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RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

ONTARIO'S MEDICAL REGULATOR FLOODED WITH COMPLAINTS OVER DOCTORS ADVOCATING GUN CONTROL

GUN CONTROL - Canadian Doctors for Protection from Guns says dozens of complaints filed with Ontario's medical regulator are about Dr. Najma Ahmed, a Toronto trauma surgeon who treated victims of a fatal mass shooting in the city's Danforth neighbourhood last summer. Dr. Philip Berger, one of the group's co-founders, said Friday the complaints against Ahmed amount to a "personal attack" for speaking on the issue.

By Paola Loriggio, The Canadian Press - March 8, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5035635/ontario-doctors-gun-control/>

TORONTO TRAUMA SURGEON TARGET OF COMPLAINTS BY GUN-RIGHTS ADVOCACY GROUP

Canadian Doctors for Protection from Guns (CDPG) was formed last month to highlight the public health consequences of gun-related injuries and deaths, as well as advocate for a ban on handguns and assault weapons and the passage of Bill C-71. Since then, the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights (CCFR), an organization that bills itself as the voice of Canadian gun owners and also lobbies politicians, has created a series of posts on its website and social-media channels that call CDPG unethical and radical. In an online video, CCFR executive director Rod Giltaca said the doctors' push for a handgun ban will cause numerous children and teens to be inadvertently caught in the crossfire and killed when police come to collect prohibited weapons. The gun lobby group has also urged its members to lodge complaints against Najma Ahmed, a founding member of the CDPG and trauma surgeon at Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital, with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO). The group posted step-by-step instructions of how to submit complaints on its website. The college said it has received roughly 70 complaints since the campaign began Feb. 5.

By CARLY WEEKS, GLOBE AND MAIL - PUBLISHED MARCH 7, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-toronto-trauma-surgeon-target-of-complaints-by-gun-rights-advocacy/>

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2013/03/08/stay-in-your-lane-gun-group-floods-physicians-college-with-complaints-against-toronto-surgeon-over-gun-control-message.html>

CBC 'YEAR OF THE GUN' FILM CONTINUES ONE-SIDED FIREARM COVERAGE

(Update 7 p.m. Toronto time: Adds that CBC updated its articles following this story.) TheGunBlog.ca — CBC, Canada's state broadcaster, will show "Year of the Gun" tomorrow as a new film about individuals and gangs who shoot people illegally and their victims, the latest in a string of programs presenting firearms only as tools of crime. The broadcaster updated articles promoting the point-of-view documentary following this story. THE GUN BLOG - MARCH 7, 2019
<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/03/07/cbc-year-of-the-gun-film-continues-one-sided-firearm-coverage/>

CBC - GUN VIOLENCE, BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, March 8, 2019 at 9 PM on CBC-TV

<https://www.cbc.ca/cbcdocspov/features/gun-violence-by-the-numbers>

Here are some surprising numbers relating to gun violence in Canada.

- 5: Where Canada ranks, as of 2010, among 36 OECD nations in number of gun deaths per capita. Only the U.S., Finland, Austria and France had worse numbers.

- 428: The number of shooting incidents in Toronto in 2018, nearly two and a half times the amount of incidents in 2014. The number of shooting incidents in Toronto in 2018, nearly two and a half times the amount of incidents in 2014.
- 33%: According to Statistics Canada, there was a record 33 per cent drop in gun-related crime across the country between 2009 and 2013.
- 42%: The rate of gun-related crime in Canada has increased by 42 per cent since 2013, due in large part to the increasing number of victims in Toronto.
- 7,700: The number of victims of a crime involving a firearm in 2017 in Canada.
- 55%: More than half of firearm-related homicides in 2017 were committed using a handgun. Rifles or shotguns were used in 23 per cent and other types of firearms, such as fully automatic firearms or sawed-off rifles or shotguns were the primary weapon in 9 per cent of all firearm-related homicides.
- \$327.6 million: The Canadian government announced \$327.6 million in funding, over five years, to tackle the increase in gun violence and gang activity across the country.

NUMBER OF FIREARMS PROSECUTIONS THE RCMP GOT FOR OUR \$136 MILLION? STILL UNKNOWN

Investments to Combat the Criminal Use of Firearms (ICCUF): Amount spent to March 31, 2016: \$136,169,188 After going back and asking the RCMP sections the ATIP branch should have asked in the first place they got the same answer: "The answer that I've sent you still stand both Business Line has no records regarding your request."

COMMENT: Makes us all wonder if the \$327.5 million the government plans to spend over the next five years to target gun and gang crime will produce similar results.

Missing Information Complaint to the Information Commissioner - May 12, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/05/13/number-firearms-prosecutions-rcmp-got-136-million-still-unknown/>

CBC - 'DO YOU WANT TO DIE?' HOW A YELLOWKNIFE STORE CLERK FACED DOWN AN ARMED ROBBER - Luc Nguyen saw war as a soldier in Vietnam. He says he's dodged snipers, led men into battle and still has pieces of shrapnel from a grenade lodged in his hands from 40 years ago. Nguyen, the owner of Kim's Confectionery on Franklin Ave., was in his usual place behind the counter holding down the store at about 7:30 p.m. Then, a man walked up to the till, pulled a knife and demanded cash. by Alex Brockman - March 7, 2019 <https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/do-you-want-to-die-how-a-yellowknife-store-clerk-faced-down-an-armed-robber/ar-BBUvenw>

MANITOBA: AN OFTEN-OVERLOOKED DESTINATION FOR WHITETAIL DEER HUNTING

The Records and Stories of Manitoba Big Game bring to light just how big the whitetails grow in Manitoba, with non-typical deer listed over 260 inches, and hundreds of typical entries that qualify for the Boone and Crockett minimum for all-time records. To say Manitoba is a “sleeper destination” for white-tailed deer would be an understatement.

THE OUTDOOR HUB - MARCH 7, 2019

<https://www.outdoorhub.com/stories/2019/03/07/manitoba-often-overlooked-destination-whitetail-deer-hunting/>

CBC - WOODSTOCK COUPLE WHO SMUGGLED GUNS ACROSS BORDER EACH GET 3 YEARS IN PRISON - Couple were arrested in October 2017 crossing the border from Houlton, Maine, with firearms, ammo
By Angela Bosse · CBC News · Posted: Mar 07, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/woodstock-gun-smuggling-polches-weeks-1.5047417>

RCMP RELEASE UPDATED AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY (ATC) STATISTICS BY PROVINCE

RCMP ATIP Response dated Feb 20, 2019 - Received March 6, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/03/08/updated-authorization-to-carry-atc-statistics-by-province/>

- ATCs issue for Self Protection from Human Threats = Exempted (See note below)
- ATCs Issued for Employment = 6,688

- ATCs Issued for Wilderness Protection = 224

NOTE: The number of ATCs issued for Self-Protection from human threats withheld under section 17 of the Access to Information Act: "The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to threaten the safety of individuals." A complaint will be filed with the Information Commissioner challenging this exemption. QUESTION: How can releasing a number threaten anyone's safety?

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/>

CBC - SHOOTING INJURY AT DARTMOUTH GUN RANGE PROMPTS SAFETY REVIEW

The Department of Justice is conducting a safety review of a Dartmouth, N.S., gun range after a person was injured by a gunshot at the business on Saturday. Halifax Regional Police responded to a medical call that day at Nova Tactical gun range. Police said they are not investigating the incident as criminal, and would not elaborate on the seriousness of the person's injuries. By Mairin Prentiss · CBC News · Posted: Mar 06, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/safety-review-dartmouth-gun-range-1.5044714>

WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE TO LAUNCH GUNS AND GANGS UNIT

The Winnipeg Police Service will soon be launching a dedicated guns and gangs unit in its fight against gun crimes. "The guns and gangs unit will focus on the identification, arrest and dismantling of gangs, criminal organizations or crime groups responsible for violent criminal activity, primarily focusing on illegal firearms and illicit drugs" The document cites the "increased availability of firearms" as a major concern to the service.

By Gabrielle Marchand, CTV News Weekend Anchor / Reporter - Published Wednesday, March 6, 2019

<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/winnipeg-police-service-to-launch-guns-and-gangs-unit-1.4325610>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-police-drugs-gang-unit-1.5049154>

ALLEGED DEALER FACES 100 WEAPONS AND DRUG CHARGES

Toronto Police Insp. Joe Matthews, of the Integrated Gun and Gangs Task Force, said Hewan Wilson, 51, of Mississauga, was arrested on Feb. 24 in his 2018 Toyota Highlander. After two search warrants were issued — one on his vehicle and another at a Mississauga residence — officers seized drugs and weapons, according to police. During a press conference at police headquarters on College St., police displayed four kilos of heroin, seven handguns, three shotguns, five SKS assault rifles — four with bayonets — that were allegedly seized by officers.

By Jack Boland, Edmonton Sun - March 6, 2019 <https://edmontonsun.com/news/local-news/weapons-drugs-over-100-charges-laid-in-seizure/wcm/288de68e-3d89-49e0-a5a5-d9ab22ccb18c>

KAMLOOPS COPS TROUBLED BY LEVEL OF VIOLENCE, WEAPONS IN DRUG TRADE

Kamloops Supt. Syd Lecky said today, March 6, they are seizing military-style weapons, also known as carbines — and simply knowing they are out there in the hands of people prepared to use them is having an impact on local officers. "We as an organization, have only recently obtained carbines. Carbines are the weapons that are often seen in the military," he says, adding that they have seized a number of automatic and semi-automatic high powered rifles in the past year. He also adds that police have seized guns with silencers on them, something that police see as troubling. "There is no reason to

have a silencer on a gun unless it's intended for the purpose to shoot people without being heard. That's a concern," Lecky says. By KAREN EDWARDS / iNFOnews.ca - March 06, 2019

<https://infotel.ca/newsitem/kamloops-cops-troubled-by-level-of-violence-weapons-in-drug-trade/it60281>

ORILLIA NATIVE JOINS CALL FOR HANDGUN BAN AFTER DAUGHTER SHOT IN TORONTO

Ken Price urges Orillians to support cause; 'It's not like the smaller cities are exempt from what we're talking about'
By: Nathan Taylor - March 6, 2019 <https://www.orilliamatters.com/local-news/orillia-native-joins-call-for-handgun-ban-after-daughter-shot-in-toronto-1306579>

CSSA COMMENTARY: DOCTORS AGAINST GUNS ARE REALLY DOCTORS AGAINST SOLUTIONS

Instead, we have Canadian Doctors for Protection from Guns, an organization created to advance the personal agenda of its founder. Dr. Najma Ahmed, an emergency room doctor who treated the victims of the July 22, 2018 Danforth shooting, says that experience is why she wants all handguns and semi-automatic rifles banned in Canada.

Team CSSA E-News | March 5, 2019 <https://cssa-cila.org/2019/03/team-cssa-e-news-march-5-2019/>

B.C. INDIGENOUS WOMAN APPOINTED TO CANADA'S GUN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

First Nations and northern voices were both missing in discussions By BRITTANY GERVAIS - Mar. 5, 2019

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/b-c-indigenous-woman-appointed-to-canadas-gun-advisory-committee/>

CBC - B.C. GUN VIOLENCE PROBLEM GAINS ATTENTION OF FEDERAL MINISTERS

Feds promise \$5.3 million for early intervention in province's gang and gun violence problem

The Canadian Press · Posted: Mar 04, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/federal-money-promised-to-help-fight-gang-and-gun-violence-in-b-c-1.5042446>

CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM: RCMP REPORT ON LICENSING AND REGISTRATION ERRORS

FOR 2017 Why weren't these errors reported in the 2017 RCMP Commissioner of Firearms Report tabled in Parliament in December 2018? Analysis and Commentary by Dennis R. Young March 3, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/03/03/analysis-commentary-firearms-program-errors-for-2017/>

THE LIBERALS PREPARE TO SACRIFICE A SCAPEGOAT

To save themselves from their sins, the Liberals need a scapegoat -- and that means law-abiding gun owners. Gun control is not about public safety -- just votes. For years now, the Liberals -- along with the "progressive" media -- have demonized us -- now it's time to expiate Trudeau's sins by sacrificing the helpless goat. Who is the goat? Gun owners who are trapped in the bureaucracy like a fly in amber. There are two plots cooking in Ottawa:

JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS MARCH 2019 <https://mailchi.mp/8bd0106f5037/senate-considering-amending-c-71?e=bc1823b8e2>

MAUSER: BILL C-71 ENDANGERS PUBLIC SAFETY

Bill C-71 endangers public safety by ignoring the KISS principle. Keep it simple, Senators. Increasing the paper burden on PAL holders ignores the real problems and endangers public safety by diverting scarce police resources. My presentation to the Canadian Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence on 25 February 2019 follows.

POSTED BY GARY MAUSER - MARCH 2, 2019 <https://justiceforgunowners.ca/bill-c-71-endangers-public-safety/>

CHARTS AND GRAPHS

- Handgun and Long gun Homicides as a Percentage of Firearms Homicides
- Homicide Methods, Canada (1990-2017)
- Suicide Methods, Canadian Territories (2007-2016)

RCMP CONSTABLE JEFFREY RAE GILLIS – JUST ANOTHER GUN-STEALING COP

On February 15, 2016, RCMP Constable Jeffrey Rae Gillis, a 20-year veteran and member of the National Weapons Enforcement Support Team, found himself on the wrong end of his own handcuffs. As part of his duties with the National Weapons Enforcement Unit, Constable Gillis was responsible for destroying firearms seized by police. Instead of doing his job, he kept the guns instead. He also filed false police reports to cover up his thefts. After Charlottetown Police Service constables attended his residence February 11 and 14, 2016, for disturbance calls, they charged Constable Gillis with two counts of assault and one count of uttering threats. They also applied for and were granted a search warrant, and returned to his home. They seized over 70 firearms, an unspecified amount of ammunition and “other weapons.” The firearms were initially seized based on a public safety concern, not criminal conduct, but after police found cases of ammunition, Restricted and Prohibited firearms stored unsafely, they charged Gillis with 12 criminal offences:

- unlawful storage of firearms;
- possession of firearms obtained by an offence;
- unlawful possession of firearms;
- unlawful possession of prohibited firearms together with ammunition;
- unlawful possession of restricted firearms together with ammunition;
- unlawful possession of prohibited weapons;
- five counts of filing false reports with a peace officer about the destruction of firearms; and
- breach of trust.

POSTED ON MARCH 2, 2019 BY CHRISTOPHER DI ARMANI

Read the complete article at: <https://christopherdiarmani.com/12240/police/rcmp-misconduct-2/rcmp-constable-jeffrey-rae-gillis-gun-stealing-cop/>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA - GUN OWNERSHIP IN NSW SURGES PAST 1 MILLION MARK JUST IN TIME FOR STATE ELECTION

Data showing NSW has a fast-growing appetite for gun ownership has fuelled a battle between the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party and the Greens just a fortnight from the state election.

By Cameron Gooley - March 9, 2019

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-03-09/gun-ownership-in-nsw-growing-fast/10886380>

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/one-gun-in-the-hands-of-every-eighth-person-number-of-registered-guns-in-nsw-reaches-milestone-20190308-p512nu.html>

REPORT: CALIFORNIA SAW HUGE INCREASE IN GUN OWNERSHIP OVER LAST DECADE DESPITE STRICT GUN LAWS

Ownership more than doubled between 2008 and 2018

BY: Stephen Gutowski and Charles Fain Lehman - March 9, 2019 <https://freebeacon.com/issues/report-california-saw-huge-increase-in-gun-ownership-over-last-decade-despite-strict-gun-laws/>

LIST OF COLORADO COUNTIES FORMALLY OPPOSING GUN CONTROL BILL GROWS

The list of Colorado counties that have passed “Second Amendment Sanctuary” resolutions continues to grow in the face of a “red flag” gun control bill that’s expected to become law. By Derek Draplin | Watchdog.org March 8, 2019

https://www.watchdog.org/colorado/list-of-colorado-counties-formally-opposing-gun-control-bill-grows/article_7f7e84f0-41b5-11e9-b756-cb41546fabe5.html

NEW ZEALAND - FIREARMS REGISTRATION WOULD BE AN EXPENSIVE AND WORTHLESS EXERCISE

EXERCISE - When people suggest that all firearms in New Zealand should be registered, they leave out one important word. "Again". This country had registration and then discarded it. Because it was 66 per cent inaccurate and completely worthless. Canada has just dumped its system, due to it being billions of dollars over budget and delivering nothing useful at any price. By Mike Loder - Mar 08 2019

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/111100032/firearms-registration-would-be-an-expensive-and-worthless-exercise>

CALLS FOR REGISTRY AFTER MORE THAN 52,000 FIREARMS WERE IMPORTED INTO NZ LAST YEAR

YEAR - The Police Association is calling for a firearms register to help track how many guns end up in the wrong hands. Customs figures, obtained under the Official Information Act, show a total of 52,627 guns were imported last calendar year - about par with the last four years. The figures do not include \$2m worth of handguns or other military-style weapons imported last year. And while the data includes thousands of air rifles and pistols, half were actual guns (26,384). Author Newstalk ZB 0 Publish Date Friday, 8 March 2019 <https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/on-air/mike-hosking-breakfast/audio/more-than-52-000-firearms-imported-into-new-zealand-last-year/>

TRUMP'S PICK FOR OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN CLAIMS GUNS WILL PROTECT

WOMEN FROM VIOLENCE - Georgia's former district attorney quoted a researcher who claimed that women facing sexual assault were "significantly less likely to experience a completed rape if they resist with a weapon." It also claimed that guns "eliminate the disparity in physical power between the sexes." It is concerning. What is the point of having four decades worth of evidence if you are going to ignore it,' says campaigner.

By Maya Oppenheim Women's Correspondent - March 7, 2019

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/trump-office-shannon-lee-goessling-violence-women-guns-a8810576.html>

THE HILL - STATES WITH STRICTER GUN CONTROL REGULATIONS HAVE FEWER MASS

SHOOTINGS: STUDY - States with stricter gun laws and lower rates of gun ownership in general saw a lower rate of mass shootings between 1998 and 2015 than did other jurisdictions where gun laws were more relaxed, according to a new study. A study published in The BMJ found a significantly higher rate of mass shootings and other gun crimes in states that had higher rates of gun ownership among the population. BY JOHN BOWDEN - 03/07/19

NOTE: The BMJ is a weekly peer-reviewed medical journal. It is one of the world's oldest general medical journals. Originally called the British Medical Journal, the title was officially shortened to BMJ in 1988, and then changed to The BMJ in 2014.[1] The journal is published by the global knowledge provider BMJ, a wholly owned subsidiary of the British Medical Association.

<https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/433017-states-with-stricter-gun-control-regulations-have-fewer-mass>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - MARCH 5, 2019

TRAP ATHLETES EARN WORLD & POTENTIAL PAN AM TEAM SPOTS IN TUCSON

Editor's Note: Today, we continue our focus on USA Shooting as we ramp up competition in preparation for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Throughout 2019, we'll be offering our readers opportunities to help support our USA Shooting athletes. <https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/035b8fe1-0cb2-4a80-a8ae-0e3f2a6d43d9>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - MARCH 6, 2019

FEATURE: HUNTERS DO YOUR PART TO SAVE OUR TRADITIONS

Editor's Note: Today's feature first appeared in our companion service, The Archery Wire. In her feature, Mia Anstine explains why it's important for hunters to get involved in the battles over gun rights.

Hunters need to stand together now more than ever to preserve our traditions and freedoms. I recently wrote an op-ed in opposition to H.R. 8, the supposed universal background check law. Later, the House GOP invited me to speak at a press conference on Capitol Hill where the bill then passed the House with a 240 -190 vote. We have to tell our Senators to vote NO on this and other feel-good bills. <https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/f367c924-c64c-425f-80de-2ff0d81248d4>

USA TODAY EDITORIAL - NEW GUN CONTROL LAWS CAN SAVE LIVES, BUT SO CAN ENFORCING OLD GUN CONTROL LAWS - Universal background checks for gun buyers have passed the House, but states and agencies keep failing to submit criminal records to the FBI: Our view.

The Editorial Board, USA TODAY - March 6, 2019 <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2019/03/06/enforce-existing-gun-control-laws-save-lives-editorials-debates/3065809002/>

MORE WOMEN BUYING GUNS FOR PROTECTION AND EMPOWERMENT

The New American published an article last August citing the latest report from the Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC) showing that nearly two million Americans obtained their concealed-carry permits in 2016, and this trend shows no signs of slowing down. The article observed that most of the growth in gun ownership is taking place among women and minorities, partly because of concerns about personal safety. The article quoted John Lott, the founder of CPRC and its chief researcher, who said, "It's pretty much the most vulnerable people in our society who benefit the most from having the option to be able to go and protect themselves." Written by Warren Mass - Tuesday, 05 March 2019 <https://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/family/item/31654-more-women-buying-guns-for-protection-and-empowerment>

NEW SURVEY FINDS MISFUELLED POWER EQUIPMENT IS ON THE RISE

The reality is "higher ethanol blends, like E15, E30, and E85, are illegal to use in most outdoor power equipment and can damage or destroy it, and invalidate manufacturer's warranties in many cases," said Kris Kiser, President and CEO of Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). Yet OPEI's research found that a majority of Americans continue to pay the most attention to fuel prices at the pump, and some are paying for it with mis-fueling errors. National Marine Manufacturers Association - 3/5/2019

<http://www.nmma.org/press/article/22541>

UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS A PRELUDE TO NATIONAL REGISTRATION, SAYS GUN RIGHTS ADVOCATE - "If you get a Democratic president, and they were to pass something like these universal background checks, I think it's just a prelude to having national registration of guns," Lott Jr., the author of "The War on Guns," told host Buck Sexton last week at the Conservative Political Action Conference.

By Julia Manchester, THE HILL, March 4, 2019

<https://thehill.com/hilltv/rising/432441-gun-advocate-says-universal-background-checks-are-a-prelude-to-national-gun>
<https://thehill.com/hilltv/rising/432447-gun-rights-advocate-quite-possible-that-a-dem-president-would-declare-national>

WHY AND HOW WE BEAT GUNS INTO GARDEN TOOLS

he United States has the most guns in the world—by far. And it has the most gun deaths in the world—by far. The United States has more gun homicides than all the other industrial countries combined. There are 29.7 gun homicides per million people in the U.S. The next most violent country when it comes to gun homicides is Switzerland, with 7 per million. So we have four times more gun violence than the next country. We have six times more gun homicides than Canada, and 16 times more than Germany. Those numbers refer to lives lost.

by Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin - March 4, 2019

<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/opinion/why-and-how-we-beat-guns-garden-tools>

CBS NEWS WANTS GUNS FOR THEM. BUT NOT FOR YOU ~ VIDEO

U.S.A. —(Ammoland.com)- I missed these details at first. A TV news crew was the victim of a recent robbery attempt. This was a video crew from the local CBS affiliate in San Francisco. The crew was protected by an armed guard. This is interesting because CBS condemned ordinary citizens for being armed. The network said it is unwise for you or me to have a gun for self-defense of our family while CBS protected their camera equipment with armed guards. I love the smell of hypocrisy in the morning. Ammoland Inc. Posted on March 3, 2019 by Rob Morse

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/03/cbs-news-wants-guns-them-but-not-you/#axzz5hDejwALC>

CRENSHAW BLASTS UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, TEACHES AMERICA TRUTH BEHIND LEGISLATION - “They don’t mean background checks at a gun dealer — that already happens, that’s already absolutely required. We all agree with that,” Crenshaw said. “What they do mean is that you can no longer transfer a gun to a friend. You can no longer let your girlfriend or boyfriend use your weapon if you leave and they are at home trying to defend themselves, they would be made a felon if they used that weapon,” he continued.

BY BEN MARQUIS - PUBLISHED MARCH 1, 2019 <https://www.westernjournal.com/ct/crenshaw-blasts-universal-background-checks-teaches-america-truth-behind-legislation/>

OTHER POSTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." -- Thomas Paine (1737-1809) US Founding father, pamphleteer, author - Source: Common Sense, February 14, 1776 <http://libertytree.ca/quotes/Thomas.Paine.Quote.5DE0>

ANDREW COYNE: WHY FIGHT CRIMINAL CHARGES IN COURT WHEN YOU CAN LOBBY?

SNC-Lavalin chose to fight the charges in government, rather than court. They did so, we may conclude, because they were given reason to believe it would work. One is an extraordinary phone call from the chairman of SNC-Lavalin, Kevin Lynch, to the clerk of the Privy Council, Michael Wernick, on Oct. 15. The phone call was extraordinary in two respects. One, Lynch is a former clerk himself, hired as chairman in 2017, by which time the company’s assault on Ottawa was well under way. By Andrew Coyne, National Post - March 8, 2019

https://nationalpost.com/opinion/andrew-coyne-why-fight-criminal-charges-in-court-when-you-can-lobby?video_autoplay=true

CHRISTIE BLATCHFORD: TRUDEAU REVEALS HIS POOR GRASP OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

So very much else has been tarnished by this scandal. Why did SNC have such unprecedented access to the PMO and PCO? Why did Wernick accept a call from SNC board chairman Kevin Lynch, who used to be in the job Wernick now has? Why did Lynch think it was A-OK to call? What constitutes improper interference with the justice system and its highest officers? The PM doesn't know. By Christie Blatchford, National Post - March 7, 2019

https://nationalpost.com/opinion/christie-blatchford-trudeau-reveals-his-poor-grasp-of-the-justice-system?video_autoplay=true

JOHN ROBSON: A REAL DEBATE ABOUT CLIMATE (IF THAT'S EVEN POSSIBLE!)

The reason some of us are skeptical about man-made global warming, or climate change, isn’t that we’re in ‘denial’ or the pay of Big Oil. It’s the alarmists’ long run of lurid failed predictions. By John Robson, National Post - March 6, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-a-real-debate-about-climate-if-thats-even-possible>

MACLEANS: JUSTIN TRUDEAU, IMPOSTER

The phoniness of the Prime Minister's handling of the SNC-Lavalin file is a trait he shows the Canadian people all too often. By Paul Wells, Macleans - Mar 4, 2019 <https://www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/justin-trudeau-impostor/>

JANE PHILPOTT RESIGNS FROM CABINET SAYING "I MUST ABIDE BY MY CORE VALUES"

EXCERPT: *The solemn principles at stake are the independence and integrity of our justice system. It is a fundamental doctrine of the rule of law that our Attorney General should not be subjected to political pressure or interference regarding the exercise of her prosecutorial discretion in criminal cases. Sadly, I have lost confidence in how the government has dealt with this matter and in how it has responded to the issues raised.*

By SPENCER FERNANDO - MARCH 4, 20190

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/03/04/breaking-trudeau-government-in-total-chaos-jane-philpott-resigns-from-cabinet-saying-i-must-abide-by-my-core-values/>

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FAIRNESS - I am against the federal government's Critical Election Incident Public Protocol (CEIPP) in principle. But given the up-to-his-eyeballs involvement of Clerk of the Privy Council Michael Wernick in the prime minister's efforts to pressure former Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould into ending the criminal prosecution of SNC-Lavalin, I now have very practical objections to the CEIPP, too. By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - March 1, 2019

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MARGARET WENTE: I'M ASHAMED FOR MY COUNTRY

When it comes to politics, I think of myself as a fairly hard-hearted realist. I've been around long enough to know that when some new broom sweeps into office vowing to "do politics differently," what they mean is that they will do it differently until it is no longer expedient for them to do so. That describes the government of Justin Trudeau. Any remaining remnants of principles or idealism it may once have had did not survive the methodical and devastating testimony of Jody Wilson-Raybould. She demolished them. For the first time in many years, I felt ashamed for my country. By MARGARET WENTE, GLOBE AND MAIL - UPDATED MARCH 1, 2019 - 792 COMMENTS

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GUNTER: THE DAMNING TESTIMONY OF JODY WILSON-RAYBOULD

Time and again, according to Wilson-Raybould, Trudeau and others told her to get on board with a plea deal for SNC for political, not legal reasons. Furthermore, despite what Clerk of the Privy Council Michael Wernick claimed in his own earlier testimony, this clearly constituted "inappropriate pressure." By Lorne Gunter, Edmonton Sun - February 28, 2019

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