



## RECENT POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST

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### POSTS FROM CANADA

#### **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 · Posted: May 04, 2019

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

#### **MP BRAD TROST'S FOUR GUN CONTROL QUESTIONS: LIBERAL RESPONSES PROVIDE VERY FEW ANSWERS** - Analysis, Commentary and Supporting Documentation by Dennis R. Young – May 3, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/05/03/liberal-responses-provide-very-few-answers/>

LIBERAL RESPONSE TO Q-2319: Firearms Interest Police (FIP) Database Deficiencies

LIBERAL RESPONSE TO Q-2320: Auditor General Firearms Program 'major additional costs

LIBERAL RESPONSE TO Q-2321: Benefits of Firearms Ownership

LIBERAL RESPONSE TO Q-2322: Effectiveness of Firearms Interest Police (FIP) Database

#### **THE REBEL: WHY TRUDEAU'S LIBERALS ARE PRETENDING THIS GUN CONTROL STUDY DOESN'T EXIST** - Saskatchewan Conservative MP Brad Trost asked the government these questions in the form of an order paper

question: By SHEILA GUNN REID, REBEL HOST | THE GUNN SHOW - May 3, 2019

<https://www.therebel.media/gun-control-canada-laws-study-brad-trost-firearms-sheila-gunn-reid>

#### **BILL C-71 FINAL READING IN SENATE SET FOR MAY 9, PRATTE SAYS**

TheGunBlog.ca — Canada's Senate will vote on Bill C-71 for the third and final time on May 9, said the Senate sponsor of the bill, pushing the government's plan to further restrict hunters, farmers and sport shooters a step closer to becoming law. "There was an agreement between the leaderships of the different parliamentary groups in the Senate providing that the 3rd reading vote would be held next Thursday, May 9th," Senator André Pratte told TheGunBlog.ca today by e-mail in response to questions. "Therefore, I expect this final vote will be held on that day." THEGUNBLOG.CA - MAY 3,

2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/03/bill-c-71-final-reading-in-senate-set-for-may-9-pratte-says/>

#### **T.O.'S GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM PAYS \$124,000 FOR 506 FIREARMS IN WEEK ONE**

Toronto Police say 349 long guns and 155 handguns were collected and owners were paid \$200 per long gun and \$350 for each handgun — a total payout of just over \$124,000 so far. The three-week program offers any resident of the city the opportunity to have an officer visit their home and pick up any "operable" firearm — legally or illegally owned.

By Graeme Gordon - May 3, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/t-o-s-gun-buyback-program-pays-124000-for-506-firearms-in-week-one>

#### **CSSA COMMENTARY: BRITAIN PROVES CENTRAL STORAGE INVITES THIEVES**

It should surprise nobody that thieves, when presented with a cache of valuable items, will target the storage container and steal them. Banks, jewelry stores and gun stores are perfect examples. Yet the Canadian government is blue-skying that licensed gun owners store their firearms in "central storage facilities" to prevent them from being stolen. This is nonsense

to everyone except the logically-challenged among us, such as politicians and gun ban advocates. We need only look across the pond to Britain and see how their rampage to ban knives is going. Team CSSA E-News | May 3, 2019  
<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/05/team-cssa-e-news-may-3-2019/>

### **CALGARY HERALD: YOUR LETTERS FOR MAY 3 LETTER: PUNISHING ALL FOR THE SAKE OF A FEW**

**Re: [Lots of Talk – Gun Control, Catherine Ford, May 1](#)** - I am not a gun owner, however I grew up in a home that did have guns; they provided the meat at our dinner table for many years. The loss of life due to gun violence is horrific, however, common sense informs that any person intent on causing harm will find a way and the means to carry it out. What concerns me is the relentless desire to remove guns from the homes of responsible, law-abiding citizens. We know that in Canada illegal guns are the big problem. Where is the cry to stop the weapons illegally coming across the U.S. border? By Joyce Castonguay, Calgary <https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/letters/your-letters-for-may-2-2>

### **B.C. APPEAL COURT SAYS AMERICAN INDIGENOUS MAN HAS RIGHT TO HUNT IN CANADA**

The B.C. Court of Appeal has upheld an American Indigenous man's right to hunt in Canada because his ancestors traditionally did so. Richard Desautel was originally charged under the Wildlife Act with hunting without a licence and hunting big game while not a resident of B.C. after he shot and killed an elk near Castlegar in 2010. Desautel, a member of the Lakes Tribe in Washington state, argued in provincial court that he was exercising his constitutional right to hunt for ceremonial purposes. By Amy Smart, The Canadian Press - May 2, 2019  
<https://globalnews.ca/news/5234998/bc-appeal-court-indigenous-american-hunting-canada/>

### **ANTIQUe GUNS TURNED IN TO #GUNBUYBACKTO**

One person replied "Wow they are really nice collectables!!!" and another asked "Some nice older pieces. Will they be auctioned off?" — but unfortunately for antique enthusiasts, firearms collected through the gun buyback program will be destroyed. BY DILSHAD BURMAN - MAY 2, 2019  
<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2019/05/02/antique-guns-gun-buyback-toronto/>

### **ONE PERSON IN CANADA HAS AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY GUNS, RCMP SAYS**

TheGunBlog.ca — One person in Canada has a so-called "Authorization To Carry" (ATC) loaded guns for personal protection against human attackers, Dennis Young reported today, based on a special filing from the federal police. "CFP advised that there is one ATC issued for the protection of life in Canada," the RCMP said in its filing to Young dated April 25 and published on his website today. The federal agency didn't identify the permit holder or their home province. THEGUNBOG - MAY 2, 2019  
<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/02/one-person-in-canada-has-authorization-to-carry-guns-rcmp-says/>

### **RCMP REPORT ISSUING ONE PROTECTION OF LIFE CARRY PERMIT**

- NOVEMBER 18, 2018 - Filed ATIP request for the current number of Authorization to Carry Permits issued by Province
- FEBRUARY 20, 2019 – RCMP responds but withholds the number of Protection of Life Carry Permits issued advising that release of that number 'could reasonably be expected to threaten the safety of individuals'.
- MARCH 22, 2019 - Filed a complaint with the Information Commissioner of Canada about the exemption used to withhold the number of ATCs issued for Protection of Life.
- MAY 2, 2019 – Received the RCMP reply dated April 25, 2019 with the current number of ATCs issued for Protection of Life = ONE.

<https://dennisyoung.ca/2019/05/02/rcmp-report-issuing-one-protection-of-life-carry-permit/>

### **SHOULD WE TAKE DRUNK DRIVERS' GUN LICENCES AWAY?**

But a bill making its way through the California legislature would disarm a different group of people: drunk drivers. London, Ont.-based firearms writer Andrew Somerset would like to see something similar in Canada.

By Patrick Cain, National Online Journalist, Global News - May 2, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5193890/drunk-drivers-gun-licences/>

### **FORD: WHY DO WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT GUN CONTROL BUT DO NOTHING ABOUT IT?**

Don't dare argue you have a "right" to own a handgun or an assault rifle. No one, with the exception of police officers and the military, has a "right" to own either. Time for action, not conversation.

By CATHERINE FORD, Calgary Herald - Updated: May 1, 2019

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/ford-why-do-we-keep-talking-about-gun-control-but-do-nothing-about-it>

### **WHY WERE SOLDIERS AT KHALSA DAY PARADE?**

Even former soldiers, myself included, questioned why the soldiers carried their weapons on slings, "at the ready" as if on a combat patrol – rather than at the shoulder as dictated by Canadian Forces parade protocol.

By Mark Towhey, Toronto Sun - May 1, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/towhey-why-were-soldiers-at-khalsa-day-parade>

### **MATT GURNEY: CANADA'S GUN LAWS LEAVE OUR PLACES OF WORSHIP INADEQUATELY**

**GUARDED** In Canada, armed security is basically unheard of. We've made it impossible to protect a house of worship. A sack of cash? That we can do. By Matt Gurney, National Post - April 30, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/matt-gurney-canadas-gun-laws-leave-our-places-of-worship-inadequately-guarded>

### **CBC - SECOND AMENDMENT SUPPORTERS SHOULD BE 'DEEPLY CONCERNED' ABOUT NRA INFIGHTING, SAYS CONSERVATIVE PUNDIT**

National Rifle Association sued its longtime PR firm accusing it of refusing to hand over financial records. "The NRA had a choice: it could have basically stepped back and said, 'Okay, well we need to be more transparent we need to account for this money. Maybe we need to clean house here a little bit,'" Charlie Sykes, author of How the Right Lost its Mind, told The Current's Anna Maria Tremonti. "Instead, what they decided to do was circle the wagons [and] send out the shells to say 'There's nothing to look at here.'" CBC Radio · Posted: Apr 30, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/the-current-for-april-30-2019-1.5115630/second-amendment-supporters-should-be-deeply-concerned-about-nra-infighting-says-conservative-pundit-1.5116352>

### **CBC - MILITARY SCRAMBLES TO EXPLAIN WHY SOLDIERS GIVEN ASSAULT RIFLES FOR TORONTO SIKH PARADE**

- Photos and videos of the event show the soldiers, many of them turban-wearing Sikhs, marching in the Khalsa parade in military uniforms and carrying assault rifles, which the military says is not normally allowed. They were also escorted by an armoured vehicle. The Canadian Press · Posted: Apr 30, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/sikh-toronto-guns-parade-1.5117723>

### **MISTAKEN SASK. HUNTER SENTENCED TO 7 MONTHS FOR FATAL SHOOTING**

Hunter Austyn Adamko of Prince Albert, Sask., received a seven-month jail sentence on Monday after he killed a man he thought was an elk. In September 2017, Adamko, 24, was hunting with two others in the Weirdale area northeast of Prince Albert, Sask. Thinking he'd spotted the antlers of a bull elk, he fired his gun. The bullet struck and killed 23-year-old Jordan Darchuk – another hunter from Prince Albert who was returning to his vehicle. By Ryan Kessler, Reporter, Global News - April 29, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5218573/mistaken-saskatchewan-hunter-fatal-shooting/>

## **BRAMPTON MAN CONVICTED OF WEAPONS OFFENCES IN WINDSOR**

A Brampton man has been sentenced by a Windsor judge for illegal weapons offences caught during a cross border investigation. Philip Nkrumah, 34, was sentenced to 501 days in prison on Monday and 18 months' probation. Justice Bruce Thomas levelled an original sentence of three years and three months, but provided credit for serving 429 days of pre-sentence custody and another 240 days of credit for his house arrest. In March of 2016, 10 people were charged with a combined 111 offences through Project Kirby. It was a year-long joint investigation by the OPP, Windsor Police, London Police, Canada Border Services Agency, and various American law enforcement agencies. Court heard between Jan. 7, 2016 and Jan. 13, 2016, Nkrumah met at least twice with undercover officers to either discuss or complete the sale of an illegal handgun. CTV Windsor Published Monday, April 29, 2019 <https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/it-will-never-happen-again-says-brampton-man-convicted-of-weapons-offences-in-windsor-1.4400697>

## **(WATCH) HANDS OFF OUR GUNS, TORONTO!**

Andrew Lawton | True North | April 29, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnxmBIT2Y2w>

## **CBC - WW II VETERAN'S GUNS BELIEVED STOLEN THE DAY OF HIS FUNERAL**

8 shotguns and rifles were taken during break-in in Inverness, N.S., late last week

By George Mortimer · CBC News · Posted: Apr 29, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/cape-breton-guns-stolen-rcmp-veteran-funeral-1.5115215>

## **JUDGE DISALLOWS SECOND GUN SEIZURE BY PEEL POLICE OFFICER**

For the second time in just over a year, a loaded handgun seized by the same Peel Regional Police officer has been excluded from evidence at a trial because the judge found that the officer violated a suspect's rights. Ontario Superior Court Justice James Stribopoulos said he would not consider the weapon that Const. Darrell Corona seized from a drug dealer because the judge needed to disassociate the court from what he described as "police misconduct" and a "deliberate" violation of Charter rights. By Wendy Gillis, Crime Reporter -Mon., April 29, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/04/29/judge-disallows-second-gun-seizure-by-peel-police-officer.html>

## **T.O.'S MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF IGNORE STUDIES SHOWING GUN BUYBACKS DON'T WORK**

"Researchers who have evaluated gun control strategies say buybacks — despite their popularity — are among the least effective ways to reduce gun violence. They say targeted police patrols, intervention efforts with known criminals and, to a lesser extent, tougher gun laws all work better than buybacks." The program has been tried in Toronto in the past. Yet 2018 was a record year for violence. The research is available, but Toronto chose flashy politics over evidence-based substance. By Jerry Agar, Toronto Sun - April 29, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/agar-t-o-s-mayor-police-chief-ignore-studies-showing-gun-buybacks-dont-work>

## **LIBERAL VOTERS ARE MOST HOSTILE TO GUN OWNERS, LEGER POLL SHOWS**

The survey this month found 93 percent of men and women intending to vote Liberal in October's election favour "stricter gun control legislation for Canada," Montreal-based Leger said today on its website. That was the highest of five parties analyzed. Four percent of Liberal voters surveyed oppose stricter laws for gun owners, the least of any of the parties. The poll showed 26 percent of Conservative Party voters oppose stricter laws against gun owners, while 69 percent favour them. THEGUNBLOG.CA - APRIL 29, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/04/29/liberal-voters-are-most-hostile-to-gun-owners-leger-poll-shows/>

**CRIMINOLOGY PROFESSOR QUESTIONS WHETHER GUNS AND GANG VIOLENCE FUNDING WILL ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES** It was revealed last week Nova Scotia is getting \$4.7 million over five years in federal funding by: Matt Brand, Halifax Today - April 29, 2019 <https://www.halifaxtoday.ca/local-news/criminology-professor-questions-whether-guns-and-gang-violence-funding-will-address-root-causes-1396789>

**LIBERALS, TRUDEAU HIT NEW LOW BUT POLL SUGGESTS SURGING TORY SUPPORT IS SOFT** Opinion was much more clear cut on the issue of gun control. More than 80 per cent of respondents indicated support for each of three key provisions in the Trudeau government's Bill C-71: requiring gun retailers to keep detailed registries of all gun sales, extending the police background check on a person applying for a gun permit to include his or her entire life and requiring authorization to transport restricted firearms. And 77 per cent said they were somewhat or strongly in favour of stricter gun control in general while just 17 per cent said they were somewhat or strongly opposed.

By Joan Bryden, The Canadian Press - April 29, 2019

<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/liberals-trudeau-hit-new-low-but-poll-suggests-surg-ing-tory-support-is-soft-1.1250750>  
[https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/04/28/liberal-support-hits-new-low-but-tories-not-exactly-surg-ing-poll\\_a\\_23718514/](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/04/28/liberal-support-hits-new-low-but-tories-not-exactly-surg-ing-poll_a_23718514/)  
<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/poll-suggests-love-of-trudeau-at-new-low-but-support-for-tories-lukewarm-1.4398606>  
<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/liberals-trudeau-hit-new-low-but-poll-suggests-surg-ing-tory-support-is-soft>  
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-liberals-trudeau-hit-new-low-but-poll-suggests-they-could-defeat/>

**SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE USED IN MASS SHOOTING STILL SOLD IN STORE**

The semi-automatic rifle used in the Dawson College shootings can be bought at a hunting and fishing mega-store in Dartmouth, despite a coroner's report more than a decade ago recommending the firearm be banned. The non-restricted Beretta Cx4 Storm, which can be purchased by any Canadian with a gun licence, was recently advertised in a Bass Pro Shops flyer distributed across Halifax Regional Municipality. The rifle was used by Kimveer Gill to kill Anastasia De Sousa and wound 16 people at Dawson College in Montreal on Sept. 13, 2006. Tony Bernardo, executive director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association, says the Beretta Cx4 Storm is "a very weak firearm." "The fact that a firearm is built to military specifications doesn't make it deadlier. It makes it proper," Bernardo said. "The Cx4 is chambered for the 9mm handgun cartridge, and contrary to what Hollywood would love you to believe, handguns are not very powerful." A 9mm puts out about 350 foot-pounds of energy, while an average deer rifle puts out about 2,200 foot-pounds, he said. The Beretta Cx4 has a different, "racy" look from a common hunting gun because it was designed by Ferrari, Bernardo said. "It would be the kind of firearm you would use to maybe shoot a rabbit, clearing groundhogs out of your farm, that sort of stuff," Bernardo said. "The bottom line here is it's honestly not much different from your average farm kid's .22," he said. By Nicole Munro - April 29, 2019 <https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/local/semi-automatic-rifle-used-in-mass-shooting-still-sold-in-store-306394/>

**PRINCE COUNTY SHOOTING ENTHUSIAST TURNS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE INTO BUSINESS**

**VENTURE** - Prince County-based Shooter Made Equipment (SME) makes and sells a range of holsters for hand-guns and magazine carriers. MacDonald opened SME when he saw a need in the Island shooting community and in the Maritimes. "I looked at the demographics and if I wanted to buy shooting equipment, I'd have to buy from away. I'm local, and I know what works at the professional level. At Shooter Made Equipment, the product you're getting is made by a shooter for shooters." MacDonald has had a long career in dealing with firearms. By Brae Shea - April 28, 2019 <https://www.theguardian.pe.ca/business/prince-county-shooting-enthusiast-turns-personal-experience-into-business-venture-306384/>

## **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/>

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/04/29/trumps-decision-leave-global-arms-treaty-was-built-an-nra-lie/?utm\\_term=.135b7010dc24](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/04/29/trumps-decision-leave-global-arms-treaty-was-built-an-nra-lie/?utm_term=.135b7010dc24)

## **CONSERVATIVES SAY BILL C-71 UNFAIRLY TARGETS LAW-ABIDING FARMERS, HUNTERS**

Hunters and sport shooting enthusiasts are once again being unfairly targeted, says Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Bergen. She's tabled a petition in the House of Commons signed by Canadians who are against Bill C-71. Bergen says the bill treats law-abiding gun owners like criminals. "These signatures are not just from gun owners; they are from families of hunters and families of people who are using firearms for legitimate purposes in rural areas." Instead, she says Canadians want the government to address the real gang violence and illegal firearms, rather than burdening law-abiding citizens with red tape. If the bill does become law, Bergen says the Conservatives have vowed to reverse Bill C-71.

Written by Steven Sukkau - April 27, 2019

<https://peminavalleyonline.com/local/conservatives-say-bill-c-71-unfairly-targets-law-abiding-farmers-hunters>

## **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 - APRIL 27, 2019

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

## **JOHN ROBSON: SORRY, WOKE BRIGADE — WHITE NATIONALISM ISN'T A MAJOR THREAT**

The vast majority of some 20,000 terror victims in the world annually are non-white Muslims killed by non-white Muslim terrorists. By John Robson, National Post - Last Updated - April 24, 2019

[https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-sorry-woke-brigade-white-nationalism-isnt-a-major-threat?mc\\_cid=ccb7cfd055&mc\\_eid=9d6fe17616](https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-sorry-woke-brigade-white-nationalism-isnt-a-major-threat?mc_cid=ccb7cfd055&mc_eid=9d6fe17616)

## **CBC - NORTHERN ONTARIO HUNTING ADVOCATE WILL CHAIR COMMITTEE REVIEWING MOOSE MANAGEMENT**

John Kaplanis will chair the Big Game Management Advisory Committee

CBC News · Posted: Apr 23, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/john-kaplanis-appointed-to-moose-review-committee-1.5106798>

## **CBC - B.C. FAMILY WANTS INQUEST IN MYSTERIOUS 2011 OVERDOSE DEATH OF SON**

In the years since Corey Scherbey's death, the RCMP have apologized for how they investigated his death. As well, two B.C. Supreme Court judges have ordered the Solicitor General's office to take another look at the case and consider holding a formal inquest. Despite these developments, the case has stalled. For years, the family petitioned the coroner's office to reopen the case. In 2017, they applied under the Coroner's Act, requesting that the minister of Public Safety order the coroner to hold an inquest. The minister refused, so they turned to the courts, asking for a judicial review of the minister's decision. In 2018, Justice John Steeves in Victoria called for a review of the case, and the next year, Justice Jennifer Power, also in Victoria, urged the Solicitor General reconsider if it is "necessary or desirable in the public interest that an inquest be held." In B.C., unlike Yukon for example, the courts can't directly order an inquest. Only the chief coroner or Solicitor General can. Ultimately, the decision rests with Solicitor General Mike Farnworth. In a written statement, Farnworth said his office is reviewing the case, but no decision has been reached on whether to call an inquest.

By Yvette Brend · CBC News · Posted: Apr 20, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/corey-scherbey-chilliwack-death-2011-judge-orders-fresh-review-1.5094521>

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

### **AUSTRALIA - 'PEN GUN' WITH POWER TO KILL SEIZED IN ALLEGED MAJOR TASMANIAN DRUG SYNDICATE INVESTIGATION**

A gun disguised as a pen — with the power to kill — was one of six firearms seized as part of a major police investigation into an alleged Tasmanian-based drug syndicate. By Edith Bevin - May 3, 2019

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-05-03/tasmania-police-seize-pen-gun-in-drug-raid/11077380>

### **ARMED WORSHIPPER SAVED POWAY SYNAGOGUE**

Quick Action, Sidearm, Fighting Back, Saved Lives. Discriminating against legally armed congregants is borderline criminal, dangerous. Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein had asked the member to attend armed. By JPFO.org - May 3, 2019

[http://jpfo.org/alerts2019/alert20190503.htm?awt\\_l=IN\\_Di&awt\\_m=J\\_3VComHRIZn\\_P](http://jpfo.org/alerts2019/alert20190503.htm?awt_l=IN_Di&awt_m=J_3VComHRIZn_P)

### **USA TODAY - PARKLAND SHOOTING: FLORIDA TEACHERS COULD CARRY GUNS UNDER BILL SENT TO GOV. RON DESANTIS**

The 65-47 vote to approve the measure adopted the recommendations of a commission formed in the wake of the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

By Jeffrey Schweers, Tallahassee Democrat - May 2, 2019

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/education/2019/05/02/parkland-shooting-florida-governor-ron-desantis-guns-in-school-teachers/3656894002/>

## **USA TODAY - SHOULD GUNS BE SEIZED FROM THOSE WHO POSE THREATS? MORE STATES SAYING YES TO RED FLAG LAWS**

If someone is suicidal or an imminent threat to others, should a local judge be able to temporarily take away that person's guns? Colorado is the 16th state to say "yes," while another 21 have taken at least some steps toward adopting a so-called red flag law. Such laws are now on the books in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and the District of Columbia. Maine and Pennsylvania could be next. By Doug Stanglin, USA TODAY - May 1, 2019

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/05/01/red-flag-laws-temporarily-take-away-guns/3521491002/>

## **THE OUTDOOR WIRE - MAY 1, 2019**

### **PEACEFUL ARMS: MINDING THE VALUES OF SPORT SHOOTING**

The Outdoor Wire keeps us aware that millions of Americans of all ages are participating in weapons sports and numerous businesses are providing us with new styles of weaponry. Hooray! At least one daily news service is telling some of the truth about shooting sports. If we go to the other various internet news services that are competing for your attention, we read little or nothing positive about shooting sports, but we're swamped by stories about crimes, crises, violence and evil weapons and people, as well as arguments to ban all weapons, especially guns. A sad fact of this age is that major news sources are 10-17 times more negative and sensational than objective reporting. Such biased reporting fosters a "Culture of Fear". By James A. Swan, Ph.D.

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/fc9d06e4-35a6-4e61-bfa5-0ee3b04579b8>

## **CRIMINALS OFTEN CARRY INEFFECTUAL GUNS THAT ARE BROKEN, UNLOADED, OR TOYS**

Criminals often carry ineffectual guns. Greg Ellifritz has written about his research on the subject. While his sample is not large, it is instructive. From Greg Ellifritz' Research on Criminals and the Guns They Carry: Out of 85 weapons seized:

- 24 are not loaded
- 2 are not loaded with the correct ammunition
- 9 are completely broken

Combine those facts and you will see that 41% of the weapons we seize from criminals are completely non-functional. Ammoland Inc. Posted on April 30, 2019 by Dean Weingarten

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/04/criminals-often-carry-ineffectual-guns-that-are-broken-unloaded-or-toys/#axzz5mmu3WiK3>

## **VENEZUELA BANNED PRIVATE GUN OWNERSHIP LESS THAN A DECADE AGO**

Venezuela banned private citizens from owning guns seven years ago, leaving firearms solely in the hands of the army and the police. Now, as the country's opposition attempts to oust the oppressive Maduro regime from power, it is a decision some have come to regret. By Amber Athey | White House Correspondent - April 30, 2019

<https://dailycaller.com/2019/04/30/venezuela-gun-ban-regret-maduro/>

## **JOHN LOTT: NRA TURMOIL IS NOT A THREAT TO SECOND AMENDMENT BUT THIS COULD DO REAL HARM**

- But if one of these Democrats is elected president in November 2020 and appoints like-minded justices to the Supreme Court we might say goodbye to these rights. This is real cause for alarm. So in the long run, Oliver North stepping down as president of the NRA will be a footnote in history. But if Democratic politicians use this internal NRA battle as an excuse to further hobble their political enemies all Americans will come the losers.

By John R. Lott | Fox News - April 28, 2019

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/john-lott-second-amendment-nra-oliver-north>

## **COMBAT VET WHO STOPPED THE SYNAGOGUE SHOOTER: 'I SCARED THE HELL OUT OF HIM'**

The man who fired a semi-automatic weapon inside the Chabad of Poway synagogue in San Diego on Saturday froze, dropped his gun and sprinted to his car when he saw Oscar Stewart come barreling toward him, yelling so loud the priest at a neighboring church could hear. "Get down!" Stewart yelled, according to his wife and others who were at the scene. "You motherfucker! I'm going to kill you!" By Rachel Stoltzfoos | Staff Reporter - April 28, 2019

<https://dailycaller.com/2019/04/28/combat-vet-stopped-san-diego-synagogue-shooter/>

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/04/29/dianne-feinstein-on-synagogue-attack-more-gun-control-now/>

## **STRINGENT CALIFORNIA GUN CONTROLS FAILED TO STOP SYNAGOGUE ATTACK**

California has universal background checks, firearm registration requirements, and firearm confiscation orders, via Red Flag Laws. The state requires would-be gun owners to first obtain gun safety certification from the state and then requires a 10-day waiting period for all gun purchases. They also have a one-handgun-a-month purchase limit and a minimum age of 21 for all gun purchases, whether long guns or handguns. Campus carry is banned, K-12 teachers are barred from being armed in school for self-defense, and concealed carry permit issuance is constrained by a "good cause" requirement.

By AWR HAWKINS - 28 Apr 2019

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/04/28/stringent-california-gun-controls-failed-to-stop-synagogue-attack/>

## **'CRISIS': NRA SEEKS PATH FORWARD AFTER OLIVER NORTH'S SURPRISE RESIGNATION, NEW YORK PROBE**

The NRA's board of directors is slated to meet Monday to discuss next steps, and rank-and-file members said they want answers after Mr. North said he was concerned that alleged financial improprieties by top NRA officials could endanger the group's coveted nonprofit status.

By David Sherfinski - The Washington Times - Sunday, April 28, 2019

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## **NEPAL - GROWING GUN CULTURE GRAVE THREAT TO PUBLIC SECURITY**

Most Small Arms Smuggled Into Nepal Through Southern Border. The security agency arrested 351 persons with 267 firearms in 2018-19 and 309 persons with 238 weapons in 2017-18. As many as 637 rounds of live bullets were confiscated in 2018-19 against 356 in 2017-18. The data with Nepal Police hint at growing gun culture in the country.

HIMALAYAN NEWS SERVICE, Kathmandu - Published: April 27, 2019

<https://thehimalayantimes.com/nepal/growing-gun-culture-grave-threat-to-public-security/>

## **FEDERAL APPEALS COURT REJECTS CHALLENGE TO MASSACHUSETTS ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN**

"The interests of state and local governments in regulating the possession and use of such weapons are entitled to great weight," the ruling stated. By PETER WADE - April 27, 2019

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/massachusetts-assault-weapons-ban-828312/>

## **FOX NEWS: ARMED TEACHERS CAN SAVE STUDENT LIVES – DON'T LEAVE CHILDREN DEFENSELESS AGAINST SCHOOL SHOOTERS**

- Dr. John Lott's newest op-ed discusses the fact that 20 states allow teachers and other school staff members to carry guns under a variety of rules on school property, so we don't need to guess about how safe these schools are. Some states have had these rules for decades.

By John Lott, Crime Prevention Research Center - April 26, 2019 <https://crimeresearch.org/2019/04/at-fox-news-armed-teachers-can-save-student-lives-dont-leave-children-defenseless-against-school-shooters/>

## **NZ - POLICE LEFT RED-FACED AFTER 11 GUNS STOLEN FROM STATION**

The country's top cop has ordered an audit of security at police stations nationwide after the theft of guns from a station in Palmerston North. From RNZ Checkpoint on 26 April 2019

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/checkpoint/audio/2018692514/police-left-red-faced-after-11-guns-stolen-from-station>

<https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/on-air/mike-hosking-breakfast/audio/police-launch-security-audit-after-11-guns-were-stolen-from-palmerston-north-station/>

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2019/04/gun-club-blames-ineffective-new-laws-on-palmerston-north-police-station-gun-theft.html>

## **SCHOOLS THAT ALLOW TEACHERS TO CARRY GUNS ARE EXTREMELY SAFE: DATA ON THE RATE OF SHOOTINGS AND ACCIDENTS IN SCHOOLS THAT ALLOW TEACHERS TO CARRY**

By John R. Lott, Crime Prevention Research Center - Date Written: April 25, 2019

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3377801](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3377801)

<https://crimeresearch.org/2019/05/major-new-research-on-school-safety-schools-that-allow-teachers-to-carry-guns-havent-seen-school-shootings-during-school-hours/>

**ABSTRACT:** After the Columbine school shooting 20 years ago, one of the more significant changes in how we protect students has been the advance of legislation that allows teachers to carry guns at schools. There are two obvious questions: Does letting teachers carry create dangers? Might they deter attackers? Twenty states currently allow teachers and staff to carry guns to varying degrees on school property, so we don't need to guess how the policy would work. There has yet to be a single case of someone being wounded or killed from a shooting, let alone a mass public shooting, between 6 AM and midnight at a school that lets teachers carry guns. Fears of teachers carrying guns in terms of such problems as students obtaining teachers guns have not occurred at all, and there was only one accidental discharge outside of school hours with no one was really harmed. While there have not been any problems at schools with armed teachers, the number of people killed at other schools has increased significantly – doubling between 2001 and 2008 versus 2009 and 2018.

## **JOHN LOTT UPDATE: MURDER AND HOMICIDE RATES BEFORE AND AFTER GUN BANS**

Original post: Every place that has banned guns (either all guns or all handguns) has seen murder rates go up. You cannot point to one place where murder rates have fallen, whether it's Chicago or D.C. or even island nations such as England, Jamaica, or Ireland. For an example of homicide rates before and after a ban, take the case of the handgun ban in England and Wales in January 1997 (source here see Table 1.01 and the column marked "Offences currently recorded as homicide per million population," UPDATED numbers available here). By John Lott, Crime Prevention Research Center - April 16, 2019 <https://crimeresearch.org/2016/04/murder-and-homicide-rates-before-and-after-gun-bans/>

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

### **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/>

### **MACLEANS: ANDREW SCHEER'S COLD, HARD CLIMATE CHANGE CALCULUS**

For the overwhelming majority of Canadians, climate change is not their top concern and that's why it's still missing from the Conservative election plan by Matt Gurney May 2, 2019 <https://www.macleans.ca/opinion/andrew-scheers-cold-hard-climate-change-calculus/>

### **LORRIE GOLDSTEIN: DEAR CANADA: POLITICIANS CAN'T CONTROL THE WEATHER**

The folly of focusing on mitigation at the expense of adaptation was illustrated by Minister McKenna on a recent visit to Toronto, where she blamed flooding at the south end of the city's Don Valley Parkway on man-made climate change. Except that area has been flooding since the glaciers retreated 12,000 years ago, made worse by decades of urban development in an area we've known for centuries is flood prone. Yes, the problem's man-made. But it was bad man-made planning, not man-made weather, that created it By Lorrie Goldstein, Postmedia News - May 1, 2019

<https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/columnists/lorrie-goldstein-dear-canada-politicians-cant-control-the-weather-307695/>

### **CBC - NAMES OF SNC EMPLOYEES, EXECUTIVES BEHIND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN ILLEGAL LIBERAL PARTY DONATIONS REVEALED**

- Former attorney general of Quebec denies involvement in scheme that broke Canadian election law. The list of names, compiled in 2016 by federal investigators probing political party donations and leaked to CBC's The Fifth Estate and Radio-Canada's Enquête, raises new questions about an agreement by the Commissioner of Canada Elections not to prosecute the company.

By Harvey Cashore, Frédéric Zalac · CBC News · Posted: Apr 30, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/snc-lavalin-liberal-donors-list-canada-elections-1.5114537>

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/liberals-accused-of-cover-up-after-report-reveals-details-of-snc-lavalins-illegal-donations>

### **CBC - COSTS FOR CANADA'S UN SECURITY COUNCIL BID KEEP MOUNTING**

Canada is facing off against Ireland and Norway for a rotating seat at the table

By Elise von Scheel · CBC News · Posted: Apr 29, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-un-security-council-von-scheel-1.5113585>

### **GUNTER: THERE'S NOTHING NEW ABOUT EXTREME WEATHER IN CANADA**

There is no statistical proof that there are more floods than ever before or that the floods are more devastating. There are no more hurricanes or tornados or droughts. Yes, some years there are more bouts of extreme weather than usual in some places. But if we are supposed to fear climate change because it is "global," then extreme weather events should also be global (and probably increasing), but they're not. By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - April 28, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-theres-nothing-new-about-extreme-weather-in-canada>

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