



## RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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### **POSTS FROM CANADA**

#### **FOUR BREACHES OF FIREARMS PROHIBITION CHARGES**

#### **TWO ACCUSED IN WEST END SHOOTOUT SHARE VIOLENT CRIMINAL PASTS**

Two suspects in a shocking west end shootout, Nathaniel “Jeezy” Grant and Cosmo James, have violent criminal records and have already spent time in federal prisons. Grant, who faces possession of a loaded firearm, other gun offences and **four breaches of weapon prohibition charges** stemming from the gunfire outside George’s Convenience Store on Jane St., south of Hwy. 400, just before the noon-hour Tuesday. By Sam Pazzano Courts Bureau, Toronto Sun - April 12, 2019  
<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/two-accused-in-west-end-shootout-share-violent-criminal-pasts>

#### **SHOULDN'T POLICE KNOW WHERE THESE BAD GUYS WITH GUNS LIVE**

Dennis R Young started this petition to Prime Minister of Canada/Premier ministre du Canada Justin Trudeau  
APRIL 13, 2019 UPDATE: 1,285 have signed. Let’s get to 1,500!

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

#### **CBC - MAN ARRESTED WITH HOMEMADE GUN FACES 35 CHARGES**

When officers eventually arrested him a backyard, they found a "improvised firing device," or zip gun loaded with a .308 round, a knife, ammunition and parts for two additional zip guns. The suspect, 19, has been charged with 35 different Criminal Code offences related to firearms violations and **breaches of court orders**, with multiple counts of some offences. CBC News · Posted: Apr 12, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-man-zip-gun-1.5095939>

#### **GUN CONTROL ADVOCATES CHALLENGE BLAIR REPORT ON HANDGUN, ASSAULT RIFLE BANS**

A spokesperson for Blair later responded to the concerns expressed by the gun-control advocates. “The online questionnaire was just one of the engagement tools that the Government of Canada used to contribute to an examination of a ban on handguns and assault-style firearms in Canada. It was designed to be an open, anonymous and barrier-free tool that provided meaningful feedback to the Government of Canada, including from Canadians living and working abroad. It is important to note that the questionnaire was not meant to be a survey or a poll,” said Marie-Emmanuelle Cadieux, Blair’s senior communications adviser. “Our government is considering a number of actions to help reduce firearms violence up to, and including, a handgun and assault-style firearms ban,” Cadieux said in her email response. “We will carefully consider all feedback to determine if any changes are required to firearms legislation and/or the Criminal Code to keep our communities safe. Any legislation proposed by the Government to reduce firearms violence must protect public safety while also considering the lawful use of firearms by Canadians.”

By Tim Naumetz. Published on Apr 12, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/04/12/gun-control-advocates-challenge-blair-report-on-handgun-assault-rifle-bans/>

#### **HAMILTON SPECTATOR - CANADIAN SURGEONS CALL FOR TOUGHER GUN CONTROL**

A look at where the Canadian gun debate is heading. by Emily Rauhala, The Washington Post - April 12, 2019

<https://www.thespec.com/news-story/9281241-canadian-surgeons-call-for-tougher-gun-control/>

## **LETTER: TARGET DRUGS, NOT GUNS**

Plainly put, drugs take ten times more lives than guns even with the gang violence.

By Phil Gatehouse, Prince George Citizen - April 12, 2019

<https://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/opinion/letters/target-drugs-not-guns-1.23790641>

## **CBC - NOVA SCOTIA ONCE AGAIN REJECTS PLEA BY HUNTERS FOR SPRING BEAR HUNT**

Lands and Forestry Minister Iain Rankin says 'there's no compelling reason from a conservation perspective'

By Jean Laroche · CBC News · Posted: Apr 12, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/bear-hunt-spring-politics-1.5094541>

## **BLAIR DOESN'T RULE OUT GUN BANS AFTER CONSULTATION REPORT**

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian government didn't rule out mass gun confiscation against hunters, farmers and sport shooters after publishing a report yesterday showing “polarized views” on the topic. Minister Bill Blair, who led public consultations on bans, told CBC News's Power & Politics show last night the government is “ready to consider every and any option which will keep Canadians safe.” The host, Vassely Kapelos, asked him if the government had ruled out a handgun ban. (See also CBC News article.) Watch Replay of Bill Blair on CBC News Power & Politics - THEGUNBLOG.CA - APRIL 12, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/04/12/blair-doesnt-rule-out-gun-bans-after-consultation-report/>

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/blair-says-tories-fear-mongering-on-immigration-as-feds-move-to-toughen-asylum-laws-1.4377879>

## **CBC - CANADIANS 'POLARIZED' ON PROSPECT OF A HANDGUN BAN, SAYS GOVERNMENT-COMMISSIONED REPORT - Bill Blair says the idea is still on the table**

By John Paul Tasker · CBC News · Last Updated: April 12, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/tasker-report-handgun-ban-government-report-1.5094690>

## **RCI - HANDGUN BAN STUDY: CANADIANS STRONGLY DIVIDED**

The 31-page report says Canadians are very polarized on the issue of bans. Quoted in the Globe and Mail newspaper Blair said, “I think it's important to acknowledge there was a great diversity of opinion and disagreement on the issue.”

By Marc Montgomery, Radio Canada International [english@rcinet.ca](mailto:english@rcinet.ca) Friday 12 April, 2019

<http://www.rcinet.ca/en/2019/04/12/handgun-ban-study-canadians-strongly-divided/>

## **THE CCFR IS GETTING SUED?**

If we haven't had enough to deal with, things just got harder for the CCFR, our members and gun owners in general.

Watch the video; there will be links to documents in the description below. CCFR Channel - Published on Apr 12, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1430DEYyZTY>

## **POLICY ON STORING RCMP-ISSUE GUNS RELEASED – FINALLY**

I must give Minister Goodale credit. It seems Goodale meant what he said and, at least in my case, put his money where his mouth is. On March 18, 2019, just three days after emailing the Minister, the RCMP sent me a copy of their policy, which I received on April 8. Posted on April 12, 2019 by Christopher di Armani

Read the complete article at: <https://christopherdiarmani.com/13291/police/rcmp-accountability-2/policy-on-storing-rcmp-issue-guns-released-finally/>

## **TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | APRIL 11, 2019**

### **CSSA COMMENTARY - SENATE: NO APPETITE FOR A HANDGUN BAN**

<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/04/team-cssa-e-news-april-11-2019/>

On Monday, April 8th, the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence (SECD) reviewed Bill C-71 clause by clause. Senator Marilou McPhedran, who worked with the Coalition for Gun Control while serving on the government's Firearms Advisory Committee, is desperate to ram a handgun ban down our throats before the federal election because she fears she will not get the chance afterward. Senator Don Plett led the charge against the more restrictive aspects of Bill C-71 and successfully added amendments to:

- leave the current 5-year background check in place instead of expanding them to an applicant's entire life;
- repeal the provision requiring a separate Authorization to Transport to border crossings and gunsmiths;
- repeal the provision stopping the Minister from fixing RCMP classification errors (of which there have been many).

<http://donplett.ca/my-work/articles-and-speeches/senators-introduce-needed-amendments-to-the-trudeau-government-s-bill-c-71/>  
<https://www.hilltimes.com/2019/04/10/senate-committee-blows-holes-in-liberal-gun-bill/195771>

### **NEW ZEALAND POLICE EXPECT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF FIREARMS IN GUNS BUY-BACK SCHEME**

WELLINGTON (Reuters) - New Zealand police expect tens of thousands of firearms to be surrendered in a guns buy-back scheme after parliament passed tough new firearm laws in the wake of the country's worst peacetime mass shooting. The new legislation bars the circulation and use of most semi-automatic firearms, parts that convert firearms into semi-automatic firearms, magazines over a certain capacity, and some shotguns. This includes the gun used by the suspect in the Christchurch shooting. It granted an amnesty until Sept. 30 for people to surrender prohibited items. More than 300 weapons had already been handed in, police minister Stuart Nash told parliament.

Cape Breton Post - Reuters Published: Apr 11, 2019 <https://www.capebretonpost.com/news/world/new-zealand-police-expect-tens-of-thousands-of-firearms-in-guns-buy-back-scheme-300450/>

<https://o.canada.com/pmn/news-pmn/new-zealands-new-gun-laws-get-final-assent-to-take-effect/wcm/6b3e854b-bf62-4494-b8bc-719a3322dda5>

### **CANADIANS DIVIDED ON BANNING HANDGUNS, ASSAULT-STYLE FIREARMS: CONSULTATION**

The federal report released Thursday says opinions expressed during in-person discussions and through written submissions both opposed and supported outlawing handguns and assault-style firearms. In contrast, most people who responded to a questionnaire were against a ban. Many participants felt strongly that a ban would target law-abiding owners, rather than illicit firearms, and would not reduce gang violence, the report says. As a result, many called for beefing up police and border services, as well as tougher penalties for firearms-trafficking and gun-related crime.

By Jim Bronskill , The Canadian Press — Apr 11, 2019

<https://www.nationalnewswatch.com/2019/04/11/canadians-divided-on-banning-handguns-assault-style-firearms-consultation-3/#.XLAMM-hKi71>

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/04/11/government-consultation-backfires-on-elites-as-overwhelming-majority-of-respondents-oppose-gun-ban/>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5158964/gun-bans-canada-consultations/>

### **NEW REPORT ON POTENTIAL HANDGUN BAN FINDS CANADIANS DIVIDED ON GUN ISSUES**

The 31-page document released on Thursday captures the government's attempt to gauge the country's appetite for a "full ban on handguns and assault weapons in Canada," as directed in the Prime Minister's mandate letter to Minister for Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction Bill Blair. The goal of the report is to reflect the tone of public responses, and not to provide policy direction, but it does temper expectations for a prohibition from Page 1. "Overall, participants were strongly polarized on the issue of banning handguns and assault-style firearms," states the first key finding in the report, prepared by the communications firm Hill + Knowlton Strategies.

By PATRICK WHITE, GLOBE AND MAIL PUBLISHED APRIL 11, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-new-report-on-potential-handgun-ban-finds-canadians-divided-on-gun/>

### **CBC - 133 GUNS TURNED IN TO POLICE SO FAR DURING SASK. GUN AMNESTY**

The gun amnesty began March 25 and wraps up on April 19. There were 369 guns turned in to the province's police services last year. Six police services are participating: the Saskatchewan RCMP and the Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Dalmeny, Weyburn and Regina Police Service. Seven prohibited weapons have been turned in to police, including one gun which was sawed off. Ninety-nine non-restricted guns and another 16 restricted guns were turned as well. The remaining 11 guns were either BB or air guns. CBC News · Posted: Apr 11, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/police-gun-amnesty-saskatchewan-1.5093493>

### **I AM AFRAID TO TALK TO MY DOCTORS ABOUT MY STRUGGLE: MARK CAREW**

TheGunBlog.ca — The following letter was sent by Mark Carew to Doctors for Protection From Guns and their registered lobbyist last month. Carew shared it with TheGunBlog.ca this week for publication.

THEGUNBLOG.CA - APRIL 11, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/04/11/i-am-afraid-to-talk-to-my-doctors-about-my-struggle-mark-carew/>

### **VANCOUVER ISLAND ATHLETES SHINE AT CANADIAN BIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

From March 26 to March 31, Whistler Olympic Park hosted the Canadian Biathlon Championships. With competitors travelling from all over Canada and the United States, the event also served as the North American Championships.

Biathlon is a challenging Olympic sport that combines small bore rifle marksmanship with cross country skiing. Apr. 11,

2019 <https://www.campbellrivermirror.com/sports/vancouver-island-athletes-shine-at-canadian-biathlon-championships/>

### **HOW MUCH DOES GUN CONTROL FACTOR FOR RURAL ONTARIO VOTERS?**

#### **Does the debate on gun control depend on where you live?**

Abigail Bimman visited rural southwestern Ontario to find out what politicians actually hear at the door. April 11, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/video/5157289/how-much-does-gun-control-factor-for-rural-ontario-voters>

### **LETTER: GUN BANS WON'T STOP MASS MURDERS**

All the evidence points toward gun control and gun bans as being extremely counterproductive in terms of safety.

By Charles Lopez, Cherryville - Revelstoke Review - April 10, 2019

<https://www.revelstokereview.com/opinion/letter-gun-bans-wont-stop-mass-murders/>

### **CORRECTIONAL SERVICE CANADA DOES NOT REPORT ON RECIDIVISM**

Response to Access to Access to Information Act Request dated April 10, 2019

<https://dennisyoung.ca/2019/04/10/how-bad-is-canadas-recidivism-problem/>

**EXCERPT:** *“Please note that our Office of Primary Interest has advised that Correctional Service Canada (CSC) does not report on recidivism because there is no universally agreed upon definition of recidivism and that CSC does not have ready access to all of the data needed to properly attempt to measure recidivism.”*

#### **STATISTICS PROVIDED:**

TABLE 1 – The Number of Offenders on Conditional Release Successfully Reaching Warrant Expiry Date Without Readmission – 2008 to 2019

TABLE 2 – Rate of Convictions on Supervision for Minor/Moderate Offences per 1,000 Offenders – 2008 to 2019

TABLE 3 – Rate of Convictions on Supervision for Serious Violent Offences per 1,000 Offenders – 2008 to 2019

TABLE 4 – Rate of Convictions on supervision for Offences Resulting in Death per 1,000 Offenders – 2008 to 2019

TABLE 5 – the Number of Offenders not Readmitted to Federal Custody within 5 years Following Sentence Expiry Date 2003 to 2014

## **WHITEHORSE'S NADIA MOSER NAMED FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR BY BIATHLON CANADA**

The Yukoner earned her first IBU Cup win in December 2018

By JOHN HOPKINS-HILL - Apr. 10, 2019

<https://www.yukon-news.com/sports/whitehorses-nadia-moser-named-female-athlete-of-the-year-by-biathlon-canada/>

## **DANGEROUS FALLACIES AT THE HEART OF THE GUN DEBATE**

TheGunBlog.ca — Here are a few dangerous fallacies at the heart of discussions about guns and gun ownership.

THEGUNBLOG.CA - APRIL 10, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/04/10/dangerous-fallacies-at-the-heart-of-the-gun-debate/>

## **RETHINKING THE MOUNTIE MANDATE: RCMP NEEDS TO QUIT MUNICIPAL, PROVINCIAL POLICING, CRITICS SAY IN WAKE OF NEW REPORT**

The revelation that there are no federally funded officers in B.C. dedicated to money laundering probes underscores a need for an RCMP overhaul, they said. By Douglas Quan, National Post - April 10, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/rethinking-the-mountie-mandate-rcmp-needs-to-quit-municipal-provincial-policing-in-wake-of-new-report-critics-say>

**CTV - FEW CANADIAN WOMEN OWN GUNS, BUT ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE ATTACKED WITH ONE: ANALYSIS** - In response to an order paper question from Conservative MP Glen Motz, the government released details of the gender-based analysis (GBA) it conducted in relation to Bill C-71, a bill that makes multiple changes to the Firearms Act. The complete analysis is subject to cabinet confidence, meaning it can't be released publicly. The analysis found that women are far less likely than men to have firearms licenses, with women holding just slightly over 12 per cent of licenses. However, of those women, even fewer actually own registered guns. Women own fewer than four per cent of registered firearms. By Rachel Gilmore, CTVNews.ca Writer - Published Wednesday, April 10, 2019

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/few-canadian-women-own-guns-but-are-twice-as-likely-to-be-attacked-with-one-analysis-1.4374216>

## **THIRD REQUEST FOR INQUIRY: HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES AND RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

**Submitted to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta dated April 9, 2019**

OPIC File: 004947 – Alberta Justice and Solicitor General File: 2014-G-0335

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/04/11/third-high-river-request-for-inquiry-submitted/>

- A. Inadequate Searches for Records
- B. Missing Meeting Minutes on \$2.45 Million in Damage Claims
- C. Missing Meeting Minutes on Rights Violations
- D. Failed to Provide all Correspondence, E-Mails, Reports, Advice and Legal Opinions
- E. Disclosure Harmful to Law Enforcement

## **PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING MY PETITION CALLING FOR A JUDICIAL INQUIRY**

**UPDATED APRIL 13, 2019: 2,458 have signed. Let's get to 2,500!**

<https://www.change.org/p/premier-of-alberta-call-a-judicial-inquiry-into-the-high-river-forced-entries/u/24412115>

## **MINISTERS APPEAR UNFAZED BY SENATE CHANGES TO FEDERAL GUN BILL**

Independent Sen. Andre Pratte said the committee's changes considerably weakened the bill. "I hope that the full Senate will defeat these amendments," he tweeted. "Public safety depends on it." Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale echoed the sentiment Tuesday. "What has just happened is obviously not helpful but the process is not done yet, and I look forward to a more positive outcome at the end." If the full Senate adopts changes to the legislation, those amendments would have to be considered in the House of Commons, setting off "the ping pong back and forth" between the two



chambers, Goodale said. Organized Crime Reduction Minister Bill Blair also seemed unfazed. "We look forward to the Senate completing its work ... so that that bill can go forward."

The Canadian Press - Jim Bronskill - April 9, 2019

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/ministers-appear-unfazed-by-senate-changes-to-federal-gun-bill-1.4372902>

<https://nationalpost.com/pmnn/news-pmnn/canada-news-pmnn/ministers-appear-unfazed-by-senate-changes-to-federal-gun-bill>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5148779/gun-bill-c71-senate-amendments/>

### **I AM AN ER DOCTOR, HUNTER AND COMPETITIVE SHOOTER: GREG MOSDOSSY**

TheGunBlog.ca — The following letter by Gregory Mosdossey was e-mailed to TheGunBlog.ca and others. EXCERPT: "

As an avid practitioner of the shooting sports, I am committed to preserving its legacy for coming generations. As a physician, I have made a lifetime commitment to saving lives. I have personally and professionally experienced the effects of the illegal and suicidal use of firearms. I only support reasonable and thoughtful approaches to curbing injury and death due to firearms. This petition and the call for a ban are neither." THEGUNBLOG.CA - APRIL 9, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/04/09/i-am-an-er-doctor-hunter-and-competitive-shooter-greg-mosdossey/>

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/i-treated-victims-at-the-ecole-polytechnique-massacre-i-am-also-a-gun-enthusiast>

### **GUN-MAKER TO ASK SUPREME COURT TO HEAR SANDY HOOK APPEAL**

HARTFORD, Conn. — Facing a newly revived wrongful death lawsuit in Connecticut over the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, gun-maker Remington is going to the U.S. Supreme Court to argue it can't be sued because of a much-debated federal law that shields firearms manufacturers from liability in most cases.

CANADA.COM - The Associated Press - Updated: April 9, 2019

<https://o.canada.com/pmnn/business-pmnn/gun-maker-to-ask-supreme-court-to-hear-sandy-hook-appeal/>

### **DEADLY EXPORT: CANADIANS RESPONSIBLE FOR HUNDREDS OF TERRORISM DEATHS AND INJURIES OVERSEAS**

- Canadian terrorists are responsible for significant loss of life in other countries, but experts said that was often overlooked in the public debate about Canadian extremism. Canadian terrorists have killed and injured more than 300 in other countries since 2012, according to figures compiled by Global News that document the victims of so-called extremist travellers. By Stewart Bell, National Online Journalist, Investigative, Global News - April 9, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5117211/deadly-export-canadian-terrorists/>

### **MOTION TO ADD HANDGUN BAN TO BILL C-71 DEFEATED IN THE SENATE**

The Post Millennial contacted the Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights (CCFR) to discuss the motion and the motivation behind it. "It is unfortunately very common for anti-gun politicians to use senseless tragedies in other jurisdictions to promote their agendas. Personally, I think politicizing any tragedy is disingenuous," said CCFR spokesperson Tracey Wilson. While firearm advocates rejoiced over the decision to not pass the handgun ban in the Senate, some have warned that the Liberal might implement restrictions as part of their election platform. "I would expect to see a ban on handguns and "assault rifles" (modern sporting rifles) as part of the Liberal election platform. Minister Blair hinted at this in committee last week," said Wilson. "There is also lots of talk about implementing central storage for restricted firearms, a dangerous and naïve idea that would collect tens of thousands of firearms under one roof, the very guns sought after by the criminal element." by Cosmin Dzsurdzsa - April 8, 2019

<https://www.thepostmillennial.com/motion-to-add-handgun-ban-to-bill-c-71-defeated-in-the-senate/>

### **CONSERVATIVES GUT LIBERAL GUN BILL IN COMMITTEE VOTING**

But the victory for Andrew Scheer's Conservative party won't last long. The raft of amendments must be adopted in the Senate. A senior Conservative senator acknowledged after the final committee stage for Bill C-71 in the Senate national

defence and security committee that the opposition party does not have the numbers to overcome Liberal and Independent senators in the Senate House. By Tim Naumetz. Published on Apr 8, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/04/08/conservatives-gut-liberal-gun-bill-in-committee-voting/>

### **SENATORS PLETT AND PRATTE RESPOND AFTER COMMITTEE GUTS BILL C-71**

(We are updating as we get more information.) TheGunBlog.ca — Canada's Senate committee reviewing Bill C-71 voted today to weaken the government's planned law against hunters, farmers and sport shooters, but the senator leading opposition to the bill said the government will probably ignore the changes. Update 23:40 Toronto time: A senator said she will propose to the Senate to inject a handgun ban into the bill after her pitch to the committee was rejected. Below is a summary of what happened today in committee, followed by TheGunBlog.ca's exclusive e-mail interviews with Senator Don Plett of the opposition and with Senator André Pratte, the Senate sponsor of Bill C-71. THEGUNBLOG - APRIL 8, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/04/08/senators-plett-and-pratte-respond-after-committee-guts-bill-c-71/>

### **NFA RELEASE - APRIL 8, 2019**

#### **SENATOR'S ATTEMPT TO BAN HANDGUNS**

**A Trudeau-appointed Senator's attempt to ban handguns fails at Senate committee.** Today at the Senate National Security and Defence committee hearings on Bill C-71, Senator Marilou McPhedran, a Manitoba Senator appointed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, moved to amend bill C-71 to add a clause that would ban all handguns in Canada. The motion was defeated with five Senators voting against and only two in favour. Three Senators on the committee abstained. <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/04/08/nfa-senators-attempt-to-ban-handguns-fails/>

**DO THE RESULTS OF GOVERNMENT QUESTIONNAIRE ON HANDGUNS TRULY REFLECT HOW CANADIANS FEEL?** Eighty per cent of respondents said "no" to the question of more limits to access to handguns. Some gun-control advocates don't buy those results. By Douglas Quan, National Post - April 7, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/do-the-results-of-government-questionnaire-on-handguns-truly-reflect-how-canadians-feel>

### **THEGUNBLOG.CA - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK: APRIL 1 – 7**

#### **7 Friendly vs 10 Hostile - April 7, 2019**

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/04/07/week-in-review-matt-gurney-globe-and-mail-liberals-doctors/>

### **LIBERAL MPS ATTACK SCHEER OVER UNIVERSITY CLUB RANGE DAY**

(Update 23:40 Toronto time: Adds Maryam Monsef staffer.) TheGunBlog.ca — At least three Canadian government MPs plus a staffer sought to associate the Conservative leader of the opposition, Andrew Scheer, with terrorism and mass murder because Carleton University's Conservative club organized a range day today with an AR-15 rifle.

THEGUNBLOG.CA - APRIL 6, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/04/06/liberal-mps-attack-scheer-over-university-club-range-day/>

### **GUN OWNERS 'WANT THEIR RIGHTS RESPECTED,' MP CANDICE BERGEN SAYS**

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian gun owners "want their rights respected," Candice Bergen, a member of parliament with the opposition Conservative Party, said on Twitter yesterday after rising in the House of Commons to fight Bill C-71 against hunters, farmers and sport shooters. "C71 serves no public interest, safety or otherwise, and it should not pass," Sheldon Clare, the president of the National Firearms Association, tweeted today. THEGUNBLOG.CA - APRIL 6, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/04/06/gun-owners-want-their-rights-respected-mp-candice-bergen-says/>

## **BILL C-71 IS AN UTTER AND TRAGIC FAILURE**

**When it comes to the Bill C-71 (An Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms), it's difficult to know whether the Trudeau government is insincere or merely incompetent. While claiming that the Bill "prioritizes public safety and effective police work," the legislation does neither.**

By Don Plett, Manitoba Senator - MARCH 27, 2019

<http://www.donplett.ca/my-work/articles-and-speeches/bill-c-71-is-an-utter-and-tragic-failure/>

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/senator-don-plett/bill-c-71-is-an-utter-and-tragic-failure/2311746235559739/>

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

### **KAMALA HARRIS SAYS SHE OWNS A GUN "FOR PERSONAL SAFETY"**

**Gun control supporter is one of six Democratic presidential candidates to own a firearm**

By CASEY TOLAN | ctolan@bayareanewsgroup.com | Bay Area News Group UPDATED: April 13, 2019

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2019/04/12/kamala-harris-gun-ownership-gun-control-presidential-campaign/>

<https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/438514-kamala-harris-i-am-a-gun-owner-for-personal-protection>

### **CANADIAN SENATE COMMITTEE REJECTS HANDGUN BAN AMENDMENT; ISSUES BILL C-71**

**REPORT** - The senators made critical changes to several sections of the bill, many of which were proposed by Senator Don Plett, the committee's most vocal opponent of the bill. The SECD's report was issued on April 10, and summarizes these amendments. NRA-ILA - FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019 <https://www.nraila.org/articles/20190412/canadian-senate-committee-rejects-handgun-ban-amendment-issues-bill-c-71-report>

### **COLORADO GOVERNOR SIGNS 'RED FLAG' GUN CONTROL BILL INTO LAW**

The law will allow judges to seize firearms from people they think may cause harm to themselves or others.

By Claire Hansen, Staff Writer - April 12, 2019 <https://www.usnews.com/news/national-news/articles/2019-04-12/colorado-gov-jared-polis-signs-red-flag-gun-control-bill-into-law>

### **ILLEGAL GUN CONTROL: BY FLOUTING STATE LAW, CITY IS HELPING THE NRA**

Resources that could have been used for advocacy will be spent on legal battles that the city is doomed to lose

THE EDITORIAL BOARD Pittsburgh Post-Gazette - April 12, 2019

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2019/04/12/Pittsburgh-illegal-gun-control-legislation-state-law-Bill-Peduto-NRA-National-Rifle-Association/stories/201904120029>

### **BBC - AN UNEXPECTED PROXY: RESEARCHERS TURN TO SUICIDE STATS TO ESTIMATE GUN**

**OWNERSHIP** - Dr. Phil Cook, a professor at Duke University, has been studying gun statistics for decades: "So, the two percentages — gun percent in homicide and gun percent in suicide — seemed to be reflecting the same underlying phenomenon," said Cook. "That phenomenon, I believed, was gun availability."

By ADHITI BANDLAMUDI - April 12, 2019

<https://www.kunc.org/post/unexpected-proxy-researchers-turn-suicide-stats-estimate-gun-ownership#stream/0>

### **NZ FEDERATED FARMERS COMMITTED TO WORKING ON FIREARMS REFORM**

Federated Farmers will continue to work with the Government on firearms reform as the Arms Amendment Bill becomes law. "Because of the urgency and immense public pressure surrounding the issue, it was a difficult task for the Government to give fair consideration to all aspects of when and why firearms are needed in rural New Zealand," Feds Rural Security Spokesperson Miles Anderson says. Thursday, 11 April 2019, Press Release: Federated Farmers

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1904/S00123/federated-farmers-committed-to-working-on-firearms-reform.htm>



## **FACTBOX: GUN LAWS AROUND THE WORLD**

By Smita Nordwall - April 11, 2019

<https://www.voanews.com/a/factbox-gun-laws-around-the-world/4871991.html>

### **CHINA - CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

Since the crime crackdown campaign was initiated on January 24, 2018, China had seen a decrease of 27.6 percent and 29.1 percent in criminal cases of gun use and explosions by November 2018, compared with the previous year, according to the Xinhua News Agency. China has solved nearly 2,000 cases involving guns and explosives, dismantling more than 50 gangs so far this year, according to the report. More than 2,300 criminal suspects were arrested and about 25,000 pieces of information relating to illegal guns and explosives had been removed online, the report said.

By Sun Haoran and Zhao Yusha Source: Global Times Published: 2019/4/11

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1145619.shtml>

### **WASH. POST - CANADIAN TRAUMA SURGEONS CALLED FOR GUN CONTROL. THEY WERE TOLD TO STAY IN THEIR LANE**

- An upstart Canadian gun group urged its members to file complaints about Ahmed to a professional board. And she was told on Twitter to “stay in your lane” — a slogan the U.S.-based National Rifle Association has aimed at American doctors. “We were shocked by the ferocity of the response,” she said.

By Emily Rauhala - April 11, 2019 <https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/canadian-trauma-surgeons-called-for-gun-control-they-were-told-to-stay-in-their-lane/ar-BBVQ8VE?li=AAggXBV>

### **TIME - NEW ZEALAND HAS PASSED SWEEPING GUN LAWS BANNING MOST SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS**

(WELLINGTON, New Zealand) — New Zealand’s Parliament on Wednesday passed sweeping gun laws that outlaw military style weapons, less than a month after mass shootings at two mosques in the city of Christchurch left 50 people dead and dozens wounded. A bill outlawing most automatic and semi-automatic weapons and banning components that modify existing weapons was passed by a vote of 119 to 1 in the House of Representatives after an accelerated process of debate and public submission. The bill needs only the approval of New Zealand’s governor general, a formality, before becoming law on Friday. BY STEVE MCMORRAN / AP APRIL 10, 2019

<http://time.com/5567295/new-zealand-gun-laws-ban-semi-automatics/>

### **NY TIMES - NEW ZEALAND PASSES LAW BANNING MOST SEMIAUTOMATIC WEAPONS, WEEKS AFTER MASSACRE**

- WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Less than a month after 50 Muslim worshippers in the city of Christchurch were fatally shot in terrorist attacks on two mosques, New Zealand passed a law banning most semiautomatic weapons on Wednesday — a measure supported by all but one of Parliament’s 120 lawmakers. The passage of the bill means temporary restrictions imposed by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern six days after the massacre, to prevent New Zealanders from stockpiling guns before the law went into effect, will now be permanent. The swift action by lawmakers stands in stark contrast to similar efforts in the United States, where nationwide gun control proposals have stalled despite a series of mass shootings in recent year. By Charlotte Graham-McLay - April 10, 2019

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/10/world/asia/new-zealand-guns-jacinda-ardern.html>

### **CITIZENS ACROSS AMERICA ARE FLATLY REFUSING TO FOLLOW GUN MAGAZINE BANS...**

**LAWMAKERS AND TYRANTS NULLIFIED** - From coast to coast, Americans are standing against tyranny by refusing to comply with overzealous gun magazine laws. In notoriously leftist states like California, Connecticut, New York and Vermont, citizens are ignoring government calls to turn in gun magazines, and many activists are taking steps to have magazine bans recalled entirely. Indeed, there is nothing more American than rebelling against a government that no

longer has your best interests at heart. Gun owners in overwhelmingly liberal states may as well be chanting, “No confiscation without representation.” Wednesday, April 10, 2019 by: Vicki Batts

<https://www.naturalnews.com/2019-04-10-citizens-across-america-are-refusing-to-follow-gun-magazine-bans.html>

### **SOUTH AFRICA - LOBBY GROUP CALLS FOR PROPER FIREARM AUDITING BY GOVERNMENT**

Durban- Lobby group Guns Free SA calls for the auditing of firearm stockpiles after firearms, grenades and ammunition went missing from the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) base.

KWAZULU-NATAL - 10 APRIL 2019 ZAINUL DAWOOD <https://www.iol.co.za/dailynews/news/kwazulu-natal/lobby-group-calls-for-proper-firearm-auditing-by-government-20832526>

### **THREE NEW GUN CONTROL LAWS GO INTO EFFECT IN PITTSBURGH**

Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto signed three new bills that restrict the use of some semi-automatic such as the AR15 within the city limits, limit magazine size, and enacts a “Red Flag Law” this past Tuesday.

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

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/04/three-new-gun-control-laws-go-into-effect-in-pittsburgh/#axzz5kzfHJ8OE>

### **FRONT SIGHT'S AMAZING FIREARM TRAINING FACILITY**

Dr. Sebastian Gorka, national conservative radio talk show icon, recently attended a gun training course at Front Sight. He would like to tell you about his experience. Listen to what Dr. Gorka has to say about his experience, gun training in general, and the important role you and Front Sight play in keeping America strong and free. Then see our Construction Progress Video #6 showing the continued development of Front Sight Resort Front Sight is already the most amazing firearm training facility in the world, capable of training 2,000 students per day and will soon become the only resort of its kind in the world! APRIL 10, 2019

<https://www.ignatius-piazza-front-sight.com/2019/04/10/dr-sebastian-gorka-speaks-to-you-from-front-sight/#vid>

### **NEW RESEARCH IN THE JOURNAL ECON JOURNAL WATCH: “IS THE UNITED STATES AN OUTLIER IN PUBLIC MASS SHOOTINGS? A COMMENT ON ADAM LANKFORD”**

Dr. John Lott and our research director Professor Carl Moody have piece on what we believe has been one of the bigger academic frauds. The paper can be downloaded here. CRIME PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTER - 9 APR , 2019

<https://crimeresearch.org/2019/04/in-the-journal-econ-journal-watch-on-is-the-united-states-an-outlier-in-public-mass-shootings-a-comment-on-adam-lankford/>

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/04/crime-prevention-research-center-uncovering-fraud-mass-public-shootings/#axzz5kzfHJ8OE>

**ABSTRACT:** In 2016 Adam Lankford published a widely propagated article purporting to show that during a 47-year period the United States represented 31 percent of worldwide public mass shooters, and claiming that the outsized U.S. percentage is a result of gun prevalence. We examined the data from 1998 to 2012 and found that, although the U.S. has 4.5 percent of the world’s population, the U.S. represents less than three percent of worldwide mass shooting incidents or mass shooting deaths and less than one percent of mass shooters. What explains this incredible difference? While Lankford claims he is using the conventional definitions of public mass shootings from the FBI and NYPD, it turns out that Lankford’s 31-percent claim is an artifact of his having stripped out much from conventional definitions of ‘public mass shooter,’ notably excluding almost all incidents of terrorism outside the U.S. and most of the cases where more than one shooter is involved. We compare U.S. and non-U.S. public mass shootings using the official definitions from the FBI and NYPD that Lankford claims he is using. We also suggest a reasonable explanation for the fact that, while the U.S. has a relatively large number of lone-wolf shooters compared to the rest of the world, it does not have a relatively large number of public mass shooters.

## **BRITISH RETAIL CHAIN CO-OP HALTS SALES OF SINGLE KNIVES AMID STABBING CRIME**

**EXPLOSION** - “We’ve launched our safer colleague, safer community campaign to support colleague safety and help identify the causes of community crime. This has seen us remove kitchen knives from sale in our stores,” Co-op’s CEO Steve Murrells said. A similar move was announced by Walmart-owned UK supermarket chain Asda a month ago. The chain is to pull all single knives from its stores by the end of April. Edited time: 7 Apr, 2019

<https://www.rt.com/uk/455751-british-chain-knife-sales/>

## **AUSTRALIA - NSW GUN LICENSEES' 'MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION' TO BE LISTED ON REGISTRY IN POLICE CRACKDOWN**

New South Wales Police is planning to crackdown on firearm regulations to stop guns from getting into the wrong hands. As part of the overhaul, the firearms registry would be provided with details about a license applicant's mental health condition and any family law proceedings they are part of. The proposed changes come after licensed firearm owner John Edwards shot dead his two children and then himself in Sydney on July 8. Gun owners involved in bitter Family Law Court disputes would be flagged to the NSW Firearms Registry under reforms proposed by the registry’s new boss, Supt Anthony Bell. He also wants to weed out shooters with serious mental illness and get doctors to report risky behaviour by patients to ensure “people who shouldn’t have firearms don’t”. By 9NEWS - Apr 7, 2019

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/nsw-sydney-john-edwards-gun-ownership-licensee-registry-police/a4c006dd-5e1f-460e-ac4b-c414e76c94a6>

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/domestic-violence-offenders-to-lose-guns-doctors-to-dob-in-risky-patients/news-story/ac9d9db34ef9c5a7445cb1a0b92f240b>

[https://infosurhoy.com/cocoon/saii/xhtml/en\\_GB/news/nsw-gun-licensees-psychological-well-being-situation-to-be-listed-on-registry-in-police-crackdown/](https://infosurhoy.com/cocoon/saii/xhtml/en_GB/news/nsw-gun-licensees-psychological-well-being-situation-to-be-listed-on-registry-in-police-crackdown/)

## **DICK'S SPORTING GOODS' WAR WITH GUN OWNERS COST THEM \$150 MILLION LAST YEAR**

Dick’s Sporting Goods’ decision is part of the war against gun rights in America, but the chain is a third-tier opponent. The Democratic Party and their allies in the media remain the Second Amendment’s biggest public enemies.

By Matt Vespa, Townhall - Posted: Apr 06, 2019 <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/mattvespa/2019/04/06/icymi-dicks-sporting-goods-war-with-gun-owners-cost-them-150-million-last-yea-n2544011>

## **NEW MEXICO AG SAYS SHERIFFS MUST ENFORCE GUN CONTROL LAW**

New Mexico's attorney general says law enforcement agencies must enforce a new law expanding background checks to nearly all private gun sales and that they could be liable for damage claims if they don't. Attorney General Hector Balderas issued the warning in a letter sent Thursday to police chiefs and county sheriffs, the Albuquerque Journal reported . The law will take effect July 1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - APRIL 06, 2019

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/business/article228926799.html>

## **OPINION: AR-15 SHOULD NOT BE BANNED**

Before you decide that AR-15s and their brethren need to be banned, take the time to learn about them, even experience them. They are pleasant to shoot, at the low-end of the “high-powered rifle” spectrum. The AR-15 (and, in fact, ALL firearms) are merely tools. The person controlling the gun is the operant factor. Making these arms less available to law-abiding citizens will do nothing to reduce gun violence; detecting and treating those in need of mental health care will do more than knee-jerk politics can ever hope to accomplish. Guest column by Katherine Jarvis, The Campus Chronicle - April 6, 2019 <http://www.campuschroniclenews.com/opinion-ar-15-should-not-be-banned/>

## **EDITORIAL: THE NEXT FRONTIER FOR GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION IN MASSACHUSETTS**

MASSACHUSETTS PRIDES ITSELF for taking gun control seriously, and has the results to prove it. The state’s gun mortality rate is the second-lowest in the country: 3.7 gun deaths per 100,000 people, according to the latest available data

from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, trailing only Hawaii. But preventing gun violence requires a sustained and vigilant approach. So what are the policy holes that need to be filled next? Here's one: Develop a better understanding of where guns used in crime come from, in order to fine-tune interdiction strategies and expose irresponsible sellers. APRIL 6, 2019

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/editorials/2019/04/06/the-next-frontier-for-gun-control-legislation-massachusetts/>

### **AS STATES DEBATE ARMING TEACHERS, OPPONENTS DETAIL MISHANDLING OF GUNS IN**

**SCHOOLS** - There have been more than 60 publicly reported incidents of mishandled guns in schools in the last five years, a gun-control group found in an analysis released this week. Those firearms were carried by employees, including teachers and school police, often with permission from schools, says the report by the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence. By Evie Blad on April 5, 2019

[https://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/rulesforengagement/2019/04/as\\_states\\_consider\\_arming\\_teachers\\_opponents\\_detail\\_mishandling\\_of\\_guns\\_in\\_schools.html](https://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/rulesforengagement/2019/04/as_states_consider_arming_teachers_opponents_detail_mishandling_of_guns_in_schools.html)

### **SUPREME COURT REJECTS GUN RIGHTS ADVOCATES OVER BUMP STOCKS**

(Reuters) - The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday handed another setback to gun rights advocates challenging President Donald Trump's ban on "bump stock" devices that enable semi-automatic weapons to fire rapidly. With two conservative justices dissenting, the court refused to temporarily exempt from the ban a group of plaintiffs including the Firearms Policy Foundation while their legal challenge continues to be litigated in Washington.

By Reuters Top News - April 05, 2019

<https://www.metro.us/news/the-big-stories/supreme-court-rejects-gun-rights-advocates-over-bump-stocks>

### **CALIFORNIA'S GUN RUSH: BUYING FRENZY FOR HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES AFTER JUDGE**

**LIFTS 'UNCONSTITUTIONAL' LAW** - Gun supplier and outfitter Target Sports USA didn't restrain its jubilation on Tuesday in an email confirming it was joining scores of shops and sellers to ship high-capacity ammunition magazines, now contraband-free, to California. The move essentially busts open the firearm floodgates. BY M.L. NESTEL - NEWSWEEK - 4/5/19

<https://www.newsweek.com/california-guns-law-judge-magazines-ammo-1384193>

### **OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST**

#### **VIVIAN KRAUSE: RACHEL NOTLEY, THE ROCKEFELLERS AND ALBERTA'S LANDLOCKED OIL**

Rockefeller-supported groups are helping defeat the UCP, the only party in the Alberta election committed to breaking the U.S. monopoly on Alberta's overseas oil exports. By Vivian Krause, Canadian researcher and writer. Find her at Twitter.com/FairQuestions - Special to the Financial Post - April 12, 2019

<https://business.financialpost.com/opinion/vivian-krause-rachel-notley-the-rockefellers-and-albertas-landlocked-oil>

#### **ANDREW COYNE: IN TWO YEARS, LIBERALS GO FROM #WELCOMETOCANADA TO DEPORTATIONS WITHOUT HEARINGS**

- The refugees that made such useful props for Trudeau in the last election have become an obstacle to his chances in the next. So, over the side they go. By Andrew Coyne, National Post - April 12, 2019

[https://nationalpost.com/opinion/andrew-coyne-in-two-years-liberals-go-from-welcometocanada-to-deportations-without-hearings?video\\_autoplay=true](https://nationalpost.com/opinion/andrew-coyne-in-two-years-liberals-go-from-welcometocanada-to-deportations-without-hearings?video_autoplay=true)

#### **CARBON TAX IS SHORT-CHANGING ALBERTANS IN ELECTRICITY SECTOR**

The situation is deeply ironic. The carbon tax was imposed to reduce CO2 emissions. But the actual solutions for reducing carbon emissions are shutting down coal-fired generating stations or converting them to natural gas, a fuel with much

lower CO2 emissions. The \$850 million in extra costs paid by consumers in 2018 would have been enough to convert almost the entire coal-fired fleet to gas. In effect, we could have already transitioned to our low-carbon future. Instead, consumers are stuck paying high prices, while coal-fired electricity plants continue to emit CO2. It is well known that the carbon tax resulted in the return of unprofitable power purchase agreements to the Balancing Pool, costing Albertan ratepayers as much as \$2 billion. The costs I have discussed above are on top of this loss By Aidan Hollis, Professor of economics at the University of Calgary. Calgary Herald - April 12, 2019

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-carbon-tax-is-short-changing-albertans-in-electricity-sector>

### **LIBERALS ARE POLITICAL PRAGMATISTS INTERESTED ONLY IN POWER AND NOT PRINCIPLES**

by Cosmin Dzsurdzsa, The Post Millennial - April 12, 2019

<https://www.thepostmillennial.com/liberals-are-political-pragmatists-interested-only-in-power-and-not-principles/>

### **NEW STUDY REFUTES CLIMATE-CHANGE ALARM**

Scientists who promote the theory of anthropogenic climate change contend a rise in the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere due to human activity is causing catastrophic warming. But a new scientific study finds that the current CO2 levels of 410 parts per million were last seen on Earth 3 million years ago, points out Breitbart Editor-at-Large John Nolte. Researchers at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research published their findings in the journal Science Advances. The study also found that during this time of global warming, long before the Industrial Age, “there were no ice sheets covering either Greenland or West Antarctica, and much of the East Antarctic ice sheet was gone.” And, the researchers concluded, temperatures were up to 7 degrees Fahrenheit warmer globally and sea levels were 65 feet higher. Nolte noted that the far-left ThinkProgress, while “sticking with the (global warming) hoax,” makes a significant concession. “The good news is that the Earth does not warm instantly, and mile-thick ice sheets melt even more slowly,” ThinkProgress concludes. “So the temperature rise will take several decades, and tens of feet of sea level rise will take hundreds and hundreds of years.” April 11, 2019

Read more at <https://www.wnd.com/2019/04/new-study-refutes-climate-change-alarm/#VcFIL6ok58B7rAlu.99>

### **ROSS MCKITRICK: HOLD THE PANIC: CANADA JUST WARMED 1.7 DEGREES AND ... THRIVED**

Saying Canada warmed twice as fast as the whole planet doesn't prove anything

Special to Financial Post by Ross McKittrick - April 10, 2019

Ross McKittrick is a professor of economics at the University of Guelph and senior fellow at the Fraser Institute.

<https://business.financialpost.com/opinion/ross-mckitrick-hold-the-panic-canada-just-warmed-1-7-degrees-and-thrived>

### **RCMP 'FESSES UP 817 DAYS LATER: PLANNING FOR TRUDEAU'S BAHAMAS TRIP BEGAN MONTHS IN ADVANCE**

- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's RCMP handlers were vetting The Bahamas as a vacation destination for the prime minister at least nine months before Trudeau took his family on the 2016-2017 Christmas vacation that would cause so much controversy, according to a new document provided to Global News as a result of a request under federal records laws filed more than two years ago. The new document, in combination with other information published by parliament's ethics commissioner late in 2017, establishes that the planning for Trudeau's trip to The Bahamas island owned by the Aga Khan appears to have started earlier than previously thought, a finding which raises, yet again, questions about the judgment of senior political and bureaucratic aides serving the prime minister — aides who, over the months ahead of the trip, never appeared to warn Trudeau of his obligations under the federal Conflict of Interest Act. By David Akin, Chief Political Correspondent Global News - April 10, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5148607/rcmp-planning-trudeau-bahamas-trip/>



**ANDREW COYNE: THE REAL SCANDAL IN THE LAVALIN AFFAIR IS TRUDEAU'S ATTEMPTS TO PRETEND IT'S NOT A SCANDAL** - The real scandal is the determined — and, it would appear, largely successful — campaign on the part of the prime minister and his officials to normalize their conduct. By Andrew Coyne, National Post - April 6, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/andrew-coyne-the-real-scandal-in-the-lavalin-affair-is-trudeaus-attempts-to-pretend-its-not-a-scandal>

**FUREY: TRUDEAU WAS ALWAYS A HAIL MARY PASS FOR THE LIBERALS — AND NOW IT'S THAT WAY AGAIN** - These aren't just one day policy flubs that you can reverse or apologize for or easily make right again. These are broader issues about the rule of law and about character, issues of hypocrisy and posturing, issues of brand identity. Things that strike to the core of how the public view the man and his government. By Anthony Furey, Toronto Sun - April 6, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/furey-trudeau-was-always-a-hail-mary-pass-for-the-liberals-and-now-its-that-way-again>

**GOLDSTEIN: LIBERAL SMEARS OF WILSON-RAYBOULD A DISGRACE**  
Even with Wilson-Raybould and her ally, former treasury board president Jane Philpott, now expelled from cabinet, Liberal leaks aimed at undermining her credibility continue. There's Liberal "integrity" for you. By Lorrie Goldstein, Toronto Sun - April 6, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-liberal-smears-of-wilson-raybould-a-disgrace>

**MARIN: LIBERALS' SNC-LAVALIN MESS CONTINUES TO SNOWBALL**  
t's sickening to think that our top public servant was using his podium at the committee to take partisan shots at JWR when the issue was SNC, not Indigenous matters. We are all better off that he walked the plank. Happy retirement to Wernick. He won't be missed. By Andre Marin, Toronto Sun - April 6, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/marin-liberals-snc-lavalin-mess-continues-to-snowball>

**REX MURPHY: IT WILL BE A WHILE BEFORE VOGUE CALLS ON TRUDEAU AGAIN**  
Sans halo, he now walks the ground like every other politician, as pedestrian as the rest of them. By Rex Murphy, National Post - April 5, 2019 [https://nationalpost.com/opinion/rex-murphy-it-will-be-a-while-before-vogue-calls-on-trudeau-again?video\\_autoplay=true](https://nationalpost.com/opinion/rex-murphy-it-will-be-a-while-before-vogue-calls-on-trudeau-again?video_autoplay=true)

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