOODALE PREDICTS**

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale hinted Monday that a report coming soon from Border Security Minister Bill Blair could contain recommendations for action on handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in Canada. But Goodale, in the wake of a gunman’s deadly attack that killed 50 Muslims at prayers in New Zealand, ruled out the possibility of a handgun ban being inserted in a government bill reinstating stiffer controls over rifle and shotgun sales in Canada. In a meeting of the Senate National Security and Defence committee’s review of Bill C-41, which proposes to bring back mandatory records of long gun sales and also prohibits certain makes of semi-automatic rifles, Goodale said it is not possible to amend the bill to include a ban on handguns. “I’m told that type of amendment would actually be potentially outside the scope of the legislation,” Goodale said. By Tim Naumetz. Published on Mar 18, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/03/18/report-on-handguns-assault-weapons-coming-very-quickly-goodale-predicts/>

## **HOW TERRORISTS RUN THE WORLD, AND OTHER THOUGHTS ON NEW ZEALAND**

TheGunBlog.ca — A man shot 50 people dead and injured 34 others at two mosques on March 15 in Christchurch, New Zealand, the New Zealand Herald reported. THEGUNBLOG.CA - MARCH 17, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/03/17/how-terrorists-run-the-world-and-other-thoughts-on-new-zealand/>

The following are personal thoughts related to the event and its significance. Here’s how criminals and terrorists hack democracy to run the world, with complicit voters and politicians:

- Bad Guys do bad things.
- Voters say, “#NeverAgain. Something must be done!”
- Politicians enact laws to restrict the freedoms and rights of honest people under the false promise of “public safety” and “national security.”
- Bad guys smile, and repeat.

## **CHRISTCHURCH GUN SHOP SAYS IT SOLD GUNS ONLINE TO ACCUSED NEW ZEALAND SHOOTER**

At a news conference, Gun City owner David Tipple said the store sold four guns and ammunition to Brenton Harrison Tarrant through a “police-verified online mail order process.” He said none of the weapons were military-style semi-automatic weapons. Calling for gun laws to be tightened, New Zealand’s prime minister Jacinda Ardern has said the



attacker used five guns, two of them semi-automatic, which were purchased with an ordinary gun license and modified. It was not clear if any of the firearms Tarrant purchased from Gun City were used in Friday's shootings. By Juliet Williams, Stephen Wright and Kristen Gelineau, The Associated Press - March 17, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5066584/new-zealand-shooter-gun-shop/>

### **WILL CANADA'S BATTLE FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS BEGIN IN ALBERTA?**

Will the national battle for the inclusion of property rights in Canada's constitution begin in Alberta? It will if Jason Kenney leads the United Conservative Party (UCP) to victory in the upcoming Alberta provincial election.

by Christopher di Armani - March 17, 2019 <https://christopherdiarmani.com/13173/human-rights/property-rights/will-canadas-battle-for-property-rights-begin-in-alberta/>

### **CTV - NEW ZEALAND CITIZENS OPEN TO GUN REFORM AFTER MASSACRE**

While curtailing gun owners' rights is a political battleground in the United States, Christchurch gun owner Max Roberts, 22, predicted Ardern won't face serious opposition to her agenda. Roberts, the gun owner, doubted banning certain types of weapons would be effective. But he said New Zealand should only allow its own citizens to buy guns. Brenton Harrison Tarrant, the Australian charged in the Christchurch shootings, obtained a New Zealand gun license in November 2017 and started legally amassing an arsenal of five guns within a month.

By Stephen Wright and Kristen Gelineau, The Associated Press Published Sunday, March 17, 2019

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/world/new-zealand-citizens-open-to-gun-reform-after-massacre-1.4339607>

### **THE STAR LETTERS: GUN CONTROL COMPLAINTS ARE APPALLING. SUN., MARCH 17, 2019**

[https://www.thestar.com/opinion/letters\\_to\\_the\\_editors/2019/03/17/gun-control-complaints-are-appalling.html](https://www.thestar.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editors/2019/03/17/gun-control-complaints-are-appalling.html)

RE: Regulator dismisses gun lobby's complaints against surgeon, March 14

Gun control is a public health concern/issue and must be treated as such. Anything less flies in the face of public health and injury prevention. By Emile Therien, Ottawa

### **IN WAKE OF NEW ZEALAND ATTACK, EXPERTS SAY MASS SHOOTINGS CAN SPUR STRICTER GUN CONTROL**

- "What [Australia] did was basically banned semi-automatic guns and handguns," said Irvin Waller, professor of criminology at the University of Ottawa. "I would imagine that New Zealand will look at the Australian experience and it will actually propose what is already legislation in Australia." Waller said it's also possible that New Zealand follows Australia's example by running an amnesty program whereby citizens can sell their unregistered firearms to authorities. Australia held a firearms amnesty in 2017. "I think New Zealand will be going for banning semi-automatic bump stocks. I think they will buy guns back [from citizens] and we will see whether this means that this is the last massacre that they have," he said. By Rahul Kalvapalle, National Online Journalist Global News March 16, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5064425/new-zealand-mosque-shooting-gun-control-debate/>

### **GOLDSTEIN: LIBERALS HAVE DOUBLE STANDARD ON TERRORISM**

Why then, is it so easy for Liberals to condemn terror by white supremacists but so hard for them to condemn Islamist or Islamist-inspired terrorism? Why is their condemnation of terror of the first kind swift and specific, but slow and vague in the second, often attributing it instead to such factors as mental illness or feelings of people being "completely excluded"? Why this double standard? By Lorrie Goldstein, Toronto Sun - March 16, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-liberals-have-double-standard-on-terrorism>

## **WHY IS RCMP HIDING POLICY ON STORING POLICE-ISSUED GUNS?**

Seven months, follow-up emails and one complaint to the Information Commissioner later, I'm still waiting for the RCMP to produce the policy document they readily admit exists. Posted on March 16, 2019 by Christopher di Armani  
<https://christopherdiarmani.com/13147/liberty/rcmp-hiding-policy-on-storing-police-issued-guns/>

## **GUNTER: 'EXPERTS' IGNORE FACTS WHEN IT COMES TO GUN CONTROL IN CANADA**

EXCERPT: Moreover, firearms researcher Dennis Young, himself an ex-Mountie, has filed numerous access-to-info requests with the federal government. Young has managed to pry out the fact that neither the RCMP nor StatsCan have ever compiled statistics on the sources of crime guns. The RCMP admitted to Young they don't even have a definition of what constitutes a "crime gun." Just as the Liberals pushed former attorney general Jody Wilson-Raybould to rig the SNC case for partisan Liberal ends, they seem to be making stuff up about legit gun owners for partisan purposes, too. It's as simple and cynical as that. By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - March 16, 2019  
<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-experts-ignore-facts-when-it-comes-to-gun-control-in-canada>

### **MARCH 6, 2019 - RCMP DOES NOT DEFINE 'CRIME GUNS'**

#### **RCMP ATIP RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON 'CRIME GUN' STATISTICS**

EXCERPT: "Please note that items 1,2 and 5-12 produced no records, as **the RCMP does not define 'crime guns'**, and therefore cannot provide statistics relating to 'crime guns'."

RCMP Response dated Feb 25, 2019 Received March 6, 2019 by Dennis R. Young  
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/03/07/rcmp-does-not-define-crime-guns/>

### **CRITIQUE OF CANADA FIREARMS PROGRAM 2014 FIESD ANNUAL REPORT**

- Most 'crime guns' are NOT 'domestically sourced'
- RCMP Inspector Chris McBryan is wrong to claim they are.

By Gary Mauser and Dennis R. Young — Bio and Archives June 22, 2017

[https://canadafreepress.com/print\\_friendly/critique-of-canada-firearms-program-2014-fiesd-annual-report](https://canadafreepress.com/print_friendly/critique-of-canada-firearms-program-2014-fiesd-annual-report)

EXCERPT: DEFINITIONS: NWEST and the RCMP deliberately abandoned the traditional definition of "crime guns" and instead rely on a new FIESD definition of "crime gun" that adds administrative crimes to the traditional criteria.

FIESD definition of a "crime gun": A firearm is a crime gun if it meets any one of the following criteria: "any firearm that is illegally acquired, suspected to have been used in crime (includes found firearms), has an obliterated serial number, illegally modified (e.g., barrel significantly shortened). (Page 10 of the 2014 FIESD Report). By mixing together illegal acquisition with the use or suspected use of a firearm in a crime blurs the distinction between administrative and violent crimes. This definition breaks with the traditional usage of the term "crime gun."

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

**TVNZ - FIREARM BUYBACK SCHEME COULD COST \$500M, TWICE THE GOVERNMENT'S ESTIMATE, LOBBYIST GROUP SAYS** - The cost of New Zealand's buyback scheme for newly banned semi-automatic weapons could balloon to \$500 million, according to the Council of Licenced Firearms Owners (COLFO).

By MAIKI SHERMAN - FRI, MAR 22, 2019 [https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/firearm-buyback-scheme-could-cost-500m-twice-governments-estimate-lobbyist-group-says?variant=tb\\_v\\_1](https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/firearm-buyback-scheme-could-cost-500m-twice-governments-estimate-lobbyist-group-says?variant=tb_v_1)

**USA TODAY - HOW GUN LAWS IN A DOZEN COUNTRIES COMPARE TO NEW ZEALAND'S NEW BAN ON SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS** - New Zealand's rapid decision to ban the semi-automatic weapons used in last week's mosque massacres brings the country in line with such stricter-gun-law countries as Australia, the United Kingdom, and, to a lesser extent, Canada. By Doug Stanglin, USA TODAY - March 22, 2019

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2019/03/22/new-zealand-mosque-shootings-how-12-countries-compare-weapons-ban/3235123002/>

### **NEW ZEALAND'S NEW GUN LAW A PROMPT RESPONSE TO MASSACRE — BUT IT'S A**

**NONSOLUTION** - It was notable that Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern pushed through a ban on so-called assault weapons with so little opposition. Also notable were the claims about what it will achieve. “Every semi-automatic weapon used in the terrorist attack on Friday will be banned in this country,” she said. The result will be “to make our community safer.” But the assumption that the restrictions will save the country from mass shootings or other gun violence is unfounded. The guns deemed acceptable by the government, which will remain available, would be fully adequate to wreak the sort of carnage that occurred in Christchurch. By Steve Chapman, Chicago Tribune - March 22, 2019

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/chapman/ct-perspec-chapman-new-zealand-gun-law-assault-weapons-20190322-story.html>

### **FEDERAL COURT RULES NEW YORK STATE STUN GUN BAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

“New York's sweeping prohibition on the possession and use of tasers and stun guns by all citizens for all purposes, even for self-defense in one's own home, must be declared unconstitutional in light of Heller,” the David N. Hurd, United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York ruled Friday.

Ammoland Inc. Posted on March 22, 2019 by David Codrea

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/03/federal-court-rules-new-york-state-stun-gun-ban-unconstitutional/#axzz5j15QsP6v>

### **ALMOST THREE MILLION WEAPONS IN SPAIN, GOVERNMENT FIGURES SHOW IN WAKE OF NEW ZEALAND SHOOTING**

- THERE are almost 2.95 million weapons of all types in Spain, according to Interior Ministry estimates reported on in the wake of the New Zealand mosque shooting. The figures, from the ministry's latest Statistical Yearbook for 2017, showed a total of 127,224 licenses for handguns had been issued. A total of 66,874 of those were for use in sports and target practice while 21,030 were for Local Police officers. There were 147,118 licenses issued for handguns and larger firearms such as rifles in the hands of National Police and Guardia Civil officers and army soldiers.

About 8,514 licensed handguns are in the hands of people who believe they face “special” risks which require them to arm themselves for protection. By Joe Gerrard -22 March 2019

<https://www.euroweeklynews.com/2019/03/22/almost-three-million-weapons-in-spain-government-figures-show-in-wake-of-new-zealand-shooting/#.XJUyRShKi70>

### **Q&A: A CLOSER LOOK AT NEW ZEALAND'S NEW WEAPONS BAN**

The ban does not include semi-automatic .22 calibre or smaller guns that hold up to 10 rounds or semi-automatic and pump-action shotguns with non-detachable magazines that hold up to five rounds. The guns not banned are commonly used by farmers and hunters. The government said the police and military would be exempt, as would businesses carrying out professional pest control. Access for international shooting competitions would also be considered. MARCH 22, 2019

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/christchurch-shooting/111473487/qa-a-closer-look-at-new-zealands-new-weapons-ban>

### **NY TIMES - NEW ZEALAND TOOK 6 DAYS TO PLAN NEW GUN LAWS. HERE'S HOW OTHER COUNTRIES REACTED TO SHOOTINGS.**

Here is a look at how some other countries took action after mass shootings. By Sarah Mervosh - March 21, 2019

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/21/world/gun-laws-australia-uk-germany-canada.html>

<https://www.wsj.com/video/new-zealand-to-impose-broad-ban-on-guns-after-massacre/80B0326E-D0CA-4265-B3BF-6C0407102FE8.html>

### **POLICE MINISTER SAYS NZ MUST BE RID OF MILITARY-STYLE WEAPONS - 'THERE IS NO NEED'**

Police Minister Stuart Nash says there is "no need" for the type of gun used by the alleged shooter in Christchurch's terrorist attack to be sold in the New Zealand market. Military style semi-automatic guns will soon be banned in New



Zealand following the attack on two mosques, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced in a press conference yesterday afternoon. Almost 350 people have already contacted police about surrendering their guns following yesterday's announcement on law changes. MARCH 21, 2019

[https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/police-minister-says-nz-must-rid-military-style-weapons-there-no-need?variant=tb\\_v\\_1](https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/police-minister-says-nz-must-rid-military-style-weapons-there-no-need?variant=tb_v_1)

## **THE OUTFITTER WIRE - MARCH 21, 2019**

### **CHINA HUNTING SHOW: A TURNING POINT FOR THE HUNTING BUSINESS & CONSERVATION**

<http://www.outfitterwire.com/features/2ad7babd-d9ac-421d-939d-a006a4122fec>

The first-ever China Hunting Show, slated for June 20-23 in Shanghai China, has already sold the majority of its booth allocation according to show founder and producer Jerry Li. "The response has been tremendous" said Li. "Outfitters from throughout the world are recognizing the importance of the opening of the China market and how an influx of Chinese hunters can have a positive effect on the sport." Considering recent trends in hunter numbers and participation, Mr. Li is on to something.

## **NEW ZEALAND - FISH AND GAME SUPPORTS BANNING MILITARY STYLE SEMI-AUTOMATIC GUNS**

Fish and Game, which represents 150,000 anglers and game bird hunters, supports a ban on military assault rifles. Fish and Game New Zealand chief executive Martin Taylor said the organisation supports banning military style semi-automatic weapons. "This is a tragedy which should never have happened and we support the need to change gun laws to keep New Zealanders safe," Mr Taylor said. "A key part of that is getting rid of military assault rifles. "They are designed for one thing only and that's to kill people and they should have no place in New Zealand society." MARCH 20, 2019

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/385158/fish-and-game-supports-banning-military-style-semi-automatic-guns>

## **NEW ZEALAND BANS SALE OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES, INSTITUTES MANDATORY BUYBACK PROGRAM**

The New Zealand government on Thursday banned the sale of semi-automatic rifles, six days after a gunman killed 50 people at two mosques in Christchurch. By Victor Morton - The Washington Times - March 20, 2019

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/mar/20/new-zealand-bans-sale-semi-automatic-rifles/>

## **USA TODAY - 2ND AMENDMENT FOUNDATION: GUN CONTROL LAWS DON'T DETER MADMEN**

New Zealand suspect acquired his guns legally, same as virtually all the killers in recent mass shootings here: Opposing view. By Alan Gottlieb, Opinion - March 20, 2019

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2019/03/19/second-amendment-foundation-gun-control-laws-dont-deter-madmen-editorials-debates/3216679002/>

## **THE HILL - NEW ZEALAND GUN BAN IS NOT THE ANSWER TO STOP MASS SHOOTINGS**

History and statistics show that New Zealand does not have a significant gun violence problem, and despite the recent Christchurch tragedy, mass shootings are almost nonexistent in stretching back for decades.

BY BUCK SEXTON — 03/21/19 Buck Sexton is both a former officer at the Central Intelligence Agency and a former analyst at the New York City Police Department. You can follow him on Twitter @BuckSexton.

<https://thehill.com/opinion/civil-rights/435110-new-zealand-gun-ban-is-not-the-answer-to-stop-mass-shootings>

## **WHAT MEDIA WON'T TELL YOU ABOUT THE NEW ZEALAND MASSACRE**

News of the New Zealand shooting brought the usual calls for gun control in the United States. And while the mainstream media is helping fuel the prejudice against gun rights, their greatest bias is in what they refuse to print. True to form, here are at least three things the media will not tell you about New Zealand's shooting. By Erich Pratt | Gun Owners of America - MARCH 19, 2019

<https://dailycaller.com/2019/03/19/pratt-new-zealand/>

## **THE FACTS ABOUT GUN CONTROL AND HOMICIDE RATES**

Are there really fewer homicides in countries with gun control? Are other countries besides the United States dealing with mass shooting? John Lott of the Crime Prevention Research Center joined The Daily Signal at the Conservative Political Action Conference to share the data about gun use the mainstream media isn't highlighting. Read the transcript posted below or listen to the interview on the podcast. By Katrina Trinko - March 19, 2019

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/03/19/the-facts-about-gun-control-and-homicide-rates/>

## **SHOOTING USA – FORT BENNING MULTI-GUN CHALLENGE 2018**

Nashville, TN -(AmmoLand.com)- This time, The Army hosts 3-Gun Competition at the Fort Benning Multi-Gun Challenge. And the shooters are facing some of the most difficult stages of fire of all 3-gun events. Then it's the forgotten rifle of World War One that armed more dough-boys than any other. The Model of 1917 is one of History's Guns. Plus, speed shooting family fun at the Rimfire Challenge World Championships, shooting steel with the world's most popular cartridge. John and JP complete an accuracy build for an AR. Ammoland Inc. March 19, 2019 by Johnnie Scoutten

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/03/new-this-week-on-shooting-usa-fort-benning-multi-gun-challenge-2018/#axzz5iivXKmpM>

## **CNN - THIS NEW ZEALAND GUN OWNER VOLUNTARILY GAVE UP HIS SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARM.**

**HERE'S WHY** - New Zealand farmer John Hart voluntarily surrendered his semi-automatic weapon after the mosque attacks. By Christina Zdanowicz, CNN Updated Mon March 18, 2019

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/18/world/new-zealand-gun-surrender-trnd/index.html>

<https://www.france24.com/en/20190319-new-zealanders-give-guns-after-massacre-but-face-blowback>

## **DEFENDING GUNS: A FADING FREEDOM?**

The debate concerning the Second Amendment and gun control is often framed as a clash between those that consider "the right to keep and bear arms" as an essential part of being an American and those who consider "America's Gun Culture" to be one of many sub-cultures in the United States, albeit a dangerous one that is not representative of the whole. Or to phrase the debate as a query: is the right to keep and bear arms an intrinsic feature of America's free society? by BRENDAN PATRICK PURDY- March 18, 2019

<https://www.lawliberty.org/2019/03/18/defending-guns-a-fading-freedom/>

## **FIRST EVER NJ 'GHOST GUNS' ARRESTS — COPS SAY AR-15s WERE UNTRACEABLE**

CAMDEN -- New Jersey authorities say they've taken down a criminal network that was illegally trafficking "ghost guns" -- untraceable weapons assembled from kits -- as well as cocaine. Among the weapons cited by Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal and Camden County law enforcement -- six untraceable AR-15 rifles they allege four men conspired to sell. Parts for two more AR-15 "ghost guns" also were seized, the law enforcement officials said. Thirteen guns were recovered in all, they said. By LOUIS C. HOCHMAN - March 18, 2019

<https://nj1015.com/first-ever-nj-ghost-guns-arrests-cops-say-they-were-untraceable/>

## **THE OUTDOOR WIRE - MARCH 18, 2019**

### **USA SHOOTING RESPONDS TO "NO MORE GUNS" ARTICLE**

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/releases/7601631a-bb79-4dab-9add-1922dfd8117d>

To say the least, these are challenging times in the shooting sports industry following another unthinkable tragedy, this time in Christchurch, New Zealand. Every one of these high-profile, senseless killings engulfs the world in a renewed and impassioned gun debate. The inevitable result: shaming, blame-shifting and social stigma. Sportswriter Alan Abrahamson's latest column in 3 Wire Sports titled "At the Olympics: No More Guns" does all of that for one of the

oldest Olympic sports, while adding in a blatant slap in the face. It's an alarmist's reaction to a sport millions of people across the globe participate in. His column calls for the removal of shooting as an Olympic sport. This response is in defense of USA Shooting's Olympic and Paralympic athletes as well as our hopefuls and those safely participating in this sport on a daily basis. All of them are unwillingly stigmatized because the sports equipment they use is so negatively associated with tragedy.

#### **AUSTRALIA - SHOOTERS PARTY SAYS GUN REFORM IS NOT A PRIORITY FOR NEXT NSW**

**PARLIAMENT** - The Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party is on target to hold on to its second seat in the Upper House and possibly win a third. It has also launched its first major push into the Lower House, contesting 25 seats. The party had previously argued for the repeal of the 1996 National Gun Control Agreement, but members say they have walked away from that aspiration. ABC Illawarra By Kelly Fuller - March 18, 2019

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-03-19/what-are-shooters-party-gun-policies-nsw-election/10913750>

#### **NPR - NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER PROMISES TIGHTER GUN LAWS**

New Zealand's cabinet has agreed "in principle" to tighten gun control laws, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said Monday, promising the changes will make the country safer. "We've unified, there are simply details to work through," she said. Ardern said. "The clear lesson from history around the world is that to make our community safer the time to act is now." Compared to the United States, New Zealand already has fairly strict gun control laws. According to the New York Times, to get a gun in New Zealand, applicants must first pass a background check that considers criminal, medical, mental health and domestic violence records; provide character references; subject themselves to government interviews; pass a home security inspection; take a gun safety course; and then wait weeks or months for firearms license approval. By Matthew S. Schwartz - MRCH 18, 2019

<https://www.npr.org/2019/03/18/704360922/new-zealand-pm-promises-tighter-gun-laws>

#### **BLOOMBERG - HOW NEW ZEALAND MOSQUE SHOOTINGS WILL SPUR GUN REFORM**

New Zealand's gun ownership rate has risen in the past decade to become one of the world's highest. Yet with homicides well below global norms, the peaceful South Pacific nation has largely escaped the deeply polarizing debates over guns that are common in the U.S. By K Oanh Ha, March 18, 2019 <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-03-19/how-new-zealand-mosque-shootings-will-spur-gun-reform-quicktake>

#### **CHRISTCHURCH SHOOTING: ARMS INDUSTRY LUCRATIVE FOR GUN CITY**

The Gun City retail chain owned by David Tipple and family sold many of the 23,713 guns worth \$15 million imported into New Zealand in 2018, with a similar number the year before. The figures exclude air rifles and accessories, which may double the value of imported weapons gear. By Chris Hutching - Mar 18 2019

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/christchurch-shooting/111361070/christchurch-shooting-arms-industry-lucrative-for-gun-city>

#### **REGISTRATION: ANOTHER GUN CONTROL MEASURE THAT DOESN'T WORK**

Canada and Australia have both marched toward some types of gun registry requirements, thinking such plans would magically end all worries about violent crime. Instead of being a miracle cure, the gambits have come under criticism on a couple of fronts:

- Up North, Quebec is struggling with getting law-abiding gun owners to comply with its registration;
- Down Under, a national audit has uncovered major shortcomings with the registry that New South Wales operates in Australia.

by L.A. Luebbert - Sunday, March 17, 2019

<https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2019/3/17/registration-another-gun-control-measure-that-doesn-t-work/>

## **RAPID RESPONSE: 7 KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE NEW ZEALAND MOSQUE ATTACKS**

The rapid movement of the killer from one scene to the next made the attacks incredibly disorienting and highly complicated the police response. Article updated 3/16/2019 to reflect new information about the incident. Tactical Analysis with Mike Wood - March 16, 2019 <https://www.policeone.com/active-shooter/articles/483243006-Rapid-Response-7-key-takeaways-from-the-New-Zealand-mosque-attacks/>

## **CCRKBA, SAF CONDEMN NEW ZEALAND ATTACK**

By CCRKBA – Canada Free Press - March 16, 2019

<https://canadafreepress.com/article/ccrkba-saf-condemn-new-zealand-attack>

- The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and Second Amendment Foundation today condemned today's attack on a New Zealand mosque by a killer who reportedly declared in a manifesto that he wanted to "deepen strife in the United States over gun ownership and the Second Amendment."
- "Friday's attack is an outrage against peaceful people everywhere," declared CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb, who also founded SAF and serves as its executive vice president. "But rest assured, the acts of a madman halfway across the world and in a different hemisphere will not be allowed to provide this country's gun prohibition lobby with yet another excuse to erode the cornerstone of our Bill of Rights."

## **CBS NEWS - ITALIAN GUN LAWS CHANGE AS LEADERS PUSH "LEGITIMATE DEFENSE"**

Brescia, Italy -- Italians make some of the most sought after firearms in the world. For decades they supplied the standard issue pistol of the U.S. military. Domestically, however, few Italians have owned guns for self defense. But now, analysts say a growing sense of insecurity -- and some of the country's new leaders -- are bringing a shift in Italy's gun laws and culture, and despite falling crime rates, more Italians are arming themselves for security.

BY HALEY OTT, SETH DOANE - MARCH 16, 2019 CBS NEWS

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/italian-gun-laws-change-as-leaders-push-legitimate-defense/>

## **WALL STREET JOURNAL - BRAZIL GOVERNMENT DOUBLES DOWN ON PRO-GUN STANCE AFTER SCHOOL SHOOTING**

- Some backers of President Bolsonaro push for arming teachers, with a nod to debate in U.S.

By Samantha Pearson, Luciana Magalhaes and Paulo Trevisani - March 15, 2019

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/brazil-government-doubles-down-on-pro-gun-stance-after-school-shooting-11552692973?shareToken=st4df09927ae7b4866a6fbfe180db97069>

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

### **IS JORDAN PETERSON MORE TERRIFYING THAN ADOLF HITLER?**

Is Jordan Peterson more terrifying than Adolf Hitler? According to New Zealand book retailer Whitcoulls the answer is an unequivocal and resounding "YES!" The book seller pulled 12 Rules for Life from its shelves after the terrorist attacks on two Christchurch mosques. When questioned, Whitcoulls Customer Service representative Erica said this. "Unfortunately 12 Rules for Life is currently unavailable, which is a decision that Whitcoulls has made in light of some extremely disturbing material being circulated prior, during and after the Christchurch attacks. As a business which takes our responsibilities to our communities very seriously, we believe it would be wrong to support the author at this time." Adolf Hitler's Mein Kampf, along with many titles specifically critical of Islam and Muslims, are still available. Of course. Posted on March 22, 2019 by Christopher di Armani

<https://christopherdiarmani.com/13214/big-brother/censorship/is-jordan-peterson-more-terrifying-than-adolf-hitler/>

## **JACK MINTZ: A BUDGET OF MASSIVE SPENDING AND NOT ONE DOLLAR HELPING COMPETITIVENESS**

None of the big issues facing Canada — lagging productivity, fiscal imbalances and the urgent need for competitive tax reform — got a lick of attention. By Jack M. Mintz, Financial Post - March 21, 2019

<https://business.financialpost.com/opinion/jack-mintz-a-budget-of-massive-spending-and-not-one-dollar-helping-competitiveness>

## **CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD: LIBERALS SHUT DOWN SNC PROBE WITH DAZZLING DUPLICITY**

Not only did the committee fail to recall Wilson-Raybould, it failed to even scratch at the incestuous relationships between SNC-Lavalin lobbyists and this government By Christie Blatchford, National Post - March 19, 2019

[https://nationalpost.com/opinion/christie-blatchford-liberals-shut-down-snc-probe-with-dazzling-duplicity?video\\_autoplay=true](https://nationalpost.com/opinion/christie-blatchford-liberals-shut-down-snc-probe-with-dazzling-duplicity?video_autoplay=true)

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