



RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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POSTS FROM CANADA

LIBERAL'S 2004 PLAN TO DECRIMINALIZE FIREARMS PAPER CRIMES

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THIS LIBERAL PLAN TO DECRIMINALIZE ALL FIREARMS ACTIVITIES

WHERE NO CRIMINAL INTENT OR ACTIVITY OCCURS? Documentation compiled by Dennis R. Young –

Updated May 17, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/05/17/liberals-2004-plan-to-decriminalize-firearms-paper-crimes/>

CBC - RISE IN ILLEGAL DRUG TRADE 'DRIVING FACTOR' BEHIND INCREASE IN GUN VIOLENCE,

POLICE SAY - New guns and gangs unit looks to make a difference on the streets: Insp. Max Waddell

By Holly Caruk · CBC News · Posted: May 17, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/increase-drugs-driving-gun-crime-1.5140196>

LILLEY: GUN BUYBACK GRABS HUGE HAUL OF OLD GUNS

This particular gun buyback program saw citizens paid almost \$600,000 to turn over their firearms. What are the chances any of them were crime guns? Zero. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - May 17, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-gun-buyback-grabs-huge-haul-of-old-guns>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/toronto-police-gun-buyback-program-firearms-1.5141687>

<http://bayview-news.com/2019/05/toronto-must-pursue-goal-of-fewer-handguns-at-all-cost.html/>

LILLEY: GUN BUYBACK SCREW UP!

Toronto Police put the safety of a local resident in jeopardy when they tried to brag about the success of their gun buyback program online. In a tweet posted by Constable Mehrdad Sayedzadeh, the Community Response Officer at 54 Division, a pile of guns was profiled in a photo, complete with identifying information on who turned them in. “This thing stinks,” said one of the people whose name and contact information was visible. “It’s f^&*ing unbelievable,” he said when reached by phone. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - May 16, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-gun-buyback-screw-up>

(WATCH) MICHELLE REMPEL: POTENTIAL FIREARMS BAN BY JUSTIN TRUDEAU?

This week, the Liberals were asked about a potential firearms ban / gun seizure on legally obtained firearms. At the same time, the CBC is reporting that access to illegal firearms is getting worse. MP Michelle Rempel asks: how do we stop firearms violence in Canada? LOOK WHAT WE FOUND - STORIES FROM AROUND THE WEB - MAY 16, 2019

<https://www.therebel.media/michelle-rempel-conservative-mp-potential-firearms-ban-justin-trudeau>

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/16/conservative-mp-michelle-rempel-comments-on-bill-c-71-gun-bans/>

WILD PIGS ARE A BIG PROBLEM. HERE'S HOW THEY KILL 'EM IN TEXAS (SPOILER: IT'S

RUTHLESS) - 'There's nothing good about them.' They carry disease and cause billions in damage

By Tyler Dawson, National Post - May 16, 2019 [https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/wild-pigs-are-a-big-problem-](https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/wild-pigs-are-a-big-problem-heres-how-they-kill-em-in-texas-spoiler-its-ruthless)

[heres-how-they-kill-em-in-texas-spoiler-its-ruthless](https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/wild-pigs-are-a-big-problem-heres-how-they-kill-em-in-texas-spoiler-its-ruthless)

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE: FIREARMS POLICIES AND STATISTICS

O.P.P. FOIP Response dated May 14, 2019 Received May 15, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

<https://dennisyoung.ca/2019/05/15/ontario-provincial-police-firearms-policies-and-statistics/>

- Accidental Discharges 2009-2018 = 48
- Unsafe Acts 2009-2018 = 2
- Careless Storage Incidents 2009-2018 = 53
- Number of Lost or Stolen Firearms 2009-2018 = 5

RCMP SLOWS PRINTING GUN LICENCES, FUELLING SPECULATION OF BANS

TheGunBlog.ca — Canada's federal agency in charge of gun licensing everyone from hunters and farmers to Olympic shooters said it slowed printing the permits because of "technical circumstances," fuelling speculation new firearm bans are imminent. "Due to technical circumstances, the Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) is producing firearms licence cards in a limited capacity between March 11 and June 7, 2019," a spokeswoman for the Ottawa-based Royal Canadian Mounted Police told TheGunBlog.ca today by e-mail in response to questions. THEGUNBLOG.CA - MAY 15, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/15/rcmp-slows-printing-gun-licences-fuelling-speculation-of-bans/>

CTV - NANAIMO MAN FOUND CARRYING BLANKET FULL OF GUNS

Police officers in Nanaimo were taken aback when they found a man walking down the street with an **arsenal of rifles**.

Nanaimo RCMP seized **four guns** that are suspected stolen. CTV Published May 14, 2019

<https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/nanaimo-man-found-carrying-blanket-full-of-guns-1.4422259>

CHATAM-KENT POLICE KEEPING MORE GUNS OFF THE STREETS

Tobin said the new MDT terminals give front line officers quicker access to information which allows them to be more proactive in their investigations, thus resulting in being able to seize more weapons. He also explained that although many of the guns they seize come from illegal activity, **a large amount comes from honest sources**. "Either something happened in a family, where it's been a death or something tragic and the family turns the firearm over to us for safekeeping or they want them destroyed because they no longer wish to possess them," he said. **Around 50 of the firearms seized in 2018 also came from a province-wide firearms and weapon amnesty program**, which gave residents the chance to voluntarily surrender their guns in a safe manner. BY ALLANAH WILLS - MAY 14, 2019 @willsallanah

<https://blackburnnews.com/chatham/chatham-news/2019/05/14/ck-police-keeping-guns-off-streets/>

<https://www.chathamthisweek.com/news/local-news/private-gun-collections-growing-in-size-in-c-k>

COMPLAINTS BY GUN-RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AGAINST TORONTO SURGEON 'ABUSE OF PROCESS,' REGULATORY BODY SAYS

- In a letter to Toronto trauma surgeon Najma Ahmed dated May 7, the complaints committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons said it won't be taking any further action in regard to about 70 complaints it received about her. The letter says using complaints to advance a political agenda is "inappropriate" and "amounts to an abuse of the college's process." By CARLY WEEKS HEALTH REPORTER - MAY 14, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-complaints-by-gun-rights-activists-against-toronto-surgeon-abuse-of/>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/doctor-danforth-gun-complaints-1.5137553>

GUNS 'SELLING LIKE CRAZY' ON BAN CONCERN: FIREARMS OUTLET CANADA

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian shooters are rushing to buy AR-15 rifles and other target guns on concern the government will ban new purchases in three weeks, said Firearms Outlet Canada Inc., one of the country's biggest independent gun

stores. Speculation of new prohibitions fired up four days ago after Tony Clement, an independent member of parliament, said without citing his sources that the Liberal Party government is preparing to order a “sweeping gun ban” in early June. The Canadian Shooting Sports Association, citing two unidentified government sources, said the prohibitions will include semi-automatic AR-15 target rifles. THEGUNBLOG- MAY 14, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/14/guns-selling-like-crazy-on-ban-concern-firearms-outlet-canada/>

LIBERAL LONG-GUN BILL LIKELY TO PASS THROUGH SENATE, BECOME LAW

The Senate is set for a final vote Thursday on a Liberal gun-control bill that has been one of the government’s most contentious pieces of legislation since Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale tabled it in the Commons more than a year ago. Senators in the Independent Senators Group, most of whom have supported the bill throughout its passage in the Upper Chamber, were expected to vote down a Conservative amendment attempt on Tuesday.

By Tim Naumetz - Published on May 14, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/05/14/liberal-long-gun-bill-likely-to-pass-through-senate-become-law/>

CADETS ON TARGET IN NATIONAL SHOOTING COMPETITION

Army, air and sea cadets from across Canada hit us with their best shots May 5 to 9 in this year’s National Cadet Marksmanship Competition held at CFB Esquimalt. Equipped with Daisy 853C air rifles, 125 cadets, ages 12 to 18, took to the concrete floor in the Naden Wurtele Arena for the competition, guided under the same rules and regulations that govern Olympic shooting competitions. Twenty-two teams representing all of Canada’s provinces, Nunavut and the North West Territories competed for team and individual medals while shooting from standing and prone (lying down) positions. By Peter Mallett, Staff Writer, CFB Esquimalt Lookout Navy News - May 14, 2019

<http://www.lookoutnewspaper.com/cadets-target-national-shooting-competition/>

QUEBEC MOVES TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS FOR GUN OWNERS SUBJECT TO

REGISTRY - The Quebec government has tabled a bill that would remove certain obligations for gun owners required to register their firearms. Public Safety Minister Genevieve Guilbault followed up on a promise from last January to ease some of the rules in the gun registry legislation, which was adopted in 2016 under the previous Liberal government. The province reports that just 493,500 out of an estimated 1.6 million long guns -- mostly shotguns and rifles -- estimated to be owned by Quebecers have been registered. The deadline for registering firearms without penalty was Jan. 29, but gun owners who want the registry abolished altogether have boycotted. The changes in the bill tabled Tuesday mean owners would no longer have to provide their gun's registration number upon request by a peace officer or submit the barrel length when registering. Gun owners would also no longer have to notify the registry if they have their firearm away from its usual storage location. The bill would also provide wildlife protection officers with powers to apply the law like other peace officers. Guilbault said she hopes to make the registration process more efficient and user-friendly.

The Canadian Press Published Tuesday, May 14, 2019

<https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/quebec-moves-to-eliminate-certain-obligations-for-gun-owners-subject-to-registry-1.4422504>

YOU SAID IT: GUNS NOT JUST GANGS

The facts are clear. Where there are more guns in homes, there are more deaths.

By Rob Macdonald - May 13, 2019

Re: Bullet points; Really want to end gun violence? Try these 7 things to save lives, May 5

<https://ottawasun.com/opinion/letters/you-said-it-guns-not-just-gangs>

MP BOB ZIMMER – WEEKLY REPORT – BC WILDLIFE FEDERATION’S AGM - MAY 13, 2019

I was honoured to be able to attend the BC Wildlife Federation’s Annual General Meeting and Conference in Fort St. John on May 10 and speak about the proposed caribou closure agreements and Bill C-71, the Liberal Firearms Bill.

<https://www.energeticcity.ca/2019/05/mp-bob-zimmer-weekly-report-bc-wildlife-federations-agm/>

<https://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/opinion/columnists/bob-zimmer-liberals-fail-to-quell-new-fears-over-firearms-ban-1.23820739>

CBC - WITH MORE WEAPONS IN HANDS OF 'PEOPLE WHO SHOULDN'T HAVE GUNS,' WINNIPEG'S FATAL SHOOTING RATE SPIKES - 6 gun homicides so far in 2019, compared to 3 in 2018; new police team aims to gather data on movement of guns. By Tessa Vanderhart · CBC News · Posted: May 13, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/gun-homicide-crime-winnipeg-manitoba-1.5131460>

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE CRIME GUN STATISTICS FOR 2018

OPP FOIP Response dated May 8, 2019 Received on May 13, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/05/14/ontario-provincial-police-crime-gun-statistics-for-2018/>

RCMP VIOLENT CRIME INVESTIGATIONS, BY TYPE OF FIREARM - 2013 TO 2017

RCMP Response to Access to Information request dated May 6, 2019 Received May 13, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/05/13/rcmp-violent-crime-investigations-by-type-of-firearm-2013-to-2017/>

CACP CHIEF OF PR CORRECTS 50% MISTAKE ON TWITTER

Tweet by Timothy M. Smith Gov’t Relations and Strategic Comms, Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) – May 12, 2019 Re: CBC - BLACK MARKET GUNS: WHERE THEY’RE COMING FROM AND HOW THEY GET INTO THE HANDS OF CRIMINALS

TEXT OF CACP TWEET: *Ref of "50% of all handguns used in crime, that we've been able to trace, have been diverted from legal Canadian firearm owners." While this type of diversion remains a significant concern, the 50% figure was used in error and does not portray the national picture.* <https://twitter.com/timsmith2000/status/1127536602518097921>

CBC - BLACK MARKET GUNS: WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM AND HOW THEY GET INTO THE HANDS OF CRIMINALS - Police dealing with new sources of guns that are supplying Canada's illegal firearms trade By Mia Sheldon & Matthew Amha · CBC News · Posted: May 12, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/national-gun-trafficking-straw-buying-smuggling-firearms-1.5126228>

CBC - 2 BRAMPTON MOMS HOPE NEW GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM WILL GET 50 GUNS OFF THE STREETS - 'As mothers we want a safer community for our families'

By Desmond Brown · CBC News · Posted: May 11, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/brampton-moms-launch-gun-buyback-program-1.5132784>

TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT TAKES A GENDER-NEUTRAL APPROACH TO GUN CONTROL

Perhaps it’s a sign of the times, or the context in which we’re now talking about gun control. While the Polytechnique massacre was a galvanizing moment for the federal government 30 years ago, today’s calls for handgun bans and more gun controls follow incidents like the 2018 Danforth shootings, in which women were among the victims but not explicitly targeted. 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>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

BBC - GUN-LOVING SWISS ASKED TO TOUGHEN LAWS OR RISK EU TENSION

Switzerland is not a member of the EU, but is part of the Schengen open-border treaty. After the 2015 Paris attacks in which 130 people died, the EU issued Schengen members with new restrictions on automatic and semi-automatic weapons. The EU hopes the rules will help police in Schengen countries. These states now work together and share information on a daily basis, to establish where weapons used in crimes came from. But the proposals have raised hackles in Switzerland, which has a long, and for many Swiss, proud tradition of gun ownership. After Swiss men complete their obligatory military service, they are permitted to keep their assault rifles. There are gun clubs in every town and village, and target-shooting is a hugely popular sport. Swiss law does require gun owners to have a permit, but getting one is relatively easy. By Imogen Foulkes, BBC News, Geneva - May 18, 2019

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-48299708>

US NEWS - VERMONT LAWMAKERS APPROVE WAITING PERIOD FOR HANDGUN SALES

Republican Gov. Phil Scott has not decided if he will sign the bill. By Claire Hansen, Staff Writer - May 17, 2019

<https://www.usnews.com/news/national-news/articles/2019-05-17/vermont-lawmakers-approve-waiting-period-for-handgun-sales>

VENZUELAN GUNS AMONG 8,000 ILLEGAL ARMS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE PRIME Minister says the **illegal guns in TT have been traced to almost 30 countries including** neighbouring Venezuela and the defunct Soviet Union. He said the police provided information for seized firearms analysed for country of origin for the period 2014-2018, and 27 were identified. The countries listed were: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, **Canada**, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, The Philippines, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, South Africa, Soviet Union, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, UK, US, Venezuela and Yugoslavia. By Julien Neaves - May 17, 2019

<https://newsday.co.tt/2019/05/18/vzuelan-guns-among-8000-illegal-arms-in-tt/>

GHOST GUNS ARE EVERYWHERE IN CALIFORNIA

Feds say nearly a third of firearms recovered in the state are homemade, unserialized, and untraceable.

BY ALAIN STEPHENS. THE TRACE - May 17, 2019 - This story was reported in partnership with NBC Bay Area, NBC San Diego, and NBC Los Angeles.

<https://www.thetrace.org/2019/05/ghost-gun-california-crime/>

THESE ARE ILLEGAL GUNS SEIZED IN CALIFORNIA — NOT NIGERIA'S KANO STATE

A picture shared more than 18,000 times claims to show guns seized by the Nigerian Customs Service in the northern state of Kano. This is false; the guns in the picture were confiscated in the US state of California.

AFP Fact Check Published on Friday 17 May 2019

<https://factcheck.afp.com/these-are-illegal-guns-seized-california-not-nigerias-kano-state>

GUN CONTROL IN HEAVILY-ARMED SWITZERLAND FACES MAY 19 VOTE, AND THE SWISS ARE GRUMBLING

- In the world's first referendum of its kind, citizens of this heavily-armed Alpine nation will head to the polls on May 19 to decide whether to accept stricter gun control measures mandated by the European Union.

By Helena Bachmann, Special to USA TODAY - May 17, 2019

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2019/05/17/gun-control-vote-switzerland-may-19-could-take-away-swiss-weapons/1186889001/>

<https://www.france24.com/en/20190516-swiss-vote-tightening-gun-laws-with-eu-relations-balance>

MAN ACCUSED OF INTERNATIONAL GUN SALES GOES TO PRISON

A Canadian accused of international arms sales stood before a judge in Buffalo Friday and admitted his guilt. Aydan Sin, 47, pleaded guilty to violating the Arms Export Control Act and will face a recommended sentence of up to 63 months in prison. Sin, who appeared Friday before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara, was accused of conspiring with two other Canadians to sell 15 mini Uzi submachine guns and 40 9mm Glock pistols in 2017 to customers in Colombia and the United Arab Emirates. By Phil Fairbanks, The Buffalo News - May 17, 2019

<https://buffalonews.com/2019/05/17/man-accused-of-international-gun-sales-goes-to-prison/>

SCHOOLS ARE SAFER WHERE TEACHERS ARE ARMED

Researcher John Lott, author of More Guns, Less Crime just released a new paper answering the question: Do armed staff policies make schools safer? Do they prevent school shootings? Lott's research examined all shootings on K-12 campuses from January 2000 through August 2018 to determine whether the presence of armed school staff acts as a deterrent to school shootings. Lott's conclusion is that while the trend line of people killed on K-12 campuses is increasing, the trend line of people killed on campuses that had armed school staff is zero.

By Laura Carno, Independent Woman's Forum - May 17, 2019

<http://www.iwf.org/blog/2809475/Schools-Are-Safer-Where-Teachers-Are-Armed>

NZ POLICE ARE SEIZING MORE THAN 1300 GUNS EACH YEAR

Police are seizing an average of more than three firearms a day during searches. The haul includes hundreds of rifles, shotguns, handguns and military-style semi-automatics, totalling more than 1300 firearms seizures for each of the past three years. The seizure figures, obtained under the Official Information Act, are an incomplete record of how frequently police come across guns, being only those recorded in warranted and warrantless searches. In an interview for The Homicide Report, Police Minister Stuart Nash told Stuff he will be pushing Cabinet colleagues to support the introduction of a gun register. By Thomas Manch - May 17 2019

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/112763149/police-are-seizing-more-than-1300-guns-each-year>

UPDATE: YOUTUBE IMPLEMENTS MORE GUN CONTENT RESTRICTIONS

As an update to yesterday's post regarding YouTube's decision to permanently demonetize some smaller gun-related YouTube channels, now it seems YouTube will become the arbiter of what constitutes safe gun handling [from their offices in San Francisco]. If you didn't see yesterday's article, of course, go read it, but the crux of that story is that a number of gun YouTubers received the following email from YouTube this week: Posted May 17, 2019 in Daily News by James Reeves with 199 Comments <https://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/2019/05/16/youtube-guns/>

CONGRESS SETS ITS SIGHTS ON UNDETECTABLE, UNTRACEABLE "GHOST GUNS"

A bill recognizing the destructive potential of "ghost guns" has cleared a critical step in Congress and is now poised for a vote on the House floor. The House Committee on Homeland Security gave its stamp of approval on Wednesday to legislation that would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to prepare an annual threat assessment on so-called "ghost guns." These are firearms typically made at home with 3D printers or assembled from kits that lack traceable serial numbers. These ghost guns "pose a challenge to law enforcement, particularly when used by violent extremists," according to a onetime DHS threat assessment. One estimate put the number of ghost gun precursors sold in the past decade in the hundreds of thousands. The legislation, sponsored by Democratic Congressman Max Rose, is one of the first steps Congress has taken to address this emerging threat to public safety. BY ASHER STOCKLER, NEWSWEEK - 5/16/19 <https://www.newsweek.com/ghost-gun-laws-untraceable-invisible-1428204>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - MAY 16, 2019

WHY CAN'T YOU TELL US...SOMETHING?

Yesterday, I received a message from a colleague in the industry, telling me he was “counting on me” to do something to tell people what was “up” with the National Rifle Association. There is, apparently, a growing frustration among the “regular” members of NRA as to what’s actually happening inside their Virginia HQ. Accusations and angry rebuttals are flying between members of the NRA’s Board of Directors and its longtime head, Wayne LaPierre. To the surprise and consternation of a large number of the membership, it appears to be something that’s been going on for some time.

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/df43386e-f7ae-4d09-a065-179998079aff>

POWERFUL AND MOVING BOOK PUTS PERSUASIVE FACES ON DEFENSIVE GUN USES

Guns and Self-Defense: 23 Inspirational True Crime Stories of Survival with Firearms: As the subtitle indicates, the “1st in a series” book by the father/son authors features “23 Inspirational True Crime Stories of Survival with Firearms.” And “inspirational” by no means covers the gamut of emotions I felt when going through gripping tales of real people defending themselves and others, compiled from news accounts, police reports, 9-1-1 calls, court transcripts and interviews with the people involved. Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 16, 2019 by David Codrea

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/powerful-and-moving-book-puts-persuasive-faces-on-defensive-gun-uses/#axzz5o9LiZv16>

U.K. - THE UK HAS GONE MAD': COPS SHOW KNIVES THEY COLLECTED SO THEY 'DON'T GET INTO THE WRONG HANDS' — ALONG WITH A SPOON

In a Tuesday post, the Regents Park Police force said it "conducted weapons sweeps, dealt with a person injured from a van reversing on them, reported a burglary, and collected all these from @scope charity shop who diligently didn't want them to get into the wrong hands & disposed of correctly & safely." 2019-05-15 Source: The Blaze by: Dave Urbaneki

<https://gundynamics.com/articles/the-uk-has-gone-mad-cops-show-knives-they-collected-so-they-don-t-get-into-the-wrong-hands-along-with-a-spoon>

GUNS OWNERSHIP IS A DANGEROUS VIRTUE.. AND WE NEED TO DEFEND IT

Virtues are how we do good things. Defending your community, the right to bear arms in public, is how you ensure public safety when the police aren’t there. The police are rarely there when you’re attacked by a criminal. We’ve lost much of our right to bear arms. We surrendered it to “public safety”. The right to bear arms was never meant to be convenient for politicians. **Your gun might be “safer” if it was under lock and key. It is also less useful that way.** You can’t use your gun to protect yourself and your family if it takes you minutes to put to use. We forget that. We forget that in your hands, guns save lives. Making firearms “safer” and less accessible means we save fewer lives.

Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 15, 2019 by Rob Morse

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/guns-ownership-is-a-dangerous-virtue-and-we-need-to-defend-it/#axzz5o9LiZv16>

FEDS: CALIFORNIA GUN DEALER STOLE COPS’ IDENTITIES FOR ILLEGAL HANDGUN SALES

A federal firearms dealer in Northern California was charged Tuesday with mail fraud, identity theft and illegal gun sales in an alleged scam that used the stolen names of law enforcement officers to help sell prohibited weapons to members of the public. Joseph John Deaser IV, who had federal firearms licenses for companies such as Capital Gun Glub and Anarchy Armory on Opportunity Drive in Roseville, was charged in an information filed in federal court in Sacramento with using the names of his own law enforcement customers to sell about 50 new handguns to non-law enforcement buyers in violation of state gun laws. BY SAM STANTON - MAY 15, 2019

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/crime/article230399114.html>

FEDS TAKE AIM AT ACCESSORY THAT EFFECTIVELY TURNS HANDGUNS INTO FULLY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS - CLEVELAND — A gun, ammunition, drugs were all confiscated during a recent traffic stop in Bedford. But it wasn't just a regular Glock handgun that Bedford police discovered. "So that gun can now fire 30 rounds in five or six seconds," said US Attorney of the Northern District Justin Herdman. The gun was equipped with a select fire auto-sear, also known as a select fire switch. By: Tracy Carlross - May 16, 2019 <https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/oh-cuyahoga/feds-take-aim-at-accessory-that-effectively-turns-handguns-into-fully-automatic-weapons>

JOHN LOTT: GUN CONTROLS BACKED BY DEM PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WOULD HURT POOR AND MINORITIES - Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., promised Wednesday that if she becomes president she will use executive orders to mandate background checks on the private transfers of guns, revoke the licenses of gun makers and dealers whose guns are used in crimes, and ban the importation of many semi-automatic guns. By John R. Lott | Fox News - May 15, 2019 <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/john-lott-gun-controls-backed-by-dem-presidential-candidates-would-hurt-poor-and-minorities>

CNN - JUSTICE DEPARTMENT URGES SUPREME COURT TO OVERTURN NYC GUN LAW
Washington (CNN)The Justice Department on Wednesday urged the Supreme Court to overturn a New York City gun law that regulates where licensed handgun owners can take their firearms. The justices are poised to hear the Second Amendment case next term, and it will be the first substantive gun rights cases the court has heard since Justice Antonin Scalia's landmark opinion in 2008 holding that the Constitution protects an individual's right to keep a gun at home and a follow up case in 2010. By Ariane de Vogue, CNN Supreme Court Reporter - Wed May 15, 2019 <https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/15/politics/new-york-gun-control-supreme-court/index.html>

'I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE UNITED STATES': JACINDA ARDERN ON GUN LAWS
Arderne announced a ban on military-style semi-automatic weapons, assault rifles and high-capacity magazines only days after the March 15 mass shootings on two mosques in Christchurch, which claimed 51 lives. The visiting Prime Minister made the remark during a CNN interview on Tuesday here ahead of a summit on online extremism slated to begin in the French capital on Wednesday. World | Indo-Asian News Service | Updated: May 15, 2019 <https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/jacinda-ardern-on-gun-laws-i-do-not-understand-the-united-states-2037773>

2019 CROSMAN ALL-AMERICAN FIELD TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
Dedicated air gun competitors from around the globe can now register for the three-day competition which features multiple shooting matches including the main two-day rifle eventThe Crosman All-American Field Target Championship will be held once again at the Rochester Brooks Gun Club, 962 Honeoye Falls #6 Road, Rush, NY 14543. For more details and wanting to register can do so online by visiting <https://www.crosman.com/caaftc> . Participants can also download and mail-in the registration form if they choose. MAY 15, 2019 BY TOM MCHALE <https://airgunwire.com/2019-crosman-all-american-field-target-championship-registration-is-now-open-2/>

NY POST - LOTT LOOKS AT SAFETY RECORD OF ARMED TEACHERS
There are approximately 1,000 public school districts in 20 states that allow faculty and staff to carry a concealed firearm and to date there has never been an injury according to John Lott, president of the Crime Prevention Research Center. "There are two obvious questions: Does letting teachers carry create dangers? Might they deter attackers?" reads the research paper's abstract. Tuesday, May 14, 2019 | Chris Woodward (OneNewsNow.com) <https://onewsnw.com/culture/2019/05/14/lott-looks-at-safety-record-of-armed-teachers>

HANDS OFF OUR GUNS, SWISS ENTHUSIASTS TELL EU AHEAD OF VOTE

ROMONT, Switzerland (Reuters) - Ten years ago, Swiss hairdresser Christine Dousse feared guns. Then her daughter convinced her to join a 400-year-old local shooting club. Now she shoots twice a week. "When I am lying in the stall, facing the target, alone with my rifle ... I don't know how to describe it, but it just helps me forget a bad day," said the 50-year-old. "It helps me completely let go of the stress and negative things." Dousse and many of the 500 other participants at a marksmanship contest in Romont this month believe their heritage is under threat from tighter gun rules Swiss voters are expected to support in a binding referendum on Sunday. Even though Switzerland has one of the highest rates of gun ownership in Europe, polls suggest two out of three voters back controls the European Union embraced in 2017 after militant attacks in Paris and elsewhere. The new European rules make it harder to buy semi-automatic rifles and easier to track weapons in databases. By Reuters• last updated: 14/05/2019

<https://www.euronews.com/2019/05/14/hands-off-our-guns-swiss-enthusiasts-tell-eu-ahead-of-vote>

MASS SHOOTER MEDIA MYTH

Video and opinion pieces claim that the idea that mass shootings are pervasive in the United States is a "media myth."

By Kim LaCapria - May 13, 2019 <https://www.truthorfiction.com/mass-shooter-media-myth/>

CNN - LOCKING UP GUNS COULD REDUCE TEEN AND CHILDHOOD FIREARM DEATHS BY A THIRD

(CNN) Most US households with children do not safely store firearms in the way the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends: locked up and unloaded. If parents simply locked up all their guns, then up to a third of gun suicides and accidental deaths among children and teens could be avoided, researchers estimate in a new study. "Even a relatively modest increase" in locking up firearms could result in "substantial reductions in firearm suicide and unintentional fatalities among U.S. youth," Michael C. Monuteaux, lead author of the study and an assistant professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, wrote in an email. By Susan Scutti, CNN May 13, 2019

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/13/health/locked-up-guns-child-deaths-study/index.html>

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PRESIDENT TRUMP SIGNS BILL TO FUND STATE-LEVEL GUN RANGE EXPANSION

The legislation is titled Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act, but is known more simply as the Range Bill. It deals with Pittman-Robinson funds, which have been compounding from ammo and gun manufacturing excise tax revenues since 1937. The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) Larry Keane notes that the Range Bill "give the states more flexibility in how they can use their Pittman Robertson allocation to pay for the construction of new ranges and expansion or improvements to existing ones." By AWR HAWKINS - MAY 13, 2019

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/05/13/president-trump-signs-bill-fund-state-level-gun-range-expansion/>

MURDER RATES DROP IN BOLSONARO'S BRAZIL: MORE GUNS, LESS CRIME

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil -(Ammoland.com)- During the first two months of President Bolsonaro's term, the Brazilian murder rate fell by 25%. Jair Bolsonaro was elected President of Brazil on 28 October 2018. President Bolsonaro has been adamant about reforming Brazil's extreme gun laws, to allow more Brazilians to defend themselves. Did President Bolsonaro's reform policies in favor of self-defense cause the drop in murder rates? The answer is complicated.

Bolsonaro's policies probably had a positive effect. Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 13, 2019 by Dean Weingarten

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/murder-rates-drop-in-bolsonaros-brazil-more-guns-less-crime/#axzz5ntq3cNfd>

MILITIAS HAVE PATROLLED US BORDER FOR DECADES

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — An armed group in New Mexico whose leader faces federal firearms possession charges drew national attention last month for detaining asylum-seeking Central American families near the U.S.-Mexico border.

It's not the first time an armed militia patrolled the border amid immigration and racial tensions. Throughout U.S. history, private, armed groups have been hired or appointed themselves to police the U.S-Mexico border for a variety of reasons — from preventing black slaves from fleeing to stopping Chinese immigrants from crossing over illegally. A look at the history of armed groups patrolling the border. By RUSSELL CONTRERAS - May 12, 2019
<https://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/ap-explains-militias-have-patrolled-us-border-for-decades>

THE SECOND AMENDMENT SAVED THESE GUN OWNERS' LIVES IN APRIL

Moreover, it is undeniable that Americans use guns in self-defense on far more occasions than criminals use them to commit crimes. Yet those defensive gun uses rarely receive the amount of attention given to criminal gun uses. Every month so far this year, we've highlighted just a few of the tens of thousands of Americans who exercised their right to keep and bear arms for self-defense purposes. As with January, February, and March, April was full of underreported good guys using a gun. By Amy Swearer - May 10, 2019 Amy Swearer is a senior legal policy analyst at the Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at The Heritage Foundation.
<https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/05/10/the-second-amendment-saved-these-gun-owners-lives-in-april/>

AMERICA: #56 IN MASS SHOOTINGS

That the U.S. leads the world in mass shooting events, and that the cause is our liberal gun laws, are articles of faith on the Left. Barack Obama, for example, said: The one thing we do know is that we have a pattern now of mass shootings in this country that has no parallel anywhere else in the world. This belief, while pervasive in our culture, is untrue. John Lott and Michael Weisser explode the myth, while at the same time demolishing a widely-cited but bogus "study" by one Adam Lankford. BY JOHN HINDERAKER, MAY 11, 2019
<https://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2019/05/america-56-in-mass-shootings.php>

GUN RIGHTS: DEATH BY A THOUSAND CUTS

Slowly But Surely, We Will Lose Our Gun Rights. As much as I hate to admit it, they're never going to just "come and take it". Disarmament of American gun owners and the death of their rights will be a very gradual and well-disguised process. There obviously is not enough support for such extreme measures of gun control, given that 43% of all American households own at least one firearm. They won't be coming for your shotguns and bolt action rifles and commonly owned handguns... yet. By Thomas DiGennaro - May 11, 2019
<http://71republic.com/2019/05/11/gun-rights-death-by-a-thousand-cuts/>

NZ - DAVID SEYMOUR CALLS OUT POLICE FOR 'DISTURBING' GUN RAIDS

ACT Party leader David Seymour says recent police raids on gun owners are "disturbing", and he's calling on police to "act within the law". The Christchurch man told Stuff about 30 police raided and searched his home on April 2. He claims police "pointed a rifle at [his] 12-year-old daughter", went through his 80-year-old mother's underwear drawer and left his entire family "anxious and shaken". "I've seen them raid the Headhunters with less firepower than they raided us. It was just out of this world. Way over the top," he told Stuff. "All they needed to do was ring me and say we are coming around for a chat." In another incident, a gun owner says "heavily armed" police raided his Ashburton property and questioned him about his views on police and Islam. He told Stuff this was because he had bought an A-category AR-15 from Gun City the day after the Christchurch terror attacks. Both men had weapons seized by the police. Seymour says it's important for authorities to show restraint in enforcing our new gun laws. BY Scott Palmer - May 11, 2019
<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2019/05/david-seymour-calls-out-police-for-disturbing-gun-raids.html>

WASHINGTON GOV SIGNS 7 NEW GUN BANS, CONFISCATION LAWS

The new laws restrict access in a number of ways, including bans on ghost guns and red flag confiscations for juveniles and domestic violence suspects, AP News reported.

MAY 08, 2019 by CHERYL HINNEBURG

<https://americanmilitarynews.com/2019/05/wa-gov-signs-new-gun-bans-confiscation-laws/>

JOHN LOTT: ARMED GUARDS AT HOUSES OF WORSHIP IS NOT ENOUGH

People should be much more worried about the fact that these attacks become massacres when there's no one who can fight back. Permit holders who carry in the course of daily life should be able to bring their guns to churches and schools. They should be able to protect students and their fellow worshipers. by Jr. John R. Lott, Jr. |Posted: May 07, 2019

<https://townhall.com/columnists/johnlottjr/2019/05/07/guards-at-houses-of-worship-n2545979>

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OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

FEDS TO LIST APPROVED MEDIA

Federal agencies will publish an A-list of newspapers and websites deemed reliable under a multi-million dollar subsidy program, the Department of Finance yesterday told the Senate national finance committee. Subsidies to federally-approved news media invite government meddling in a free press, cautioned one senator. "To me it's very dangerous ground, and it shouldn't be through a tax credit," said Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Conservative-Sask.). "It should be wide open as a debate for Canadians, whether this is the way to support a freer press, a press that's struggling against bloggers and the new internet systems, tweets and whatever else. I think it's a bigger national debate than a question tucked into a tax bill." "We all want to encourage the survival of the press, whether it's in a small town or elsewhere, but if we start down this road, with these criteria, with government setting that criteria and interpreting that criteria, I think we're on the wrong road," said Andreychuk. Blacklock's Reporter - Wednesday, May 15, 2019

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GUNTER: THE BEYAK SUSPENSION LEAVES US TO ASK, WHO IS NEXT?

Trudeau called her a racist and said her views "don't belong in Canada." Some of the letter-writers' remarks that Beyak left on her site, even after being asked by Senate officials to remove them, are harsh. Some were unjustifiably critical of Indigenous Canadians. But they demonstrate a growing grassroots frustration with the politically correct canon that claims Indigenous communities are in no way to blame for their own plights and to say otherwise is racist. By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - May 11, 2019

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