



DENNIS R. YOUNG
WWW.DENNISRYOUNG.CA

RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

owner-cdn-firearms-digest@scorpion.bogend.ca

Updated: Friday, April 19, 2019

POSTS FROM CANADA

QUEBEC STUDENTS RALLY OUTSIDE TRUDEAU'S RIDING OFFICE TO DEMAND BETTER

PROTECTION FROM GUN VIOLENCE - "We want to ban handguns and assault weapons," says Vasquez. "We also want Bill C-71 to pass, but not with the amendments that were made by the senatorial committee." Federal ministers say, despite the proposed changes, the government's intentions will be reflected in the final version of the legislation. The protesters want to hold the government to that. "We want to send a clear message that the youth and the students from across Quebec and across Canada will hold the government accountable for its action and inaction with the next election," said Guillaume Lecorps, president of the Quebec Student Union and one of the protest organizers.

By Phil Carpenter, Photojournalist Global News - April 19, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/5185558/quebec-students-rally-outside-trudeaus-riding-office-to-demand-better-protection-from-gun-violence/>
<https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/students-call-for-stricter-gun-control-laws-1.4387343>

GUNS COULD USE SMARTPHONE-STYLE FINGERPRINT LOCKS IN NEAR FUTURE

Tracey Wilson, the "Gun Goddess" of the Canadian Coalition of Firearm Rights says guns in Canada are a parliamentary right and not a constitutional right, making the debate less fraught. However, she questions if adding complex technology would hinder functionality and maintenance. "If one of my firearms malfunctions I take it to an expert to service, so I think it would be difficult for gunsmiths across the country to properly maintain and repair people's firearms." She adds, "I understand they're trying to find a solution to a very complex problem, but at the end of the day the focus needs to be on crime." By NICK MURRAY - Apr. 19, 2019

<https://www.sookenewsmirror.com/news/guns-could-use-smartphone-style-fingerprint-locks-in-near-future/>

SORRY NOT SORRY: YES, I'M CANADIAN, BUT I WILL NEVER APOLOGIZE FOR BEING A HUNTER

Proud to be Canadian, and I'm just as proud to be a hunter. Paige Galea is a professional hunter, taxidermist, Cabela's Prostaff and owner of Racks With Class. OPINION Apr 19, 2019 by Paige Galea Caledon Enterprise

<https://www.caledonenterprise.com/opinion-story/9291959-sorry-not-sorry-yes-i-m-canadian-but-i-will-never-apologize-for-being-a-hunter/>

WHY AREN'T WE TOUGHER ON "ASSAULT-STYLE" FIREARMS?

For 40 years, police chiefs in Canada have been pushing to restrict assault-style firearms, yet they are more widely available than ever. By Blake Brown, Policy Options - April 19, 2019 - R. Blake Brown is a professor of history at Saint Mary's University. He is the author of Arming and Disarming: A History of Gun Control in Canada (2012).

<http://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/april-2019/arent-tougher-assault-style-firearms-canada/>

MARCH 27, 2001 - CANADIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION'S RECOMMENDATION

In a letter dated March 27, 2001 and sent to all MPs by Grant Obst, President of the Canadian Police Association wrote:

"Consequences of simple non-compliance with the administrative requirements of the program, such as failing to notify CFC of change of address, should be treated in a remedial regulatory manner and not normally subject to criminal sanctions and/or licence revocation." <http://cssa-cila.org/garryb/publications/Article290.htm>

GUN CONTROL DEBATE STRIKES HOME FOR DURHAM REGION OWNERS, VICTIMS OF CRIME

EXCERPT #1: “My daughter’s killer was a lawful gun user,” Irons said. In the wake of the tragedy Irons, a former RCMP officer, conducted her own research into Pearson’s past, which included incidents of drug trafficking and kidnapping. Previous charges against him resulted in a sentence that included two years of probation. “The minute he got off that two years probation, he applied for a gun licence and got it,” Irons said.

EXCERPT #2: Tony Bernardo, executive director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association in Oshawa, says fears of gun crime in Canada are exaggerated and used to target legitimate, law-abiding gun owners. “The fact of the matter is that Canada really doesn’t have a gun problem,” Bernardo asserted. “In the last few years there has been an increase (in shootings), but that increase is attributable to gangs. “What Canada has is a gang problem.” Bernardo said government measures such as those proposed in Bill C-71 are “red herrings” that will not address the criminal use of illegal guns. Rather, the legislation would simply impose more red tape on legal gun owners, he said: “It’s not going to deal with the root issues.” Bernardo insists that he and the gun owners he represents are law-abiding citizens who are opposed to government overreach. He said gun ownership in this nation is strictly regulated and those seeking permits and purchases are subjected to rigorous and ongoing scrutiny. “Pedophiles don’t have that kind of scrutiny,” he said. “I don’t have an agenda, I just want to be left alone.” Apr 18, 2019 by Jeff Mitchell DurhamRegion.com

<https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/9286617-gun-control-debate-strikes-home-for-durham-region-owners-victims-of-crime/>

RUSSIA FLEXES MILITARY MUSCLE IN THE ARCTIC

Recently Russia opened the doors to the media, to show off it’s refurbished military bases and capability in the Arctic. Sadly, Canada has only new .308 calibre rifles for it’s Canadian Ranger patrol, and an all weather road to Tuktoyaktuk to show for solid efforts on Northern development. The Trudeau Liberals since seizing power in 2015 are still working on a draft Arctic Policy. It’s expected to be released this summer some time in June.

POSTED BY: JOSH CAMPBELL APRIL 18, 2019 <https://cklbradio.com/russia-flexes-military-muscle-in-the-arctic/>

KELLY MCPARLAND: TRUDEAU HAS SIX MONTHS TO AVOID NOTLEY'S FATE

Of 708 seats in 10 provincial legislatures, Liberals now hold just 173, less than one-quarter

By Kelly McParland, National Post - April 18, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/kelly-mcparland-trudeau-has-six-months-to-avoid-notleys-fate>

CBC - NEW TRIAL ORDERED FOR 2 MEN INVOLVED IN \$250K DRUG BUST WHO ARGUED CHARTER RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED

- Winnipeg police found drugs, weapon in truck during 2014 search; trial judge ruled evidence inadmissible. Charges were dismissed against Jaden Omeasoo and Benjamin White in June 2017 after a judge found police had not told them why they were being detained and failed to provide them with their right to counsel. By Shane Gibson · CBC News · Posted: Apr 18, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/manitoba-appeal-drug-bust-1.5104714>

CANADA REVIEWING SURVEY TO DECIDE ON GUN BANS, BLAIR OFFICE SAYS

“Our Government is carefully considering all feedback received from our recent consultations to determine if any changes are required to firearms legislation and/or the Criminal Code to keep our communities safe,” Marie-Emmanuelle Cadieux, the spokeswoman, told TheGunBlog.ca today by e-mail in response to questions. THEGUNBLOG.CA - APRIL 18, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/04/18/canada-reviewing-survey-to-decide-on-gun-bans-blair-office-says/>

CBC - 'I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT'S THE ANSWER'; LONDON DOCTOR REJECTS CALL FOR FIREARMS BAN - Dr. Greg Mosdosy is speaking out publicly after some colleagues demand a ban on handguns and assault weapons. CBC News · Posted: Apr 18, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/gun-laws-doctor-mosdosy-1.5101942>

ALBERTA JUSTICE FOIP: "MISTAKES WERE MADE DURING THE FLOOD"

EXCERPT: “Your government claims they didn't give the order to smash up High River. Somebody did. That's why Doug Griffiths stood up in the legislature the first day of the fall sitting and admitted "mistakes were made during the flood". He couldn't come right out and admit who gave the order could be?" Alberta Justice and Solicitor General FOIP Response dated April 12, 2019 received on April 17, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/04/17/alberta-justice-foip-mistakes-were-made-during-the-flood/>

MY COMMENT: Wonder why they have been hiding these pages for four and a half years?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

THE STAR - WHY IS CANADA'S GUN LOBBY SO POWERFUL?

Gun violence has grown so bad that Canada now ranks fifth among the 23 countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in rates of firearm deaths. Despite the horror of these killings, Canada has done virtually nothing in recent years to bring in stricter gun control laws. In fact, just last week, Conservative senators on a Senate committee gutted the federal government's latest firearms bill of almost all its gun-control measures.

By Bob Hepburn, Star Columnist - Wed., April 17, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/star-columnists/2019/04/17/why-is-canadas-gun-lobby-so-powerful.html>

<https://www.ourwindsor.ca/opinion-story/9291822-why-is-canada-s-gun-lobby-so-powerful/>

GUN CRIME COULD BE REDUCED WITH THIS STARTUP'S AI SOLUTION

Vancouver-based security technology company Patriot One Technologies (TSX:PAT) may have developed the perfect solution. The team has developed a radar system that can scan a crowd and detect concealed weapons. The system includes a generator and two antennas. The generator creates a microwave signal at a specific frequency and broadcasts it through one antenna. These waves bounce off of metallic objects and certain special materials and can be registered with the other antenna. Augmenting the physical device with artificial intelligence (AI) allows the system to differentiate between dangerous and benign objects with similar materials. The AI model has been trained on tonnes of data such as the specifications of common guns and the unique structure of dangerous knives. By Vishesh Raisinghani - April 16, 2019

<https://www.fool.ca/2019/04/16/gun-crime-could-be-reduced-with-this-startups-ai-solution/>

THE NFA GETS A WIN AGAINST THE QUEBEC CHIEF FIREARMS OFFICER

Today, Canada's National Firearms Association scored a significant victory for Canadian firearms owners.

NFA Media Release April 16, 2019 <https://nfa.ca/2019/04/16/the-nfa-gets-a-win-against-the-quebec-chief-firearms-officer/>

FIVE GUNS SEIZED FROM HOME AFTER OFFICERS SPOT RIFLES BEING PLACED ON ROOF

The Winnipeg Police Service seized a number of guns from a home in the St. John's area on Sunday after they spotted what looked like two rifles being placed on the roof. Around 10:20 p.m., patrol units, the tactical support team, the K9 unit and the AIR1 police helicopter went to the St. John's neighbourhood after a report regarding yelling and multiple gunshots. CTV Winnipeg - Published Tuesday, April 16, 2019

<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/five-guns-seized-from-home-after-officers-spot-rifles-being-placed-on-roof-1.4382788>

CANNABIS, SEVEN GUNS STOLEN IN COLCHESTER COUNTY HOME INVASION

Mounties are looking for three armed men who smashed through the patio door of a Colchester County home last Friday to steal cannabis and guns. The men broke into the home on Mines Bass River Road in Montrose at 10:38 p.m. "They pointed long guns at a woman who was in the home, demanded she get down on the floor, and used zip ties to secure her wrists," said an RCMP news release. "They ransacked her home and stole a quantity of marijuana and several firearms.

By Chris Lambie (clambie@herald.ca) April 16, 2019

<https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/local/cannabis-seven-guns-stolen-in-colchester-county-home-invasion-302357/>

SEVEN BILLS THAT TEAM TRUDEAU NEEDS TO PASS BY JUNE

When the House and Senate reopen for business on April 29, there will be only 35 sitting days left — just 27, in fact, if you don't count opposition-designated supply days — before the 42nd parliament shuts down, not just for the summer, but forever, courtesy of an election call currently expecting to sound off in late August or early September. So, with just seven weeks left before an unmovable mid-June deadline, what bills are currently topping the must-pass list for Liberals?

- C-97 (2019 budget implementation)
- C-83 (solitary confinement)
- **C-71 (firearm, background checks and sales records)**
- C-59 (national security and intelligence regime overhaul)
- C-93 (expedited pot pardon process)
- C-69 (federal environmental assessment)
- C-48 (Northern BC tanker ban)

By Kady O'Malley. Published on Apr 15, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/04/15/process-nerd-seven-bills-that-team-trudeau-needs-to-pass-by-june/>

STATEMENT BY MP ZIMMER REGARDING RELEASE OF THE LIBERAL'S BLANKET HANDGUN BAN REPORT

"As a firearms owner myself, I will continue to vigorously oppose a blanket firearms ban that would only make criminals out of our lawful, highly-vetted firearms owners and push for common sense solutions that focus on those who illegally obtain firearms and use them to commit violence." April 15, 2019 <http://www.bobzimmer.ca/statement-by-mp-zimmer-regarding-release-of-the-liberals-blanket-handgun-ban-report/>

RCMP RELEASE CN POLICE FIREARMS REPORT

CN Police Service declared their firearms information was protected by the Privacy Act

RCMP Access to Information Act response dated April 8, 2019 received on April 15, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/04/17/rcmp-release-cn-police-firearms-report/>

OCTOBER 12, 2018 - CN POLICE REFUSE TO PROVIDE FIREARMS STATISTICS

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/10/12/cn-police-refuse-to-provide-firearms-statistics/>

STATEMENT FROM NFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - APRIL 15, 2019

A few weeks ago, the NFA discovered that the CCFR is using a new logo, which is remarkably similar to the NFA's "No compromise" logo, a registered trademark. Furthermore, the CCFR is using their new logo for commercial merchandising. In a world where the value and importance of intellectual property protection is paramount, inaction may lead to a legal loss of rights. Given the similarities of the CCFR logo, in the same field of activities as the NFA, a standard legal letter was sent to the CCFR by the NFA to protect its intellectual property. The NFA did not endeavour to sue the CCFR. Rather, the CCFR chose to remain silent and then took a path of confrontation, when it initiated legal proceedings against the NFA. It was the hope of the NFA that discussions could have taken place and an amicable solution arrived at. The NFA does not intend to further comment on this matter since, unfortunately, it has now been brought before the court by the CCFR. Yours truly, The Board of Directors, Canada's National Firearms Association

<https://nfa.ca/2019/04/15/statement-from-board-of-directors/>

NATIONAL POST - NRA HAS HISTORY OF PROMOTING GUN RIGHTS OUTSIDE US

The reality is that the NRA has been exerting its influence on gun debates outside the U.S. for a number of years, exporting its firebrand rhetoric and belief that more guns will lead to less crime. The lobbying group has sought sway at the United Nations to make it easier to sell American guns overseas and has on more than one occasion guided gun-rights groups in Brazil, Canada, Australia and elsewhere. It advised gun activists in Russia, entanglements that in recent years made the NRA vulnerable to allegations it allowed alleged Russian operatives to use the organization to influence American politics. The Associated Press Lisa Marie Pane - April 14, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/pmnn/news-pmnn/nra-has-history-of-advising-gun-rights-groups-outside-us>

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/nra-history-advising-gun-rights-groups-us-62392309>

APRIL 12, 2019 - GOODALE'S RESPONSE TO OUR PETITION TO THE MINISTER OF BORDER SECURITY AND ORGANIZED CRIME REDUCTION

We, the undersigned, citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction to:

1. Respect law-abiding Canadians who own firearms;
2. Immediately scrap Bill C-71 and introduce legislation that actually targets criminals while protecting Canadians and respecting law-abiding firearms owners; and
3. Abandon the idea of a blanket firearms ban on law-abiding and highly vetted Canadians

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

http://www.ourcommons.ca/Content/ePetitions/Responses/421/e-1883/421-03274_PS_E.pdf

LAWTON: TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER HANDGUN BAN IF RE-ELECTED

If the Liberals win re-election, they will think they have a mandate to target law abiding firearms owners.

BY ANDREW LAWTON - APRIL 13, 2019

<https://tnc.news/2019/04/13/lawton-trudeau-government-will-consider-handgun-ban-if-re-elected/>

COLORADO GOVERNOR SIGNS 'RED FLAG' GUN BILL

Colorado Gov. Jared Polis (D) signed the state's "red flag" gun bill into law on Friday, giving judges starting in January the power to temporarily take away guns from people thought to be at high risk of harming themselves or others. BY TAL AXELROD - 04/13/19 <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/438768-colorado-governor-signs-red-flag-gun-bill>

TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER HANDGUN BAN IF RE-ELECTED

It's too late to consider a handgun ban before the 2019 federal election this fall, but the Trudeau government will explore it if re-elected. BY TRUE NORTH WIRE - APRIL 12, 2019

<https://tnc.news/2019/04/12/trudeau-government-will-consider-handgun-ban-if-re-elected/>

THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR, LIBERAL DATA = NO HANDGUN BAN

The results are in! The Liberal government's own data shows that Canadians want credible work on crime, stiffer penalties for gun-toting criminals and gang bangers and more resources to stop the flow of illegal gun across our borders. By Tracey Wilson, Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights - April 12, 2019

<https://firearmrights.ca/en/the-evidence-is-clear-liberal-data-no-handgun-ban/>

SWISS SET TO BACK TIGHTER GUN CONTROLS, AVOID EU CLASH: POLL

ZURICH (Reuters) - Two of out three Swiss voters support tightening gun controls in line with changes to European Union rules, a poll released on Friday showed, potentially heading off a clash with Brussels. The restrictions, which apply to non-EU member Switzerland because it is part of Europe's Schengen open-border system, have raised hackles among Swiss shooting enthusiasts ahead of a binding referendum on May 19. Failure to adopt the rules could force Switzerland to leave the passport-free Schengen zone and the Dublin joint system for handling asylum requests. After militants killed scores in Paris and elsewhere in 2015, the EU in 2017 toughened laws against purchasing semi-automatic rifles like the ones used in those attacks, and made it easier to track weapons in national databases. Reuters Published: Apr 12, 2019

<https://www.thetelegram.com/news/world/swiss-set-to-back-tighter-gun-controls-avoid-eu-clash-poll-301015/>

FIVE REASONS TO CARE ABOUT RCMP MONITORING YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA

Surveillance is going ahead without oversight or accountability, for one. You should care, even be scared, by The Tyee's reports on the RCMP's "Project Wide Awake," a secretive and unsupervised social media monitoring operation. We're already deep into a new era. Police — and businesses and other organizations — have the ability to track citizens in ways unimagined even a decade ago. Social media, the internet, cellphones, algorithms and analytics have given the state extraordinary power to monitor what you think and predict what you might think or do. And governments have taken no effective steps to protect citizens from round-the-clock, random surveillance in the internet age. They have quietly surrendered our rights. The Tyee's Bryan Carney revealed the RCMP's Project Wide Awake, its expansion, and the lack of oversight to protect Canadians' rights. By Paul Willcocks 11 Apr 2019 | TheTyee.ca Paul Willcocks is a journalist and former publisher of newspapers. https://thetyee.ca/Opinion/2019/04/11/RCMP-Monitoring-Social-Media/?utm_source=daily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=110419

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

20 YEARS AFTER COLUMBINE, THE GUNS ARE STILL THE PROBLEM

After thousands of US mass shootings, however, this has all become routine. Following these tragedies, conservative politicians and other officials try to point to all sorts of explanations for why an attack happened: It's mental illness. It's misogyny. It's anti-Semitism. It's some other form of extremism or hate. It's violent video games, music, movies, or another aspect of American culture. It's never the guns. By German Lopez - Updated Apr 20, 2019

<https://www.vox.com/2019/4/19/18412627/columbine-anniversary-gun-control-mass-shootings>

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/how-guns-sales-and-marketing-have-changed-20-years-after-columbine-massacre/>

WHAT GUNS DO TO OUR STATE OF MIND

It is both the technology and the symbolism of a gun that can encourage someone to shoot. In the U.S., the AR-15 assault rifle is the gun that has this power. By CHELSEY KIVLAND, Pacific Standard - APRIL 19, 2019

<https://psmag.com/social-justice/how-guns-change-us>

THE NEW YORKER - GOD, GUNS, AND COUNTRY: THE EVANGELICAL FIGHT OVER FIREARMS

Philadelphia has been hit hard by the heroin epidemic and its associated gun violence. In 2010, some two hundred and fifty people were killed with guns in the city, and more than a thousand people have been killed in the last four years—far more than in Los Angeles, though it has a much larger population. Claiborne—along with hundreds of members of Heeding God’s Call to End Gun Violence, a faith-based group that advocates for gun reform—was going to hold a vigil outside the shop to convince its owner to adopt a ten-point code of conduct to render the store more accountable for the weapons it sold. By Eliza Griswold - April 19, 2019

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/on-religion/god-guns-and-country-the-evangelical-fight-over-firearms>

TIME - WHAT GUN CONTROL ADVOCATES SHOULD LEARN FROM THE NRA

Igor Volsky may not agree with what the NRA stands for, but he does believe that gun control advocates can learn a lot from the organization’s tactics. Volsky, author of Guns Down: How to Defeat the NRA and Build a Safer Future with Fewer Guns, argues that the NRA, beyond its funding and lobbying efforts, largely owes its success to its ability to turn gun ownership into a form of patriotism. He suggests that those who disagree with the NRA should not just rebel against this strategy, but use it. “All too often, we use wonky language or stats to explain why we support this law or that,” he says. Watch Volsky’s full argument in the video above. BY JOEY LAUTRUP APRIL 19, 2019

<http://time.com/5572669/nra-teaches-gun-control-advocates/>

NY TIMES - ‘WE DON’T WANT CONVERSATIONS TO STOP’: WHY GABBY GIFFORDS IS STARTING A GUN CONTROL GROUP FOR GUN OWNERS

We interviewed Ms. Giffords about the advocacy group she formed in Minnesota and how the political landscape has changed since she was shot in the head eight years ago. By Maggie Astor - April 19, 2019 <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/19/us/politics/gabby-giffords-minnesota-guns.html>

WHY MASS SHOOTINGS DON’T LEAD TO GUN CONTROL

After horrifying gun violence, political opinions on the topic become more rigidly divided, Tufts researcher finds. Mass shootings happen with numbing frequency in the United States. Despite the extraordinary tragedy of these events, such as the shooting at Columbine High School twenty years ago this week, little progress has been made in policy and law to prevent them from happening again. To better understand the source of political paralysis on gun control, Brian Schaffner, the Newhouse Professor of Civic Studies at Tufts, along with University of Massachusetts doctoral student David Barney, took a close look at how mass shootings influence public sentiment toward gun control. By Mike Silver - April 18, 2019

<https://now.tufts.edu/articles/why-tragic-shootings-don-t-lead-gun-control>

THE FEARSOME 15: 5 BEST HANDGUNS, 5 BEST SHOTGUNS AND 5 MILITARY RIFLES EVER

Best of the best on the range or in combat? You decide.

by Kyle Mizokami, The National Interest - April 18, 2019

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/fearsome-15-5-best-handguns-5-best-shotguns-and-5-military-rifles-ever-53082>

THE OUTFITTER WIRE - APRIL 18, 2019 - HOW TO SAVE HUNTING

In recent years, while the number of men who hunt has been trending downward, women hunters, in terms of both real numbers and as a percent of the population, have increased significantly. Across all age groups, income and education

levels, more and more women are taking up hunting. And the trend is even more pronounced in the critically important 6-15 year-old category, where fully 19% of the kids who took to the woods were female, almost double the number ten years ago. <http://www.outfitterwire.com/features/438328c9-0dc4-4c1a-906b-62b4f8a73e09>

ARMED GROUPS SEIZING THOUSANDS OF WEAPONS AND MILLIONS OF ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FROM NON-UN PEACE OPERATIONS - GENEVA—A new report details efforts to improve weapons and ammunition management in non-United Nations (UN) peace operations in order to enhance force protection and mandate implementation. More than 25 organizations apart from the UN have deployed more than 100 peace operations to date. These non-UN organizations face the same challenges as the UN in securing their contingent-owned equipment (COE) and the lethal materiel they recover. Non-UN peace operations may even be more vulnerable to these challenges than UN operations. Small Arms Survey News - April 18, 2019 - Authored by Eric G. Berman, Small Arms Survey Director, Beyond Blue Helmets: Promoting Weapons and Ammunition Management in Non-UN Peace Operations is a publication of the Survey's Making Peace Operations More Effective (MPOME) project, with support from the Governments of Canada and Sweden. <https://mailchi.mp/smallarmssurvey/wam-non-un-peace-operations?e=05c9ab10ea>

SOUTH AFRICA - THE ZACP AND GUNS

Gun ownership inseparable with civil rights. The ability of ordinary citizens to defend themselves and their loved ones from violent criminal predation is an inherent part of a peaceful and prosperous society. We have the constitutional rights to life, freedom and security of person, property, and dignity. If we cannot defend these rights from criminal violation, they fail to remain rights, they become defunct. By Gideon Joubert | 17 April 2019
<https://www.politicsweb.co.za/news-and-analysis/gun-ownership-inseparable-with-civil-rights>

AUSTRALIA - GOLD COAST FITTER AND TURNER JAILED FOR MAKING SUBMACHINE GUNS

Nicholas Petrovski used his skills to manufacture weapons that in the wrong hands could have caused havoc, court told Australian Associated Press - Wed 17 Apr 2019
<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2019/apr/17/gold-coast-fitter-and-turner-jailed-for-making-submachine-guns>

CT TEEN BUILT RIFLE-STYLE GUNS, SOLD THEM TO UNDERCOVER ATF AGENT

Mohammadreza “Reza” Kamali, 18, of Willimantic, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Janet C. Hall in New Haven to one count of dealing in firearms without a license. Court documents showed law enforcement launched an investigation into Kamali after they learned it was offering to sell guns to people in Connecticut. In October and November of 2018, Kamali sold four AR-15-style guns, which he built himself after ordering parts on the internet, to an undercover ATF special agent. He was arrested on Nov. 2, 2018. By Tara O'Neill - April 16, 2019
<https://www.ctpost.com/local/article/CT-teen-built-rifle-style-guns-sold-them-to-13772588.php>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - APRIL 17, 2019

SAU TO START COLLEGIATE TRAP SHOOTING TEAM

Magnolia, Arkansas – Southern Arkansas University (SAU) has begun recruiting students for a new trap shooting team in hopes to “Pull!” off another student engagement victory following the successful additions of eSports, bass fishing and disc golf teams. Editor's Note: Think collegiate shooting sports aren't gaining in popularity? Think again. As today's news from Southern Arkansas University points out, **shooting sports are growing in popularity on college campuses.**
<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/0d7c1011-2635-4cee-9171-8297e9ac885f>

THE TIMES - OUR GUN LAWS ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT US

The speed with which the prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, has moved to reassure communities and substantially strengthen gun control is a powerful moment and an important step. Here in the UK there is a perception that our gun laws can inoculate us against the worst of the threat. This is a dangerous delusion. By Louise Haigh - April 16, 2019

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-home-secretary-must-close-dangerous-loopholes-in-our-gun-control-laws-wwm8qnmwp>

GABBY GIFFORDS ORG STUDY: DOZENS OF INCIDENTS WHERE GUNS DID LITERALLY NOTHING TO ANYONE

The study is titled, "Every Incident of Mishandled Guns in Schools." It opens with 31 incidents in which guns were allegedly left in places in campus where they were discoverable by students by students or others. No shots were fired in 30 of the 31 incidents and, in the incident where the shot was fired, it was the result of an elementary school student pulling the trigger on a holstered gun carried by a police officer. BY AWR HAWKINS - 15 Apr 2019

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/04/15/gabby-giffords-org-study-dozens-of-incidents-where-guns-did-literally-nothing-to-anyone/>

NY TIMES - 4 KILLED IN 'TARGETED' SHOOTINGS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

A 60-year-old man was arrested after allegedly killing four people in a "targeted" series of shootings on Monday, the police in British Columbia said. The gunman, who the authorities had not named as of Tuesday morning, killed two men and two women in three locations within about three miles of each other in the city of Penticton, said Ted De Jager, superintendent of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The first shooting was reported at 10:30 a.m., and the suspect had turned himself in by 11:30 a.m., he said. The victims were not identified, pending notification of their families. But the police said they believed the gunman knew all of the victims. By Daniel Victor - April 16, 2019

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/16/world/canada/penticton-shooting-guns.html>

<https://scallywagandvagabond.com/2019/04/penticton-shooting-motive-british-columbia-60-year-old-man-arrested/>

U.K. - THUGS SMUGGLING 44,740 GUNS AND KNIVES INTO COURTROOMS SHOW BRAZEN

CONTEMPT FOR THE LAW - CRIMINALS are caught trying to smuggle guns and knives into court buildings every day, a Daily Express investigation has revealed. Shocking figures show the contempt knife and gun thugs hold for the law with more than 40,000 illegal blades, airguns, Tasers and CS gas among the items seized. In just five years 57 firearms and 44,683 knives have been confiscated at courthouses at a rate of nearly 30 every day.

By GILES SHELDRICK, DAILY EXPRESS CHIEF REPORTER – EXCLUSIVE Mon, Apr 15, 2019

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/1114339/smuggling-guns-and-knives-Thugs-courtrooms>

FOX NEWS - COLORADO ENACTS 'RED FLAG' LAW TO SEIZE GUNS FROM THOSE DEEMED

DANGEROUS, PROMPTING BACKLASH - Colorado became the 15th state on Friday to adopt a "red flag" gun law, allowing firearms to be seized from people determined to pose a danger -- just weeks after dozens of county sheriffs had vowed not to enforce the law, with some local leaders establishing what they called Second Amendment "sanctuary counties." By Gregg Re | Fox News - April 14, 2019

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/sheriff-fires-back-after-colorado-enacts-red-flag-law-to-seize-guns-from-individuals-deemed-dangerous>

MANY OLDER ADULTS KEEP GUNS LOADED, UNLOCKED AT HOME, SURVEY SAYS

University of Washington researchers report, almost 39 percent of the more than 4,400 seniors they surveyed in Washington state said they had a firearm in their home. Nearly a quarter said they keep at least one gun loaded and unlocked. Fewer than a third said they keep all firearms locked up and unloaded.

By Steven Reinberg, HealthDay News UPI - April 15, 2019 https://www.upi.com/Health_News/2019/04/15/Many-older-adults-keep-guns-loaded-unlocked-at-home-survey-says/4561555362811/

NBC NEWS - GUN CONTROL CASE STUDY: A MASS SHOOTING, MAJOR REFORMS, THEN A

POLITICAL BACKLASH The dramatic saga of what happened in Colorado when 2020 contender John Hickenlooper was governor holds lessons for Dems seeking the White House and the nation. Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper bills himself as the experienced, consensus-building Democrat in the 2020 presidential race, one who has successfully tackled divisive issues like gun control. But his signature achievement as governor — a package of gun bills passed in 2013 — was undertaken without any Republican support and exacted great political cost on state Democrats, several of whom were recalled or resigned under threat of being removed from office. Hickenlooper has since expressed serious misgivings about how he handled the issue, publicly pondering whether it was worth it and apologizing to one of the key players in the process — although he still touts it on the campaign trail as one of his major accomplishments. By Adam Edelman, April 14, 2019 <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-election/gun-control-case-study-mass-shooting-major-reforms-then-political-n991096>

THE ACLU DEFENDS GUN OWNERS' CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, EXCEPT FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHT TO OWN GUNS

When the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey announced its lawsuit on behalf of two public high school students who were suspended because they posted pictures of themselves at a gun range on Snapchat, the first reply on Twitter congratulated the organization for “defending all of the civil liberties.” But while the ACLU is commendably willing to defend the First Amendment rights of gun owners and Second Amendment advocates, the national organization still takes the position that, contrary to what the Supreme Court has said, the Constitution does not guarantee an individual right to armed self-defense. By JACOB SULLUM, Reason - April 12, 2019 <https://reason.com/2019/04/12/the-aclu-defends-the-rights-of-gun-owner/>

OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

MARIN: LIBERAL PARTY IN FREEFALL WITH TRUDEAU AT HELM

How do the Liberals turn around their fortunes? The only way would be to get rid of Trudeau and replace him with someone more serious and qualified to do the job. Unfortunately, there's no one waiting in the wings. The Liberals drank Trudeau's Kool-Aid when they chose him as leader in 2013. The chicken, or turkeys, as this is Easter, have come home to roost. By Andre Marin, Toronto Sun - April 20, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/marin-liberal-party-in-freefall-with-trudeau-at-helm>

KINSELLA: TRUDEAU HAS RUINED LIBERAL BRAND IN THE WEST

But, mostly, Notley lost because of Trudeau. She trusted him, as did other Albertans. And she shouldn't have. His early promises to Alberta were deceptions. They were intended to win him seats — but Trudeau clearly never had any intention of helping Alberta families survive. By Warren Kinsella, Toronto Sun - April 19, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/kinsella-trudeau-has-ruined-liberal-brand-in-the-west>

NP VIEW: KENNEY MUST WIN A WAR, OR CANADA RISKS LOSING ITS PEACE

Major progress in Alberta will require a sea change in Ottawa, to either its attitude or its government

National Post View - April 18, 2019 https://nationalpost.com/opinion/np-view-kenney-must-win-a-war-or-canada-risks-losing-its-peace?video_autoplay=true

LEGAL WEED IN CANADA STRUGGLES TO COMPETE WITH BLACK MARKET

As a result, a majority of marijuana sales in the country -- approximately \$5 billion -- were transacted on the black market, compared to \$2 billion in legal sales, according to new government data from January 2019.

by Tyler Durden - Thu, 04/18/2019 <https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2019-04-18/legal-weed-canada-struggles-compete-black-market>

JASON KENNEY'S VICTORY SPEECH - April 16, 2019

Help is on the way and hope is on the horizon': Premier-designate Jason Kenney gave a fiery speech after his election victory. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xX-t5lqwCag>

LILLEY: TRUDEAU FLIRTS WITH TERRORIST SUPPORTERS, ANGERS INDIA, AGAIN

“Trudeau had been informed of Khalistani activists being involved in financing terror activities in India from Canada,” Singh told the Hindustan Times. According to Singh, Trudeau didn’t act on the list and instead caved to political pressure.

By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - April 15, 2019

<https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-trudeau-flirts-with-terrorist-supporters-angers-india-again/wcm/0f61873d-65c0-4c17-ab18-e7b7c32fb034>

GUNTER: VIVIAN KRAUSE, THE TAR SANDS CAMPAIGN, AND THE ELECTION

Why wouldn’t our own government fight back against groups that were deliberately trying to undermine our provincial economy? By Lorne Gunter, Edmonton Sun - April 15, 2019

<https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-vivian-krause-the-tar-sands-campaign-and-the-election>

OTHER NEWS SITES

LATEST NEWS FROM THE CSSA/CILA: <http://cssa-cila.org/category/cssa-e-news/>

Subscribe to CSSA News Alerts: <http://cssa-cila.org/mailman/listinfo/cssa-cila-e-news> cssa-cila.org

LATEST NEWS FROM THE NFA: <http://new.nfa.ca/>

Subscribe to Daily NFA Media Reports: news@nfa.ca

LATEST NEWS FROM JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS

<http://mailchi.mp/36033a2955cf/living-under-the-gun?e=bc1823b8e2>

CALIBRE MAGAZINE

The Canadian Firearms Magazine

<http://calibremag.ca/>

CANADIAN OUTDOORSMAN MAGAZINE

http://www.canadianoutdoorsman.net/#!/page_home

OUTDOOR CANADA, OUTDOOR CANADA WEST

www.outdoorcanada.ca

THE GUN BLOG

<https://thegunblog.ca/>

LATEST NEWS FROM JOHN LOTT’S CRIME PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTRE

<http://crimeresearch.org/>

CHRISTOPHER DI ARMANI

christopher@diarmani.com

JOHN ROBSON ONLINE

True Canadian values in a complex world

<http://www.thejohnrobson.com/>

LIBERTY QUOTES

<http://quotes.liberty-tree.ca/DailyQuotes>

CANADA IN THE ROUGH – FIND US ON TV

<http://www.canadaintherough.com/episodes-schedules/>

THINK TANK OF ONE BY JOHN THOMPSON

Issues related to organized violence and instability.

<https://thinktankofone.com/about/>

SPENCER FERNANDO

Insight into news, money, politics, & culture

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/>