



## RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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### **POSTS FROM CANADA**

#### **CSSA UPDATE: LIBERAL GOVERNMENT'S "SWEEPING GUN BAN" TO BAN AR-15 RIFLES**

Today, two separate, unconnected government sources, one of whom who has direct knowledge of the plan, confirm the Liberal government's proposed "sweeping gun ban" will include the AR-15 target rifle. CSSA NEWS - MAY 10, 2019  
<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/05/update-ar-15-rifle-to-be-included-in-liberal-gun-bans-may-10-2019/>

#### **TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT TAKES A GENDER-NEUTRAL APPROACH TO GUN CONTROL**

Justin Trudeau will not be announcing a sweeping handgun ban when he appears next month at the big Women Deliver conference in Vancouver. The Prime Minister's Office dispelled any such speculation after the prospect of such an announcement was floated in the Commons this week by Tony Clement, the former Conservative and now independent MP. It turns out that there were a couple of holes in Clement's very plausible-sounding theory. First, Trudeau will not be joined at the conference by Jacinda Ardern, New Zealand's outspoken anti-gun prime minister, as Clement alleged. Second, it would be unusual for this government to make gun control a centrepiece of a feminist event of this size and prominence. While you can rely on Trudeau's team to frame many of their programs and policies as ultra-friendly to women, their gun-control efforts haven't generally been cast that way. By Susan Delacourt, National Columnist, Toronto Star - Fri., May 10, 2019 <https://www.thestar.com/politics/political-opinion/2019/05/10/trudeau-government-takes-a-gender-neutral-approach-to-gun-control.html>

#### **ASSAULT-STYLE' FIREARMS AREN'T THE PROBLEM**

Gun control in Canada has not reduced criminal violence, and banning semi-automatic firearms or handguns won't help, either. Concerns are misplaced. By Gary Mauser, Policy Options - May 10, 2019  
<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/may-2019/assault-style-firearms-arent-problem/>

#### **CANADIAN PERSONAL GUNS REGISTERED WITH RCMP RISE ABOVE 1 MILLION**

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian men and women own more than 1 million personal guns registered with the federal police, according to RCMP data, exceeding the symbolic threshold for the first time as shooting sports rise in popularity. Individuals with RCMP-authorized firearm licences owned 1,029,971 so-called "Restricted" and "Prohibited" handguns, rifles and shotguns as of April 30, Marie Damian, a spokeswoman for the Ottawa-based Royal Canadian Mounted Police, told TheGunBlog.ca by e-mail on May 7 in response to our request for the data. That compares with 989,450 at June 30, 2018. THEGUNBLOG.CA - 10 May 2019  
<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/10/canadian-personal-guns-registered-with-rcmp-rise-above-1-million/>

#### **SWEEPING GUN BANS? POLITICAL DIVERSION TACTIC OR TRUTH**

My thoughts on this are simple ... I hope Clement is wrong, and I wonder how credible the source is, but I also know this government is desperate to change the channel on their growing list of failures, scandals and scams. Their numbers in the polls are dropping to record lows, they are experiencing massive pressure from a well-funded anti gun lobby group using a small group of health care professionals to carry their message, and we are less than 6 months from an election ... one

that is shaping up to make Trudeau a one-term PM. We are an easy target for a desperate, failed government. Buckle up gun owners, this one's going to be rough. The CCFR has entered into strategic planning sessions to determine the best course of action in the event this rumour proves true. By Tracey Wilson, Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights May 10, 2019 <https://firearmrights.ca/en/political-diversion-tactics-or-truth/>

### **LIBERALS DENY TONY CLEMENT'S CLAIM ABOUT 'SECRET PLAN' TO BAN LEGAL GUNS**

The ex-Tory MP said his "well-informed" source is not the gun lobby. "Contrary to Mr. Clement's question, no decision has been taken nor has he been privy to any discussions," said spokeswoman Marie-Emmanuelle Cadieux in an email. By Ryan Maloney and Zi-Ann Lum - Updated May 10, 2019

[https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/05/09/tony-clement-secret-plan-firearms-ban\\_a\\_23723860/](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/05/09/tony-clement-secret-plan-firearms-ban_a_23723860/)

### **OVER 1,200 FIREARMS SURRENDERED TO TORONTO'S GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM SO FAR**

PHOTO CAPTION: Handguns seized by authorities Fall 2018/Toronto Police. Two weeks into a three-week Gun Buyback Program, the Toronto Police Service says it has collected 1,235 firearms (816 long guns and 419 handguns) for destruction. DH Toronto Staff - May 10, 2019

<https://dailyhive.com/toronto/firearms-toronto-gun-buyback-program-may-10-update-2019>

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/05/10/toronto-police-collect-1235-guns-through-buyback-program.html>

### **LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HAS 'A SECRET PLAN' TO BAN FIREARMS, SAYS MP**

Tony Clement says well-placed sources have informed him that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will announce a ban on legal firearms at a women's conference this June in Vancouver. by Jason Unrau, The Post Millennial - May 9, 2019

<https://www.thepostmillennial.com/liberal-government-has-a-secret-plan-to-ban-firearms-says-mp/>

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/09/trudeau-has-secret-plan-on-sweeping-gun-ban-mp-clement-says/>

<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/05/breaking-news-m-p-tony-clement-reveals-secret-liberal-plan-to-ban-your-firearms/>

<https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/05/09/video-clement-warns-trudeau-has-secret-plan-to-ban-legal-firearms-liberals-dont-deny-it/>

### **TOWHEY'S TWO CENTS: HANDGUNS AREN'T TO BLAME FOR MAJORITY OF CANADIAN DEATHS**

WATCH ABOVE as new Sun News Editor-in-Chief Mark Towhey takes aim at the controversial gun control debate in Canada. Are handguns really to blame for the majority of Canadian deaths and violence? He doesn't and proves why! (Sorry, Trudeau!) What do YOU think? By Mark Towhey - Postmedia News - May 9, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/news/national/towheys-two-cents-handguns-arent-to-blame-for-majority-of-canadian-deaths>

### **WINNIPEG POLICE FINDING INCREASING NUMBER OF IMPROVISED GUNS ON STREETS**

So far in 2019, police have taken 30 of these weapons off the street. "We've never seen numbers like this historically," Const. Rob Carver with the Winnipeg Police Service said. We took our first zip gun off the street today. If it was fired It probably would have killed the user. It has been turned over to WPS for destruction.

By Amber McGuckin, Reporter - Global News - May 9, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5259077/winnipeg-police-finding-increasing-number-of-improvised-guns-on-streets/>

### **ALASKA SEEKS TO BOOST GUN BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM REPORTING**

Alaska lawmakers are considering requiring the courts to review for a federal database system records dating to 1981 for individuals who have been involuntarily committed and would be restricted from owning firearms. The provision is part of a broader bill on crime and being pushed by Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy's administration as a way to prevent future violence or suicides. A spokesman for the National Rifle Association said the group supports submission of all

relevant records to the system. CITY NEWS VANCOUVER - BY BECKY BOHRER, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - May 9, 2019 <https://www.citynews1130.com/2019/05/09/alaska-seeks-to-boost-gun-background-check-system-reporting/>

#### **OUR VIEW: SURREY MLA'S GUN BILL MAKES SENSE**

We applaud Surrey-Cloverdale Liberal MLA Marvin Hunt's introduction of a private member's bill in Victoria on Wednesday that aims to make it illegal to drive a vehicle with an "unlawfully possessed" firearm in it. Frankly, we're surprised it's not already on the books. EDITORIALS - OPINION Peace Arch News - May 9, 2019

<https://www.peacearchnews.com/opinion/our-view-surrey-mlas-gun-bill-makes-sense/>

<https://www.cowichanvalleycitizen.com/news/surrey-mla-seeks-to-make-it-illegal-to-drive-with-unlawfully-possessed-gun-in-car/>

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/surrey-mla-s-anti-gun-bill-seeks-more-consequences-for-those-driving-with-illegal-firearms-1.4414045>

#### **CTV - JOINT POLICE TASK FORCE CRACKS DOWN ON GANG ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN ONTARIO**

All of the guns seized were traced back the United States, and entered the region through various smuggling efforts.

"Access to illegal guns is fairly easy in terms of acquiring them," said Thunder Bay Police Chief Sylvie Hauth. She said Thunder Bay police have noticed "there are more guns prevalent" in the city, and most of their warrants issued and conducted have "some kind of weapon or firearm involved." Eighty confirmed or suspected gang members were arrested, many with connections to southern Ontario and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). By Christy Somos, CTVNews.ca - Published Thursday, May 9, 2019 <https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/joint-police-task-force-cracks-down-on-gang-activity-in-northern-ontario-1.4416226>

#### **CTV - CACHE OF 1,000 GUNS SEIZED FROM LOS ANGELES MANSION IN RAID**

This photo from video provided by KCBS/KCAL-TV shows investigators from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the police inspecting a large cache of weapons seized at a home in the affluent Holmby Hills area of Los Angeles Wednesday, May 8, 2019. (KCBS/KCAL-TV via AP) The Associated Press Thursday, May 9, 2019

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/world/cache-of-1-000-guns-seized-from-los-angeles-mansion-in-raid-1.4414800>

#### **CBC - WHERE DO VIOLENT CANADIAN CRIMINALS GET THEIR GUNS?**

Guns are killing Canadians at a rate not seen in a decade, and gun control can only address part of the problem. Police suggest about half of the guns used to commit crimes are smuggled from outside the country. Most of those are believed to be coming from our southern neighbours through an illegal pipeline. CBC - The National - Video Posted: May 08, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/thenational/where-do-violent-canadian-criminals-get-their-guns-guns-in-canada-1.5128916>

#### **LETTER: A TIME FOR SANE GUN DEBATE**

EXCERPT: Step One here in Canada surely has to be recognition that smuggled, illegal guns are a main cause of gun violence in our country. Step Two should be recognition that shooting sports are an important part of Canadian life and need to be protected uninformed and unreasonably harsh calls of "ban all guns" advocates. By Jim Poling Sr. - Minden Times - May 8, 2019 <http://www.mindentimes.ca/a-time-for-sane-gun-debate>

#### **MANITOBA ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF GUNS AND GANG STRATEGY INVESTMENTS**

The provincial government recently announced details of Manitoba's Guns and Gangs Suppression Strategy, made possible by more than \$2.3 million in funding over two years from the Government of Canada through its Initiative to Take Action against Gun and Gang Violence. By Corwyn Friesen, mySteinbach Posted on 05/08/2019

<https://www.mysteinbach.ca/news/4497/province-announces-details-of-guns-and-gang-strategy-investments/>

- \$1.3 million to support the Winnipeg Police Service's Guns and Gangs initiatives, which will focus on the identification, arrest and dismantling of gangs, criminal organizations or violent crime groups, especially those involved with illegal firearms and illicit drugs;

- more than \$704,000 to develop a new database that will enhance the collection and dissemination of illicit firearm and gang intelligence, and improve intelligence sharing in Manitoba;
- \$172,000 for specialized equipment for the Manitoba First Nations Police Service, and gang intelligence and awareness training for other police agencies outside of Winnipeg;
- more than \$80,000 to support the expansion of community mobilization programs;
- \$20,000 to support gang exiting efforts; and
- more than \$12,000 to support specialized training for Crown attorneys for the prosecution of organized crime and firearms offences.

### **CANADIAN INDIVIDUALS OWN 66,262 AR-15 RIFLES, RCMP SAYS**

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian individuals own 66,262 AR-15 and related rifles, said the federal agency in charge of licensing shooters and registering their guns. Businesses had 12,000 and museums owned 25, for a total of 78,287 such firearms at April 30, Marie Damian, a spokeswoman for the Ottawa-based Royal Canadian Mounted Police, told TheGunBlog.ca by e-mail yesterday in response to our data request. THEGUNBLOG.CA - MAY 8, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/08/canadian-individuals-own-66262-ar-15-rifles-rcmp-says/>

**DECEMBER 12, 2016 RCMP: NUMBER OF REGISTERED AR-15s AND VARIANTS BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORY** <https://dennisryoung.ca/2016/12/22/rcmp-number-of-registered-ar-15s-and-variants-by-province-and-territory/>

### **SYSTEMIC CHANGE NEEDED TO ADDRESS SUICIDE AMONG PHYSICIANS IN CANADA: DOCTORS**

Dr. Sarah Tulk, who completed her residency in family medicine at McMaster University in Hamilton has joined psychiatrist Joy Albuquerque, medical director of the Ontario Medical Association's physician health program, in outlining five key points about physician suicide in Monday's publication of the Canadian Medical Association Journal. They write that suicide is an occupational hazard in their profession, with a rate for male doctors nearly double compared with the general public, and two and a half times higher for female physicians. Access to drugs and expertise in their use means doctors know just how much they need to hasten death by poisoning, sometimes with benzodiazepines or with other methods, including firearms. by The Canadian Press - May 8, 2019

<https://www.ohscanada.com/systemic-change-needed-address-suicide-among-physicians-canada-doctors/>

### **HOW BORDER SERVICES DETERMINES THE VALUE OF FIREARMS THEY SEIZE**

CBSA ATIP response dated April 29, 2019 received May 7, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/05/08/how-border-services-determines-the-value-of-firearms-they-seize/>

- ATIP Request filed: December 30, 2017
- Delay Complaint filed May 8, 2018
- Received incomplete CBSA response dated Sept 27, 2018
- Filed Complaint about missing records on Oct 12, 2018

**DECEMBER 7, 2017 - CBSA REPORT: 1.6 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF FIREARMS SEIZED**  
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/12/border-services-analysis-of-2483-firearms-seizures-not-available/>

**JUNE 29, 2016 -RCMP ATIP – POLICE DESTROYED 328,975 FIREARMS SINCE OCTOBER 2008**  
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2016/07/02/rcmp-firearms-seized-and-surrendered-2008-2016/>

**AUGUST 12, 2016 - RCMP REPORT – NATIONAL COST FIGURES ON 328,975 FIREARMS DESTROYED BY POLICE NOT AVAILABLE** <https://dennisryoung.ca/2016/08/17/rcmp-report-national-cost-figures-on-328975-firearms-destroyed-by-police-not-available/>

**JUNE 22, 2015 - RCMP ATIP RESPONSE-SEIZED FIREARMS BY PROVINCE 2008-2015**  
<https://dennisryoung.ca/file/2015/08/RCMP-ATIP-Response-Seized-Firearms-by-Province-2008-2015.pdf>

**CBC - CRIME RATES HIGHER IN RURAL CANADA — ESPECIALLY ON THE PRAIRIES, STATSCAN SAYS** - Alberta bucks national trend with higher rates in southern part of province. CBC News · Posted: May 07, 2019  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/statscan-statistics-canada-rural-crime-alberta-urban-1.5125922>

### **STATSCAN - POLICE-REPORTED CRIME IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS IN THE CANADIAN PROVINCES, 2017**

- The higher crime rate in rural areas was driven by a small number of police services that reported very high crime rates. In fact, most police services serving a predominantly rural population recorded relatively low rates of crime.
- Higher crime rates in rural areas were mainly observed in the Prairie provinces. In the Prairie provinces in 2017, rates in rural areas were 36% to 42% higher than in urban areas.
- Higher rural crime rates were mainly observed in the northern areas of the provinces: in the South, crime rates were lower in rural areas in all provinces except Alberta

by Samuel Perreault, The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics - Release date: May 7, 2019  
<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/85-002-x/2019001/article/00009-eng.pdf?st=hgKEMmFE>

**CSSA COMMENTARY: VIRTUE SIGNALLING WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS: TORONTO'S GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAM** - Toronto's ongoing epidemic of gang violence is the excuse for an expensive government program to buy "unwanted" firearms. It's stated goal is to remove guns from the hands of law-abiding citizens, not from criminals. Team CSSA E-News | May 7, 2019  
<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/05/team-cssa-e-news-may-7-2019/>

### **LIBERAL GUN BILL FINALLY SET TO CLEAR PARLIAMENT**

The Senate majority of Independent senators, and a small group of independent Liberal senators still remaining in the Upper Chamber on Thursday voted to reject a version of Bill C-71 that had been stripped of its most significant clauses by Conservative senators in the Senate's national security and defence committee. The vote essentially cancelled the Conservative amendments and returned the legislation to its original form as passed by the Commons, with a final vote in the Senate on Thursday. By Tim Naumetz. Published on May 7, 2019  
<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/05/07/liberal-gun-bill-finally-set-to-clear-parliament/>

### **CBC CANADIANS WANT SOMETHING DONE ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE — THEY JUST CAN'T AGREE WHAT**

Some want stricter gun controls, other say this wouldn't solve the core issues  
By Mia Sheldon & Matthew Amha · CBC News · Posted: May 07, 2019  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/national-gun-control-debate-1.5124882>

### **PODCAST #29 THE CASE FOR GUNS IN CANADA**

Is the government coming to take your guns? Was scrapping the long-gun registry a mistake? Do we need stricter gun laws? Does the Liberal plan to ban handguns actually make sense? We scope out the current stock of firearm laws in Canada and take a look at what's coming down the barrel. MAY 7, 2019  
<https://www.canadalandshow.com/podcast/29-the-case-for-guns-in-canada/>

### **RCMP HASN'T MADE SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES AVAILABLE TO ALL OFFICERS: AG REPORT**

The RCMP has acquired and distributed almost three times the carbines and twice the hard body armour that it had in 2014, the report noted. However, the RCMP wasn't always sure where its semi-automatic rifles were. The report found the carbines were not always located where the RCMP had them recorded and the force generally didn't know how many rifles it needed across the country, the auditor general found, because no national standard was in place.  
By Charlie Pinkerton. Published on May 7, 2019  
<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/05/07/rcmp-hasnt-made-semi-automatic-rifles-available-to-all-officers-ag-report/>

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/07/rcmp-failing-to-deliver-life-saving-ar-15s-auditor-general-says/>  
<https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/rcmp-not-fully-prepared-for-active-shooters-five-years-after-moncton-auditor-1.4411679>

### **CBC - PLEA DEALS MADE FOR 3 CALGARY GANGSTERS INVOLVED IN GUN VIOLENCE**

Tarek El-Rafie and brothers Barakat and Talal Amer originally faced a total of 25 attempted murder charges  
By Meghan Grant · CBC News · Posted: May 06, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-gangsters-amer-el-rafie-guilty-pleas-sentence-1.5125325>  
<https://calgaryherald.com/news/crime/eight-men-charged-in-connection-with-2015-shootings-linked-to-organized-crime>  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/mdi-technology-stingray-calgary-police-gang-investigation-el-rafie-amer-1.4141251>

### **ALBERTA JUDGE DEEMS MANDATORY FOUR-YEAR MINIMUM SENTENCE FOR ROBBERY WITH FIREARM UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Debra Yungwirth said the mandatory imprisonment term under the Criminal Code could violate section 12 of the Charter in certain cases, which protects a person's right to not be subjected to "any cruel and unusual treatment or punishment."

By DUSTIN COOK, by Edmonton Journal - Updated: May 6, 2019

<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/crime/alberta-judges-rules-mandatory-four-year-minimum-sentence-for-robbery-with-firearm-as-unconstitutional>

### **TORONTO POLICE SERVICE: GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM - April 26 to May 17, 2019**

<https://www.torontopolice.on.ca/buyback/>

#### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q1 - WILL I BE CRIMINALLY CHARGED IF I HAVEN'T REGISTERED MY FIREARM OR DO NOT HAVE A GUN LICENCE?**

No, you will not face criminal charges.

**Q2 - WILL I BE FACED WITH CRIMINAL CHARGES IF MY GUNS ARE NOT LOCKED UP?**

No, you will not face criminal charges for unsafe storage of a firearm.

**Q5- WILL I FACE INVESTIGATION IF THE GUN WAS USED IN A CRIME?**

Guns that are turned over to police will be tested. If they are suspected to be used in commission of a crime, an investigation will begin.

### **DATA GAP IN HOW POLICE COLLECT KEY FIREARMS INFORMATION IMPEDES TRACING EFFORTS**

Based on the survey and other recent work, analysts encountered three main barriers to collating solid information on crime-gun origins, said Rebecca Kong, chief of policing services for the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. Foremost among them is the country's patchwork approach to firearms tracing. While investigators in Ontario are required to send all crime guns for tracing, that requirement doesn't exist across the rest of the country, Ms. Kong said

By PATRICK WHITE, GLOBE AND MAIL - MAY 6, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-statistics-canada-has-discovered-wide-disparities-in-the-way-police/>

### **CANADA LIBERATED THE NETHERLANDS. NOW GUESS WHO HAS THE BETTER-EQUIPPED**

**MILITARY TODAY?** - The Dutch won't forget the country that came to their aid. That's cause for celebration – but also for possible embarrassment, considering how the state of the Canadian Armed Forces compares to the modern Dutch military. By ROBERT SMOL, Ottawa Citizen - May 6, 2019

<https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/smol-canada-liberated-the-netherlands-now-guess-who-has-the-better-equipped-military-today>

## **PEOPLE'S PARTY OF CANADA FIREARMS POLICY**

### **FIREARMS: RESPECTING LEGAL FIREARMS OWNERS AND TARGETING CRIMINALS**

E-Mail from Leader Maxime Bernier - May 5, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/05/07/peoples-party-of-canada-firearms-policy/>

### **ARMING OF CBSA OFFICERS AT AIRPORTS IN CANADA: NEW FEDERAL POLICY IS TROUBLING, SAYS CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION UNION FRANÇAIS**

For more than a decade, the union has championed to have this public safety flaw corrected. CIU National President Jean-Pierre Fortin explained why: "Having our officers, who are trained and equipped, forced to keep their sidearms locked up is a serious gap in public safety given where they work and what they do on behalf of Canadians. This issue has become increasingly serious in recent years, as airports are mass population venues where deadly attacks have taken place throughout the world, including on North American soil. Law enforcement, including border officers, must be able to deal immediately with unforeseen public safety threats that could result in the loss of life." The issue was largely ignored by different governments until recently, when CIU was informed that an operational solution was on the horizon. This new solution, however, is clearly inadequate, says Jean-Pierre Fortin: NEWS PROVIDED BY CIU-SDI - May 5, 2019

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/arming-of-cbsa-officers-at-airports-in-canada-new-federal-policy-is-troubling-says-customs-and-immigration-union-867610216.html>

### **PUBLIC CYNICISM AS RESULT OF THE STORIES THE MEDIA CHOOSES NOT TO COVER**

A short list of the missing news coverage on the RCMP Charter violations in High River, Alberta

Letter to the Editor of the Globe and Mail by Dennis R. Young

Re: Free the Press: Democracy's necessary nuisance Editorial, May 4, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/05/07/letter-stories-the-media-chooses-not-to-cover/>

### **TOWHEY: REALLY WANT TO END GUN VIOLENCE? TRY THESE 7 THINGS TO SAVE LIVES**

So, when that politician starts talking about banning guns, ask them if they understand while they beat that drum, criminal thugs continue to shoot and kill people. They're part of the problem. Suggest they stop wasting time talking about things that won't work – and start doing things that will. By Mark Towhey, Toronto Sun - May 4, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/towhey-really-want-to-end-gun-violence-try-these-7-things-to-save-lives>

1. Keep gun violence in perspective.
2. Collect better data.
3. Track offenders prohibited from owning firearms.
4. Eliminate the gangs – eliminate the crimes.
5. Enforce our existing laws.
6. Create gang courts
7. Get serious about the border.

### **CBC - CANADA BORDER SERVICES SEIZES LAWYER'S PHONE, LAPTOP FOR NOT SHARING PASSWORDS** - Concern is mounting over Canadian border officers' powers to search smartphones

By Sophia Harris · CBC News · Posted: May 05, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/cbsa-boarder-security-search-phone-travellers-openmedia-1.5119017>

### **CBC - 504 GUNS HANDED TO TORONTO POLICE IN 1ST WEEK OF BUYBACK PROGRAM**

Police say the 349 long guns and 155 handguns collected will be destroyed The Canadian Press · May 04, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ont-gun-buyback-1.5123227>

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

### **NZ - POLICE SEIZE GUN COLLECTOR'S FIREARMS IN 'OVER THE TOP' RAID**

A community-minded contractor who dug the mass grave for victims of the mosque shootings for free says police went "way over the top" in raiding his house to seize his 11 firearms. Some were Armed Offenders Squad members and others were in ordinary police uniform. A specialist search squad searched his house, outbuildings and a granny flat housing his 80-year-old mother. "They even went through her underwear drawer. The worst thing was they pointed a rifle at my 12-year-old daughter who was picking up horse poo. They told her to put the fork down and walk towards them. She is still anxious and shaken. The whole family is." By Martin van Beynen and Sam Sherwood - May 11, 2019

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/christchurch-shooting/112634121/police-seize-gun-collectors-firearms-in-over-the-top-raid>

### **MOURNING STUDENTS REBEL AT HIGH-PRESSURE GUN CONTROL SALES PITCH**

The reaction to the attempted hijacking of what was supposed to be a memorial service for an innocent victim forced the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence to apologize for its affiliate, Team Enough, for politicizing the Colorado event. Some of the students leaving the vigil were chanting "mental health," according to local media. Apparently, it was a call for better mental health services to prevent future mass shootings. Some of the students complained they were not allowed to address the crowd at the event. "What has happened at STEM is awful, but it's not a statistic," one student said, according to Time. "We can't be used for a reason for gun control. We are people, not a statement. By Matthew Vadum, Front Page Mag, Canada Free Press - May 10, 2019 Matthew Vadum is an investigative reporter at a watchdog group in Washington, D.C. [https://canadafreepress.com/print\\_friendly/mourning-students-rebel-at-high-pressure-gun-control-sales-pitch](https://canadafreepress.com/print_friendly/mourning-students-rebel-at-high-pressure-gun-control-sales-pitch)

### **ATTACKING SILICON VALLEY CENSORSHIP OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT**

A recent series of bans by Facebook and Twitter is bringing the question of censorship by the giant technology companies from Silicon Valley to the fore. This is not a minor issue – how this shakes out will decide whether or not Second Amendment supporters can even make an argument for our rights online.

Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 10, 2019 by Harold Hutchison

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/attacking-silicon-valley-censorship-of-the-second-amendment/#axzz5ncqfFD9g>

### **PORTUGUESE GUN RIGHTS GROUP JOINS GROWING INTERNATIONAL COALITION AGAINST GUN CONTROL**

The International Association for the Protection of Civilian Arms Rights (IAPCAR) announced today that Portuguese gun rights group Associação Nacional da Arma de Portugal (ANARMA) have joined the international coalition of 33 associations in 23 countries dedicated to defending civilian firearms rights. ANARMA's membership in the civilian arms rights coalition expands the European membership to twelve groups from ten different EU and non-EU countries. By Second Amendment Foundation, Canada Free Press - May 8, 2019

[https://canadafreepress.com/print\\_friendly/portuguese-gun-rights-group-joins-growing-international-coalition-against-g](https://canadafreepress.com/print_friendly/portuguese-gun-rights-group-joins-growing-international-coalition-against-g)

### **WHAT'S WRONG WITH LICENSING GUN OWNERS?**

Cory Booker's plan would unjustly deprive peaceful Americans of the fundamental right to armed self-defense.

By JACOB SULLUM, Reason -5.8.2019

<https://reason.com/2019/05/08/whats-wrong-with-licensing-gun-owners/>

### **U.S. ARMED FORCES MEMBER ADMITS HIDING GUN IN BABY CHANGE STATION WHILE TRYING TO BRING IT INTO SASK.**

Myra Martin lied more than once to border services officers, then concealed an automatic handgun behind a bathroom's baby change table. By HEATHER POLISCHUK, REGINA LEADER-POST - Updated: May 8, 2019 <https://leaderpost.com/news/saskatchewan/u-s-armed-forces-member-admits-hiding-gun-in-baby-change-station-while-trying-to-bring-it-into-sask>

### **BBC - COLORADO SCHOOL SHOOTING VICTIM DIED CHARGING ATTACKER**

A teenager died in a shooting at a Colorado high school - days before his graduation - while charging one of the attackers, his classmates say. Eighteen-year-old Kendrick Castillo was the only fatality in Tuesday's assault allegedly by two students near Denver. May 8, 2019

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-48207677>

### **CANADIAN KAYLA WIRTH BRINGS GIRL POWER TO COMPETITION**

Hailing from the Great White North, Kayla Wirth balances a good-natured Canadian vibe with a fierce competitiveness that fuels each competitive stage. Wirth's charm is all in her girl power mantra — a battle cry for more women to take up arms and get involved in the shooting sports. GDC: Give our readers a little background about you. What got you into the shooting sports? Wirth: I'm from Vancouver, Canada and I work at a local indoor gun range/rental range. I've been there for over eight years and that definitely opened the door for everything I do now. I hunt, started that about four years ago, and I shoot competitively, which I started about three years ago. by Jacki Billings - May 8, 2019

<https://www.guns.com/news/2019/05/08/kayla-wirth-brings-girl-power-to-competition>

### **CORY BOOKER'S DANGEROUS GUN-CONTROL PLAN**

Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey is seeking to gain an edge in the contest by advancing the most extreme package of gun-control proposals to be touted by any presidential aspirant in two decades. In addition to the usual laundry list — “universal” background checks, a ban on so-called “assault weapons,” the prohibition of standard-capacity magazines — Booker hopes to establish not only a federal registry of guns, but a federal registry of gun owners, too. By THE EDITORS, NATIONAL REVIEW - May 7, 2019

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2019/05/cory-booker-gun-control-plan-dangerous/>

<https://www.economist.com/democracy-in-america/2019/05/07/cory-booker-unveils-an-ambitious-gun-control-plan>

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### **TEXAS PASSES A BILL TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN CHURCHES**

Texas lawmakers passed a bill that would normalize licensed gun owners to bring weapons into houses of worship , including churches and synagogues. The only exception to this law is if the property notably prohibits weapons from the premises. BY ALISON LESLEY - May 6, 2019

<https://www.worldreligionnews.com/religion-news/texas-passes-bill-carry-handguns-churches>

### **JOHN LOTT'S LATEST STUDY REFUTES CLAIMS THAT SCHOOLS WITH ARMED TEACHERS ARE**

**DANGEROUS** - John Lott couldn't find a single instance of a shooting on a school campus where teachers and staff were permitted to carry concealed, going all the way back to 2000. by Bob Adelman, The New American - 06 May 2019

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/crime/item/32193-john-lott-s-latest-study-refutes-claims-that-schools-with-armed-teachers-are-dangerous>

### **USA TODAY - CORY BOOKER WANTS TO START NATIONAL GUN LICENSING PROGRAM, LIMIT**

**FIREARMS PURCHASES** - Democratic presidential hopeful Cory Booker on Monday unveiled a sweeping plan to reduce gun violence that includes establishing a national gun licensing program, limiting individual purchases of firearms to one per month, and placing a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. The 14-point plan from the New Jersey senator By Aamer Madhani, USA TODAY - May 6, 2019

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2019/05/06/cory-booker-national-gun-license-firearms-owners/1117156001/>

## **PENNSYLVANIA LAW LOCKS UP GUNS AFTER A RESTRAINING ORDER**

Act 79 of 2018 went into effect in April. It's 'an ultimate priority in victim safety,' an advocate said. Under the law, called Act 79 of 2018, all defendants who are subject to a final PFA order after a hearing before a judge must relinquish their firearms to law enforcement or another approved third party, such as a commercial armory. They can no longer hand over their guns to a friend or family member for safekeeping while the PFA is active. By Madeleine O'Neill Updated May 6, 2019 <https://www.goerie.com/news/20190506/pennsylvania-law-locks-up-guns-after-restraining-order>

## **UK - KNIVES ARE TOO SHARP AND FILING THEM DOWN IS SOLUTION TO SOARING VIOLENT**

**CRIME, JUDGE SAYS** - A judge has proposed a nationwide programme to file down the points of kitchen knives as a solution to the country's soaring knife crime epidemic. Last week in his valedictory address, retiring Luton Crown Court Judge Nic Madge spoke of his concern that carrying a knife had become routine in some circles and called on the Government to ban the sale of large pointed kitchen knives. By Joel Adams, The Telegraph - 27 MAY 2018 <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/05/27/knives-sharp-filing-solution-soaring-violent-crime-judge-says/>

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

**"A RIGHT IS NOT WHAT SOMEONE GIVES YOU; IT'S WHAT NO ONE CAN TAKE FROM YOU."**

-- Ramsey Clark (1927-) US Attorney General (1967-69) Source: New York Times, 2 October 1977

<http://libertytree.ca/quotes/Ramsey.Clark.Quote.9ED0>

## **MACLEAN'S PUSHING THE TORY 'WHITE SUPREMACIST NARRATIVE' IS MORE THAN A BIT**

**PECULIAR** - Apparently Andrew Scheer is doomed. Poor chap, you may say. But no, it's his own fault. See, his party is crawling with white supremacists and he's not doing anything about it. Maybe because he can't find any. Scheer is also doomed because he's a climate "denier" or something. Now in fairness, he doesn't seem to be a global warming skeptic and he's certainly not a racist. But it doesn't really matter. Trudeau and his attack poodles will yap that he is, and the press will bark. And down he'll go like Jason Kenney, Doug Ford and... Hey. Wait a minute. They won.

By John Robson, Loonie Politics – May 9, 2019

<https://looniepolitics.com/macleans-pushing-the-tory-white-supremacist-narrative-is-more-than-a-bit-peculiar/>

## **VIDEO: THE "97% CONSENSUS" SLOGAN**

There are so many empty slogans out there I wish we could tackle all of them at once. But the "97% of scientists agree" is surely the elephant in the room. Lots of people have tried to rebut it by dismissing the notion of consensus itself, or by praising the historical examples of renegade scientists who went against a prevailing consensus and turned out to be right. But that unnecessarily concedes the major claim itself, which the evidence shows is simply not true. I hope you enjoy the video, and that you'll share it widely. JR

By John Robson, Climate Discussion Nexus - 08 May 2019

<https://climatediscussionnexus.com/videos/the-97-consensus-slogan/>

## **PROPERLY DESCRIBING THE TERROR THREAT MEANS ACKNOWLEDGING RELIGIOUS**

**EXTREMISM EXISTS** Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale explained on Thursday that "Shia" and "Sunni" were removed from the terror threat report because they didn't want to "impugn or condemn an entire religion." If Canada faces real and serious terrorist threats, then the government owes it to Canadians to be clear and specific about what those threats are and from whom. If we have the luxury of ambiguity and obfuscation on this point, and the luxury of prioritizing potential hurt feelings over security concerns, then perhaps those threats are not so serious after all. Clearly,

the federal government needs to make up its mind on this. This is not a point on which one can have it both ways. By Rob Breakenridge, Radio Host - Global News - May 4, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5238890/terror-threat-canada-shia-sunni/>

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