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POSTS FROM CANADA

SHOULD COPS DITCH THEIR GUNS? NEW ZEALAND SETS EXAMPLE SOME THINK CANADA

SHOULD FOLLOW - Concern over that opposition cropped up during the Labour Code trial, with then-RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson testifying that he was cautious when it came to arming his members with high-powered carbine rifles specifically because possible militarization can “distance the public from the police.” Conflating police patrolling in tanks with police carrying “the necessary weapons to confront individuals with high-quality weapons and intent” is dangerous, says Brown, who rejects most arguments in support of taking guns away from police in most scenarios, saying their proponents “have, generally, a pretty strong anti-police bias.”

By Jane Gerster, National Online Journalist, Global News - April 27, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5197332/cops-without-guns/>

<https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/opinion-story/9304434-editorial-police-chief-s-likely-right-about-need-for-armoured-vehicle/>

CANADA'S NEW FAR RIGHT: A TROVE OF PRIVATE CHAT ROOM MESSAGES REVEALS AN EXTREMIST SUBCULTURE

- An analysis of 150,000 chat room messages paints a picture of a group that is actively recruiting new members, buying weapons and trying to influence political parties.

EXCERPT: A VOLUNTEER WITH A DOUBLE LIFE: Mr. Strashok managed to keep his public and private identities separate. He maintained an alias-free blog site where he posted about Canadian military procurements; **and he was a part of the Conservative Club, and the student-run firearms club, at the University of Calgary.** By all appearances, he was a fairly run-of-the-mill conservative. That façade began to crumble in the fall of 2018, when an investigation by Ricochet Media revealed that Mr. Strashok was helping to manage Fireforce Ventures, an online store that sold coded white-supremacist symbols in the form of military-surplus gear. That revelation, in turn, led to the unmasking of his involvement in various pseudonymous online accounts. Mr. Kenney said he was shocked and disturbed by the reports of what he called Mr. Strashok's “hateful and extreme” online activity. He cancelled Mr. Strashok's party membership and said he had asked the party board to develop a screening process for those seeking to join. By SHANNON CARRANCO AND JON MILTON, SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL - PUBLISHED APRIL 27, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-canadas-new-far-right-a-trove-of-private-chat-room-messages-reveals/>

WINNIPEG POLICE SEIZED OVER 60 IMPROVISED WEAPONS IN 2018

Insp. Max Waddell say the weapon used in the alleged robbery was an improvised gun. “It's no different than using a real firearm,” said Waddell. Waddell said in a lot of cases the firearms are made from bicycle parts and springs, which is a contributing factor to the increase in bike thefts tied in with the meth crisis. Waddell said while they're not made of real gun parts the bullets are real and they can have the same impact as a legitimate firearm. Numbers show the use of these improvised guns in Winnipeg is on the rise. In 2016 police seized three weapons, in 2017 they seized six and in 2018 it was over 60. By Jeff Keele, Political Reporter - April 26, 2019

<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/winnipeg-police-seized-over-60-improvised-weapons-in-2018-1.4397351>

LILLEY: GUN BUYBACK SCHEME OFF-TARGET

My issue is with this program being portrayed as a meaningful way to deal with gun violence. Police admit that most of the guns they'll collect will simply be unwanted firearms, maybe passed down from a family member and no longer used.

Often police will tell you they largely collect guns from unsafe locations or storage conditions. Paying out tax dollars for a busted up .22 rifle or for grandpa's old revolver that would never be used in a crime may not be the best use of resources.

By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - April 26, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-gun-buyback-scheme-off-target>

CTV - TRUMP TELLS NRA HE'S WITHDRAWING FROM ARMS TRADE TREATY

Trump said he would be revoking the United States' status as a signatory of the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty, which regulates international trade in conventional weapons, from small arms to battle tanks, combat aircraft and warships. President Barack Obama signed the pact in 2013 but it has never been ratified by U.S. lawmakers. By Jill Colvin and Lisa Marie Pane, The Associated Press - Published Friday, April 26, 2019

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/world/trump-tells-nra-he-s-withdrawing-from-arms-trade-treaty-1.4396279>

<http://time.com/5578872/trump-nra-speech-arms-trade-treaty/>

ALBERTA RCMP OFFICER CHARGED WITH POINTING GUN, CONFINING MOTORIST WHILE OFF

DUTY - The Mountie was off-duty and driving his personal vehicle when he became "embroiled in a driving dispute," Hughson said. During the dispute, the RCMP member allegedly confronted the woman driving the other vehicle, pointed a gun at her and confined her at roadside. ASIRT was directed to investigate in February 2018. Const. Barnaby Seregelyi was charged Thursday with dangerous driving, assault with a weapon, unlawful confinement and pointing a firearm. He was released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in Barrhead provincial court May 23. Kaleigh Miller, an RCMP spokeswoman, said the officer is suspended with pay. He had been with the service for just over a year at the time of the incident. By JONNY WAKEFIELD, Edmonton Journal - Updated: April 26, 2019

<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/mountie-facing-charges-after-roadside-confrontation-with-motorist>

EIGHT YEARS FOR GUN CRIMES BUT ATTEMPTED MURDER WITHDRAWN

Christopher Cory Nevius, 32, formerly of Kitchener, pleaded guilty in the Ontario Court of Justice in Walkerton on April 16. After credit of 264 days in custody, enhanced by half again as courts do, he has 83 months or almost seven years left to serve. A lifetime weapons prohibition and DNA order were imposed and the court ordered Nevius not to communicate with the man he had been charged with attempting to murder, Dustin Sturgeon. Court documents show he was the victim alleged. By Scott Dunn - Published on: April 26, 2019

<https://www.owensoundsuntimes.com/news/local-news/eight-years-for-gun-crimes-but-attempted-murder-withdrawn>

FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NEEDED TO REBUILD TRUST IN HIGH RIVER

Summary prepared by Dennis R. Young – April 26, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/04/26/full-public-disclosure-needed-to-rebuild-trust-in-high-river/>

TURN IN YOUR UNWANTED HANDGUN AND GET \$350 AS PART OF A NEW TORONTO BUYBACK

PROGRAM - The program, which runs through May 17, was part of a number of initiatives aimed at addressing gun violence that were approved by city council following a deadly shooting in the city's Greektown neighbourhood last summer. Under the terms of the program, residents wishing to surrender a firearm can contact police and have an officer attend their home to pick it up. Members of the Guns and Gangs unit will then inspect the firearm to ensure that it has not been used in any previous crimes. By Chris Fox, CTV News Toronto - April 26, 2019

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/turn-in-your-unwanted-handgun-and-get-350-as-part-of-a-new-toronto-buyback-program-1.4396120>

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/gun-buyback>

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/04/26/350-per-handgun-200-per-rifle-city-and-toronto-police-announce-gun-buyback-program.html>

CBC - STUDENT PETITION AIMS TO BAN SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPON OWNERSHIP

'Get those out of the hands of everyday people' - By Kevin Yarr · CBC News · Posted: Apr 26, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-student-assault-rifle-petition-1.5112623>

CBC - OTTAWA PLEDGES \$2.3M TO COMBAT GUN, GANG VIOLENCE IN MANITOBA

Funding will be given over 2 years for intelligence sharing, specialized equipment, community mobilization

By Caitlyn Gowriluk · CBC News · Posted: Apr 26, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/gun-gang-manitoba-1.5112851>

TORONTO POLICE CHIEF, MAYOR TO ANNOUNCE GUN BUYBACK PLAN THIS MORNING

Toronto's mayor and police chief are set to announce a gun buyback program aimed at reducing the number of unwanted firearms in the city. Chief Saunders said in December that officers had recovered more than 500 handguns — or 222 more than in 2017 — and the number of homicides caused by shootings had gone up by nearly 30 per cent.

The Canadian Press - Published: April 26, 2019 - 9:53 AM

<https://o.canada.com/pmn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/toronto-police-chief-mayor-to-announce-gun-buyback-plan-this-morning/wcm/5c2d75a3-3837-4386-a3ab-375a5f3f26a2>

CANADA'S INVESTMENT IN PRISON SYSTEM MODEL ISN'T BRINGING RESULTS, WATCHDOG

REPORTS - The ultimate performance indicator for prison systems is recidivism, a measure of inmates who are reconvicted after two years. While other big spenders such as Norway have recidivism rates of 20 per cent, Canada's reconviction rate is unknown, according to Dr. Zinger, largely because of the country's complicated interplay of provincial, territorial and federal prison systems. The last time CSC fully measured its two-year reconviction rate was 1995 and it stood at 41 per cent, he said. In a statement, CSC insisted it has a more recent recidivism figure of 23.4 per cent for 2011-12. "The Correctional Investigator's study underlines the need for better Canadian data on recidivism, which is notoriously difficult to track and compare," said Mr. Bardsley, adding that Ottawa is now working on new recidivism stats with the provinces and territories. By PATRICK WHITE, Globe and Mail - April 25, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-canadas-investment-in-prison-system-model-isnt-bringing-results/>

APRIL 10, 2019 - CORRECTIONAL SERVICE CANADA DOES NOT REPORT ON RECIDIVISM

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." Response to Access to Access to Information Act Request dated April 10, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/04/10/how-bad-is-canadas-recidivism-problem/>

CBC - CREE HUNTER UPSET AFTER QUEBEC POLICE QUESTION IF HIS GUNS ARE REGISTERED

Cree Trapper's Association signs agreement with Quebec for extra support to register hunters

By Susan Bell, Betsy Longchap · CBC News · Posted: Apr 25, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/cree-hunter-long-gun-registry-quebec-1.5108125>

SHOULD WE BE TOUGHER ON 'ASSAULT-STYLE' RIFLES?

In a recent article, Blake Brown maintained that "assault-style" rifles should be restricted, citing police concerns, although he never quite gets around to explaining what an "assault-style" rifle might be. Minister Bill Blair has conducted nationwide consultations to see what Canadians think about banning similar types of firearms. In this article I contend that fanning fears about "assault-style" rifles merely diverts attention from more serious problems that Canadians need to face.

By Gary Mauser, Justice for Gun Owners - April 24, 2019 <https://justiceforgunowners.ca/should-we-be-tougher-on-assault-style-rifles/>

CSSA COMMENTARY: THE FUTURE OF A NATIONAL FIREARMS BAN

If gun owners across Canada don't get fired up and vote (and vote to save their firearms) those gun-smelters will surely be fired up on October 22, 2019. Team CSSA E-News | April 24, 2019

<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/04/team-cssa-e-news-april-24-2019/>

GUN, OUTDOOR SHOW ON TARGET FOR GROWTH: ORGANIZER

Due to the “success” of last year’s event, the St. Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers Association second annual Gun and Outdoor Show will be held at larger venue, the Johnson Township Desbarats Arena. This year’s event is May 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation, said club president, John Paterson. By Pat Kerr - Published on: April 24, 2019

<https://www.saultstar.com/news/local-news/gun-outdoor-show-on-target-for-growth-organizer>

FIREARMS ACT EVALUATED WITH SUMMARY LOGIC MODEL IN 1998 REPORT

TheGunBlog.ca — Canada’s Firearms Act of 1995 invented a series of crimes for hunters, farmers, sport shooters and every other private citizen who owns a gun, even if they do nothing immoral or injurious, according to an evaluation report by the Department of Justice in 1998. Following are select highlights from the report, followed by excerpts. Title: 1995 Firearms Legislation: Evaluation Framework, Canadian Department of Justice, April 1998 - THEGUNBLOG.CA - APRIL 23, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/04/23/firearms-act-evaluated-with-summary-logic-model-in-1998-report/>

OVER \$5M GOING TO B.C. PROGRAMS TARGETING GANGS, GUNS

The money is part of \$30 million the province will receive over the next five years as part of a federal government action fund. The funding will also go towards the Surrey Wrap program – an anti-gang program in Surrey. The government says the number of youths and families served by the program has grown from 131 to 168.

The remainder of the money is being dispersed to a range of organizations and programs:

- \$225,000 to the Abbotsford Community Services Society's Enhancing Gang Prevention and Intervention Programming with South Asian Youth
- \$207,795 to the Cariboo-Chilcotin Child Development Centre Association's Future Forward program
- \$173,361 to the Cariboo Family Enrichment Centre Society's Youth and Family Navigator program
- \$450,000 to the Pacific Centre Family Services Association's Crime Reduction and Exploitation Diversion program
- \$580,000 to the BC School Superintendents Association's Support for High Risk, Vulnerable Youth in BC Communities program.

CTV News Vancouver Published Tuesday, April 23, 2019

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/over-5m-going-to-b-c-programs-targeting-gangs-guns-1.4391453>

GUN CONTROL: A HEALTH ISSUE FOR WHICH PHYSICIANS RIGHTFULLY ADVOCATE

A Canadian gun lobby group recently launched an aggressive, coordinated attack on Dr. Najma Ahmed, a Toronto trauma surgeon and founder of Canadian Doctors for Protection from Guns.¹ The group had its supporters file nearly 70 complaints with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, alleging that Dr. Ahmed’s advocacy for gun control constitutes immoral and unprofessional behaviour. If the intent was to discourage her and other physicians from such advocacy, these efforts appear to have failed spectacularly: the college appropriately dismissed these complaints within a week, and physicians across Canada subsequently rallied in support of gun control. However, this novel attempt at political intimidation constitutes an alarming threat against public health advocacy, to which physicians must respond with resolve and determination. By Matthew B. Stanbrook - CMAJ April 23, 2019

<http://www.cmaj.ca/content/191/16/E434>

CHILD SUFFERS ACCIDENTAL GUNSHOT WOUND IN PINCHER CREEK

After initial investigation police say a 13 year old child was playing with a loaded .22 caliber pistol when it unintentionally discharged and hit an 11 year old in the chest. RCMP have confirmed there was no adult supervision when the incident happened, and they are investigating the safety and storage of the firearm.

Written by Morgan Patterson - Tuesday, 23 April 2019

<https://www.highriveronline.com/local/child-suffers-accidental-gunshot-wound-in-pincher-creek>

WATCH: CONSERVATIVES UNLEASH DEVASTATING ‘JUSTIN TRUDEAU VS THE TRUTH’ AD

The Conservative Party of Canada has unleashed a devastating new ad against Justin Trudeau. It uses Justin Trudeau’s own words against him, revealing the full depths of his deception and hypocrisy.

By SPENCER FERNANDO - APRIL 22, 2019

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/04/22/watch-conservatives-unleash-devastating-justin-trudeau-vs-the-truth-ad/>

ONTARIO STARTS TRACKING FIREARMS SEIZURES AFTER FAILING TO FOLLOW OWN LAW FOR YEARS

The Ontario government has for years been flouting a law that requires the Solicitor-General to track all firearms seized by police forces in the province, creating a major blind spot for authorities just as gun violence is on the rise in Toronto and across the country. The province has sought to rectify the oversight in recent months, but only after The Globe and Mail made a freedom-of-information request for the records that turned up nothing. The lapse is part of a larger, national data gap on firearms that has hobbled Organized Crime Reduction Minister Bill Blair’s efforts to stem gun crime in the wake of the Danforth shooting last year. Canada’s lack of gun data is a recurring theme in a report released by Mr. Blair’s office this month that summarizes the results of his cross-country consultation on the matter.

By PATRICK WHITE, GLOBE AND MAIL - APRIL 21, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ontario-government-flouts-own-law-on-gun-data-collection/>

THE STAR LETTER: MORE EDUCATION NEEDED ON GUN CONTROL

By Trevor Easton, Ottawa - Sun., April 21, 2019

https://www.thestar.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editors/2019/04/21/more-education-needed-on-gun-control.html

RE: Why is Canada’s gun lobby so powerful?, Opinion, April 18

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

Bob Hepburn’s recent piece does little to answer the question posed. Instead, it does more to demonstrate his disdain for Canada’s millions of gun owners, whom he derides as “gun lovers.” Hepburn posits that most Canadians are on the side of “stiffer gun control” and claims a well-funded lobby keeps Canadians free to own firearms. Perhaps he should investigate the report recently put out by Minister Bill Blair, which tells a much different story. Before taking his frustration out on the Canadians who would actually be affected by the policy he advocates for, Hepburn should perhaps familiarize himself with the subject.

STUDENTS CALL ON PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU TO ACT ON GUN CONTROL PROMISE BEFORE NEXT ELECTION

MONTREAL, April 19, 2019 /CNW Telbec/ - The student movement, NOT_HERE, which represents 18 student associations and confederation with more than 250,000 students across the country, gathered outside Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Montreal office the morning to protest the inaction so far by the Government of Canada to ban handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons. PRNewswire - April 19, 2019 4:17pm Comments

<https://www.benzinga.com/pressreleases/19/04/r13567778/students-call-on-prime-minister-justin-trudeau-to-act-on-gun-control-promise-before-next-election>

TOWHEY: PUNISH VILLAINS, NOT VICTIMS

Toronto city council wants the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to suspend liquor licences of bars where shootings occur. The number of shootings in our city is a real concern. But it's not the fault of small business owners running bars, restaurants or convenience stores. By Mark Towhey, Toronto Sun - April 18, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/towhey-punish-villains-not-victims>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

NEW ATF HEAD SERVED AS ASSISTANT COUNTRY ATTACHÉ IN TORONTO, CANADA.

New Acting Deputy Director Appointed at ATF - Apr 26, 2019

<https://ohsonline.com/articles/2019/04/26/new-acting-deputy-director-appointed-at-atf.aspx?m=1>

NY TIMES - INSURGENTS SEEK TO OUST WAYNE LAPIERRE IN N.R.A. POWER STRUGGLE

The confrontation pits Mr. LaPierre, the organization's longtime chief executive, against its recently installed president, Oliver L. North, the central figure in the Reagan-era Iran-contra affair, who remains a hero to many on the right. Mr. North asked Mr. LaPierre to resign on Wednesday, according to documents reviewed by The New York Times. He said he had also created a committee to review allegations of financial improprieties that threaten the N.R.A.'s status as a nonprofit organization. By Danny Hakim - April 26, 2019

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/26/business/nra-wayne-lapierre-oliver-north.html>

CBS NEWS - FEMALE GUN OWNERSHIP AND THE RISE OF FASHIONABLE "CARRYWEAR"

The number of women who own a gun is rising -- an estimated one in five women in 2017 -- and the firearms industry is taking notice. BY SARAH MIN - UPDATED ON: APRIL 26, 2019 - MONEYWATCH

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/female-gun-ownership-and-the-rise-of-fashionable-carrywear/>

TRUMP TELLS NRA HE'S PULLING US FROM ARMS TREATY

Speaking at a National Rifle Association (NRA) convention in Indianapolis, Trump said he would "never" ratify the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty that was signed by former President Obama in 2013.

BY JORDAN FABIAN - 04/26/19 <https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/440846-trump-tells-nra-hes-pulling-us-from-arms-treaty?userid=131593>

JOHN LOTT: ARMED TEACHERS CAN SAVE STUDENT LIVES – DON'T LEAVE CHILDREN

DEFENSELESS AGAINST SCHOOL SHOOTERS - Gun control groups may paint fearful pictures of what might go wrong with teachers carrying guns, but that fear gets harder to push given these programs' successes. This research provides evidence that armed teachers and other school employees deter attacks. It is past time for us to do something that really works. Let's stop leaving our children defenseless in school and enable school employees to give them the protection they need and deserve. By John R. Lott | Fox News - April 26, 2019 <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/john-lott-armed-teachers-can-save-student-lives-dont-leave-children-defenseless-against-school-shooters>

USA TODAY - WE'RE STANDING UP TO THE GUN LOBBY AND THE NRA IS LOSING POWER: ERIC

SWALWELL - Americans deserve a president who will put their safety above gun company profits. I'm the only candidate calling to ban and buy back assault weapons. The National Rifle Association has 17 fewer friends in Congress as it holds its national convention this week. By Eric Swalwell - April 25, 2019

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2019/04/25/national-rifle-association-convention-ar-15-assault-weapon-buyback-column/3564374002/>

U.K. - KNIFE CRIME RISES TO RECORD LEVELS BUT AS FEW AS A FIFTH OF OFFENDERS ARE

CAUGHT - The number of knife offences rose by six per cent last year to 40,829, equivalent to more than 110 a day and the highest level since records began in 2008/09. Homicides were also up by 6.1 per cent to 732, equivalent to more than two a day and their highest level for a decade. Four in ten of these killings involved a knife or sharp instrument. By Charles Hymas, home affairs editor - 25 APRIL 2019

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/04/25/knife-crime-rises-record-levels-england-wales-homicides-hit/>

FLORIDA TEACHERS TO BE ARMED WITH GUNS DESPITE ANGER FROM PARKLAND SHOOTING

SURVIVORS - State lawmakers are now poised to lift Florida's ban on arming classroom teachers, allowing them to receive the same voluntary training as other staff to carry weapons in school. On Tuesday, the state Senate approved the change, which now heads to the more conservative state House for what is expected to be final passage.

By Patricia Mazzei, MIAMI - April 24, 2019 <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/florida-gun-control-teachers-parkland-shooting-school-firearms-a8883791.html>

<https://www.newsweek.com/teachers-guns-florida-senate-bill-parkland-1404495>

LIBERAL WEBSITE STUMBLES ONTO HARSH TRUTH ABOUT GUN CONTROL IN HIGH-CRIME

AREAS - Reporting on a local story from the Public Source (TPS) last month, the ThinkProgress post highlights concerns that new gun control measures, including an "assault weapons" ban, an ammunition ban, and a new "red flag" law, will hurt young black men especially. The numbers, however, show that people who commit crimes with guns don't tend to get their hardware in ways that would be affected by gun control laws: 90 percent of 2016 federal inmates don't buy from retail sources, and almost half of them got their guns off the black market. Furthermore, another survey found that four out of five gun crimes are committed with illegally obtained firearms. By Nate Madden · April 24, 2019

<https://www.conservativereview.com/news/liberal-website-stumbles-onto-harsh-truth-gun-control-high-crime-areas/>

TEXAS SENATE OKS ALLOWING OPEN CARRY FOR SCHOOL MARSHALS

Voting along party lines, the Texas Senate gave final approval Wednesday to a bill that would let school districts choose whether school marshals can openly carry firearms in holsters while on campus. By Chuck Lindell - Updated Apr 24,

2019 <https://www.statesman.com/news/20190424/senate-oks-allowing-open-carry-for-school-marshals>

NZ - FEDS DISAGREE WITH HANDLING OF ARMS BILL

The rush to pass the Arms Amendment Bill was not satisfactory in the view of Federated Farmers' national security spokesman Miles Anderson, of South Canterbury. "I think the Government's ban on the sale of automatic firearms on the Wednesday following the Christchurch atrocity would have sufficed. "Then it would have given time to do a law change properly. The Bill has made no difference to the number of firearms out in the public - they're still out there. "There could have been a better process." Mr Anderson was one of about 20 people who had one day to make oral submissions to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee on the Bill. By Miles Anderson - April 24, 2019

<https://www.odt.co.nz/rural-life/rural-life-other/feds-disagree-handling-arms-bill>

EDITORIAL: WE FAILED COLUMBINE SHOOTING VICTIMS AND HUNDREDS MORE BY SHUNNING COMMON-SENSE GUN LAWS, CHOICES

- It's not too late to change our attitude about gun violence. We have a choice to elect candidates who will enact sensible gun control in line with how the Second Amendment was fashioned to work in the Constitution. We can choose to eschew absurdly violent media. We can choose to make all healthcare, and especially mental health care, available to all Americans. We can choose, as educators, friends, law enforcers and family members, to intervene when mental illness becomes apparent. Or we can continue to choose to do nothing, marking the

Columbine massacre after the worst year in school and other mass shootings in American history, and we can continue to live in fear and dread. By SENTINEL EDITORIAL BOARD - April 22, 2019

<https://www.sentinelcolorado.com/opinion/editorial-we-failed-columbine-shooting-victims-and-hundreds-more-by-shunning-common-sense-gun-laws-choices/>

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/we-cant-stop-politicizing-the-trauma-of-children-20-years-after-columbine>

ILLEGAL WEAPON TRADE FLOURISHING IN DARK WEB, STUDY SAYS

A new study conducted by researchers at Michigan State University has found that illicit weapon trade is flourishing in the dark web. The research revealed that firearms are anonymously bought and sold around the world at the time where debates over gun regulations make headlines all across the world. By Nirmal Narayanan - April 22, 2019

<https://www.ibtimes.sg/illegal-weapon-trade-flourishing-dark-web-study-says-30409>

NY TIMES - WHY HAVING A GUN IN NEW JERSEY COULD SOON COST 20 TIMES AS MUCH

Though New Jersey has strict gun control laws, its firearms fees have not changed since the mid-1960s, making it a bargain for gun owners. A firearm identification card costs \$5, while a permit to own a firearm is \$2. A permit to carry a gun costs \$20. New York City, which also has stringent gun laws, charges \$340 to apply for a permit to own and carry a gun. Gov. Philip D. Murphy of New Jersey, a Democrat, has proposed fees that would be among the highest in the country. An identification card would cost \$100, an owner's permit would be \$50 and a carry permit \$400.

By Nick Corasaniti - April 22, 2019 <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/22/nyregion/nj-gun-laws.html>

HOW A REASONABLE PERSON BECAME A PRO-GUN ZEALOT

Many people have written letters wanting to know the answer to Ron Molen's recent op-ed piece, "How do reasonable people become gun zealots?" I was a 29-year-old stay-at-home mom with a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University when I became a gun zealot. By Janalee Tobias | Special to The Tribune - April 20, 2019

<https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/commentary/2019/04/20/commentary-how-reasonable/>

COLUMBINE, 20 YEARS LATER: POLL SHOWS MOST AMERICANS FAVOR STRICTER GUN LAWS

The survey was conducted both before and after last month's mass shooting at two mosques in New Zealand. It found that 67 percent of Americans support making US gun laws stricter, while 22 percent say they should be left as they are and 10 percent think they should be made less strict. By Lisa Marie Pane and Emily Swanson, Associated Press Apr 20, 2019

https://www.coloradopolitics.com/news/columbine-years-later-poll-shows-most-americans-favor-stricter-gun/article_1dbd8c36-6387-11e9-8e52-9f165bb4cbd6.html

NEW INTEREST IN GUN RESEARCH: ARE THE RIGHT PEOPLE PAYING ATTENTION?

The NRA pushed Congress in 1995 to stop the CDC from spending taxpayer money on research that advocated gun control. Congress then passed the Dickey Amendment in 1996, and cut funding that effectively ended the CDC's study of gun violence as a public health issue. But today, outside of the federal government, there is a resurgence of interest in research on gun control, gun safety, and guns as a public health issue. Funds from both states and private sources are supporting this work, and researchers whose work languished for years are almost giddy with what they are now able to do. By Carole Levine - April 19, 2019

<https://nonprofitquarterly.org/2019/04/19/new-interest-in-gun-research-are-the-right-people-paying-attention/>

HYSTERIA OVER SCHOOL SAFETY WON'T KEEP US SAFE

The #NeverAgain movement that arose after last year's Parkland shootings ignores how government officials cannot be trusted to behave honestly or responsibly to save student lives. New gun control laws will do nothing to boost either the competence or courage of the police when every second counts. Unfortunately, there is also no cure for the political exploitation of such tragedies. By James Bovard, Mises Institute - April 19, 2019 - James Bovard is the author of ten books, including 2012's Public Policy Hooligan, and 2006's Attention Deficit Democracy. He has written for the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Playboy, Washington Post, and many other publications.

<https://mises.org/wire/hysteria-over-school-safety-wont-keep-us-safe>

BRAZIL LEADER WANTS TO EASE LAWS ON CARRYING GUNS

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro says his administration will soon introduce legislation to make it easier to carry guns in public and to expand protections for people who kill in defense of their lives or property. The plans announced during the president's Thursday evening internet broadcast would help fulfill his campaign promises, though he gave few details. Bolsonaro has already relaxed some rules on gun purchases.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS - Published: April 19, 2019

<https://www.stripes.com/news/us/brazil-leader-wants-to-ease-laws-on-carrying-guns-1.577658>

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUMS' GUNS FACE DESTRUCTION

On the grounds of the existing factory site is the Lithgow Small Arms Factory Museum. The Museum is independently owned and operated, primarily by volunteers, as an independent trust on behalf of the City of Lithgow. Just a few weeks ago, the museum learned that 70 percent of its collection is at risk of being destroyed because of a thoughtless change in firearms law passed in 2017, specifically aimed at museums. Museums were not contacted about the change in the law. They had no input about it. From lithgowsafmuseum.org.au: by Dean Weingarten, Ammoland Inc. April 17, 2019

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/04/australian-museums-guns-face-destruction/#axzz5lxs8p54i>

FORBES - WHY IS THE ATF MAKING SECRET RULES FOR THE FIREARMS INDUSTRY?

As conservatives have anxiously pointed out for years, the rise of the administrative state has corrupted the rulemaking process. Enabled by an overly-deferential judiciary and a supine Congress have allowed agencies to move beyond drawing up rules to implement carefully written laws passed by Congress. Now, regulators take block grants of Congressional power to make their own laws as they see fit. This is incompatible with the continued existence of the United States as a constitutional republic. By Ted Bromund - Mar 24, 2019 - Dr. Ted R. Bromund is Senior Research Fellow in Anglo-American Relations in the Margaret Thatcher for Freedom at The Heritage Foundation.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/tedbromund/2019/03/24/why-is-the-atf-making-secret-rules-for-the-firearms-industry/#5ffe09e2526d>

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QUOTES OF THE DAY

"But when no risk is taken there is no freedom. It is thus that, in an industrial society, the plethora of laws made for our personal safety convert the land into a nursery, and policemen hired to protect us become selfserving busybodies." -- Alan Watts (1915-1973) British-American philosopher. Source: Tao: The Watercourse Way, 1975

<http://libertytree.ca/quotes/Alan.Watts.Quote.5884>

"Socialism of any type leads to a total destruction of the human spirit."

-- Alexander Solzhenitsyn (1918-2008) Russian novelist, Soviet dissident, imprisoned for 8 years for criticizing Stalin in a personal letter, Nobel Prize for Literature, 1970

<http://libertytree.ca/quotes/Alexander.Solzhenitsyn.Quote.49CF>

LIARS: TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT DENIES CONVERSATION BETWEEN TRUDEAU & US CANNABIS COMPANY CEO TOOK PLACE DESPITE PHOTO SHOWING CONVERSATION BETWEEN TRUDEAU & US CANNABIS COMPANY CEO TAKING PLACE

They're not even trying to pretend they're telling the truth anymore. The Trudeau Liberals are having to answer for why Ian Jenkins – the CEO of US Cannabis Company 'Frelii,' was invited to a Trudeau Liberal fundraiser despite tickets costing \$1600 and only Canadians being allowed to make donations. By SPENCER FERNANDO - APRIL 26, 2019

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/04/26/liars-trudeau-government-denies-conversation-between-trudeau-us-cannabis-company-ceo-took-place-despite-photo-showing-conversation-between-trudeau-us-cannabis-ceo-taking-place/>

HYPOCRITES: THE TRUDEAU LIBERALS HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH FOREIGN-FUNDED GROUPS ATTACKING OUR HOMEGROWN ENERGY INDUSTRY, YET ATTACK SCHEER FOR MEETING WITH CANADIAN OIL COMPANY LEADERS

How can the Liberals claim to care about 'election interference' when they won't do anything about foreign groups trying to wipe out our energy industry? Leading the hysterical response was – of course – Catherine McKenna: "Straight from Harper's playbook: Andrew Scheer has been caught scheming behind closed doors with wealthy executives to gut environmental protection laws, silence critics, and make pollution free again."

By SPENCER FERNANDO - APRIL 26, 2019

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/04/26/hypocrites-the-trudeau-liberals-have-no-problem-with-foreign-funded-groups-attacking-our-homegrown-energy-industry-yet-attack-scheer-for-meeting-with-canadian-oil-company-leaders/>
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I'M ON THE BILL C-69 COMMITTEE — AND I'M HEARING A LOT OF ANGRY CANADIANS

The testimony we are hearing is seriously troubling. There is no doubt in my mind that Bill C-69 is partly the brainchild of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's former principal secretary, Gerald Butts, who recently resigned in light of the SNC-Lavalin scandal. Now that he is no longer in the picture, I hope the prime minister will take a more reasoned and sensible approach to this bill and actually consider accepting what I hope will be major changes to this bill made by the Senate. If not, I trust that Canadians will remember that when they head to the polls in October. Special to Financial Post by Richard Neufeld - April 26, 2019. Richard Neufeld is a Senator for British Columbia and is a member of the environment and natural resources committee. He was previously a B.C. MLA and cabinet minister.

<https://business.financialpost.com/opinion/im-on-the-bill-c-69-committee-and-im-hearing-a-lot-of-angry-canadians>

TRUDEAU'S CARBON-INTENSIVE VACATIONS SEND A CURIOUS MESSAGE TO CANADIANS

This seems like an awfully bad time for Trudeau to be nourishing his entitled surfer dude persona. But it may at least have the virtue of authenticity. By Chris Selley, National Post - April 26, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/chris-selley-trudeaus-carbon-intensive-vacations-send-a-curious-message-to-canadians>

DR. ACKERMANN RECEIVES RURAL SERVICE AWARD

That being said, the rural life is exactly what some doctors are looking for. Among them is Dr. Michael Ackerman, who was presented with the Rural Service Award, presented by the Society Of Rural Physicians of Canada, in recognition of his many years of service on Friday, April 5 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

By Lois Ann Dort | Guysborough Journal | April 24, 2019 <http://www.guysboroughjournal.com/article1.php?ID=526>

THE CRUSHING OF WILSON-RAYBOULD AND PHILPOTT IS PROOF CANADA IS RUN BY A LIBERAL

CABAL - If former Prime Minister Stephen Harper had not created a legislative ring-fence around the Attorney General and Chief Prosecutor due to past scandals, the Liberals would have ridden roughshod over the justice system. Top officials in government, Crown corporations, or agencies should be vetted for conflicts, relationships, financial connections, and partisanship. There should be a five or ten year, not a two-year, cooling off period before government employees can join the private sector. Most importantly, the federal government must remove barriers to entry against most of Canada by lifting bilingualism as a primary criterion for hiring and advancement.

By Diane Francis, National Post - April 22, 2019 <https://business.financialpost.com/diane-francis/the-crushing-of-wilson-raybould-and-philpott-is-proof-canada-is-run-by-a-liberal-cabal>

LILLEY: CARBON TAX COURT BATTLE, ADVANTAGE ONTARIO

The lawyer for the Government of Ontario argued that the law was unconstitutional while the lawyer for the Government of Canada argued climate change was real, urgent and needed action taken. One was a legal argument, the other emotional

By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - April 20, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-carbon-tax-court-battle-advantage-ontario>

CARBON TAXES ARE GREAT IN THEORY. IF ONLY THEY WORKED

And that's what Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's climate policy amounts to – a warm and fuzzy feeling dressed up as action. Its effect on carbon emissions will be non-existent.

By MARGARET WENTE, GLOBE AND MAIL - UPDATED APRIL 19, 2019

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