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POSTS FROM CANADA

LIBERALS WANT TO PROHIBIT MORE ASSAULT WEAPONS RATHER THAN BAN HANDGUNS

In an interview with The Globe and Mail, the former Toronto police chief said months of consultations on gun control have led him to reject the possibility of a full ban on handguns, despite official requests from the cities of Toronto and Montreal. "I believe that would be potentially a very expensive proposition but just as importantly, it would not in my opinion be perhaps the most effective measure in restricting the access that criminals would have to such weapons, because we'd still have a problem with them being smuggled across the border," said Mr. Blair, Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction. By DANIEL LEBLANC PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS REPORTER & PATRICK WHITE, OTTAWA AND TORONTO - PUBLISHED JUNE 14, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-liberals-want-to-prohibit-more-assault-weapons-rather-than-ban/>

BLAKE BROWN: CONSERVATIVES SHOULD TAKE LESSONS FROM PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES ON GUN CONTROL - OPINION:

Progressive Conservatives were ahead of the curve on gun control. In the aftermath of the 1989 murder of 14 women at Montreal's École Polytechnique, the Progressive Conservative Justice Minister Kim Campbell did heavy lifting for then-prime minister Brian Mulroney in passing ambitious new gun controls. The 1991 legislation (Bill C-17) strengthened background checks, imposed waiting periods for purchases, created new safe storage and transportation regulations and limited the size of magazines. Many of these measures were innovative, important and are still operative. Campbell used arguments rarely heard from today's Conservative MPs. "Gun control works," she declared. "It is probably the oldest and most effective form of crime prevention law." While gun control rules "create some inconvenience for firearm users," this was "a small price to pay in exchange for protecting all Canadians from firearms violence." By Blake Brown, Vancouver Sun - Updated: June 14, 2019

<https://vancouversun.com/opinion/op-ed/blake-brown-conservatives-should-take-lessons-from-progressive-conservatives-on-gun-control>

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFING NOTE ON 'FIREARMS MARKING' A CABINET SECRET

Exchange of emails with Public Safety Canada Re: Informal Request AI-2019-00072

Posted by Dennis R. Young – June 14, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/06/14/firearms-marking-briefing-note-a-cabinet-secret/>

LIBERALS PLAN GUN BANS IF RE-ELECTED, BLAIR TELLS GLOBE AND MAIL

TheGunBlog.ca — The governing Liberal Party of Canada will order mass gun bans against federally licensed firearm owners if re-elected, Minister Bill Blair told The Globe and Mail in an interview published this evening.

The party plans to order the surrender of so-called "assault weapons," the Globe reported. THEGUNBLOG - JUNE 14, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/06/14/liberals-plan-gun-bans-if-re-elected-blair-tells-globe-and-mail/>

UPDATE: HIGH RIVER FOIP REQUESTS TO JASON KENNEY GOVERNMENT

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/06/14/update-high-river-foip-requests-to-jason-kenney-government/>

• Letter from Alberta Executive Council: "A response to your request will be ready by July 2, 2019. However, we will try to respond sooner."

• Letter from Alberta Municipal Affairs: *"I will write to you by July 2, 2019, to inform you of Alberta Municipal Affairs' decision."*

APRIL 26, 2019 FOIP REQUESTS: FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NEEDED TO REBUILD TRUST IN HIGH RIVER - <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/04/26/full-public-disclosure-needed-to-rebuild-trust-in-high-river/>

'DISTURBING ARSENAL OF WEAPONS': OTTAWA GUN TRAFFICKER PLEADS GUILTY TO PROJECT SABOTAGE CRIMES - The gun trafficker and alleged black market gunsmith's basement workshop was fitted with pipe bombs and a warning to any one curious enough to enter. By Shaamini Yogaretnam, Ottawa Citizen - June 14, 2019 <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/disturbing-arsenal-of-weapons-ottawa-gun-trafficker-pleads-guilty-to-project-sabotage-crimes>

PRISON FARMS SHOULD NOT HAVE REOPENED: BEZAN

Federal Conservative national defence critic James Bazan said on Thursday that he was also going to meet Friday with area "responsible gun owners" in the Kingston area. Those people are licensed firearm owners who are hunters, sport shooters, farmers and collectors, he said. "This is an issue surrounding property rights of individuals, and all the issues point to the fact that the most law-abiding citizens in this country are legal firearm owners," he said. "From a criminal standpoint, almost all the guns that we're seeing on the streets in Toronto, Ottawa and across this country are illegally smuggled in, and handguns had to be registered in this country since 1935." By Ian MacAlpine, Kingston Whig-Standard - June 14, 2019 <https://www.thewhig.com/news/local-news/prison-farms-should-not-have-reopened-bezan>

CBC - 3RD BOY CHARGED AFTER FAKE FIREARM SPARKS SCHOOL LOCKDOWNS IN RED DEER

Youths charged with possessing and concealing weapon CBC News · Posted: Jun 13, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/firearms-charged-youths-eastview-middle-school-red-deer-third-suspect-1.5174041>

CBC - HAMILTON POLICE ARE DRAWING THEIR GUNS MORE, OVERALL USE OF FORCE HOVERS AT AVERAGE

- New stats reveals breakdown of how police used force or weapons in 2018. There were 233 incidents where force was used last year, down just slightly from the 10 year average of 235. The low in recent years came in 2016 at 172 incidents, compared to a high of 311 in 2012. CBC News · Posted: Jun 13, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/use-of-force-1.5173762>

BANNING LEGAL HANDGUNS IN CANADA COULD REDUCE LOCAL CRIME, SAYS GUN CONTROL

ADVOCATE - "Controlling the legal ownership of firearms has a big impact on the diversion of legal weapons to illegal sources," said Wendy Cukier, researcher, author and president of the Coalition for Gun Control. By Ottawa Matters Staff - June 12, 2019 <https://www.ottawamatters.com/local-news/banning-legal-handguns-in-canada-could-reduce-local-crime-says-gun-control-expert-1502774>

CBC - 'TOTAL SHOCK': WOMAN FINDS LOADED GUN UNDER VEHICLE ON THUNDER BAY'S SOUTH

SIDE - Lyn McInnis says she initially thought gun was a replica. But when officers showed up and examined the gun, they told her something she didn't expect: the 9mm semi-automatic was real, loaded, there was a round in the chamber, and the safety was off. CBC News · Posted: Jun 12, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/gun-found-thunder-bay-1.5171327>

CBC - NEW TRAINING CENTRE FOR SASK. HIGHWAY PATROL TO INCLUDE FIRING RANGE, HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT - 'Sounds like a great idea' to Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities

By Guy Quenneville · CBC News · Posted: Jun 11, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/saskatchewan-rural-crime-highway-patrol-combat-1.5171430>

WPS ARMoured VEHICLE SENT TO 34 TACTICAL TEAM CALLS, 18 COMMUNITY EVENTS IN 2018

Armoured Response Vehicle, ARV1, deployed 78 times in 2018, according to report to Police Board

By Aidan Geary · CBC News · Posted: Jun 11, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/winnipeg-armoured-vehicle-deployments-1.5171785>

LANGILLE: A HANDGUN BAN IN OTTAWA WOULD NOT PREVENT LOCAL SHOOTINGS

I am writing on behalf of the Eastern Ontario Shooting Club in response to your June 9 news story, "Ottawa councillor says he'll ask for support in joining calls for handgun ban." The criminals responsible for shooting deaths in Ottawa have already ignored laws against murder. Yet people think these same criminals will adhere to a municipal ban. That's nonsense. By BRIAN LANGILLE, Ottawa Citizen - Updated: June 11, 2019

<https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/langille-a-handgun-ban-in-ottawa-would-not-prevent-local-shootings>

JOHN ROBSON: OTTAWA'S PROPOSED HANDGUN BAN IS AS DUMB AS ALL THE OTHERS

Ottawa councillor Mathieu Fleury, a handgun ban supporter, just asked 'Who carries a gun?' Uh, that'd be criminals

By John Robson, National Post - June 11, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-robson-ottawas-proposed-handgun-ban-is-as-dumb-as-all-the-others>

TRUDEAU'S GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO FALL SHORT ON MEDIA'S ACCESS TO INFORMATION

During the 2015 election campaign, Justin Trudeau's Liberal government ran on a platform that promised to make "government information more accessible." A lot's happened since, between the SNC-Lavalin scandal putting the administration's accountability to the test, Canada holding a continuously unimpressive spot in world press freedom rankings and a News Media Canada freedom of information audit showing that the Trudeau government's "performance was even worse than in the latter years of the former Stephen Harper government." By Monique Vigneault - June 11, 2019

<https://j-source.ca/article/trudeaus-government-continues-to-fall-short-on-medias-access-to-information/>

NATIONAL FIREARMS ASSOCIATION GUIDE TO C-71

What Canadian Gun Owners need to Know about Bill C-71 - June 10, 2019

<https://nfa.ca/2019/06/10/c-71-guide/>

<https://nfa.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/C-71-Explainer-06-10-2019.pdf>

DEAR PM, YOUR GUN BANS WON'T GET THE VOTES YOU SEEK: EDITH IWAMA

TheGunBlog.ca — Following is a letter sent to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau by Edith Iwama, a 94-year-old former law-enforcement officer who also lived through Nazi Germany.

Iwama sent a copy of her letter to TheGunBlog.ca and authorized us to publish it. THEGUNBLOG - JUNE 10, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/06/10/dear-pm-your-gun-bans-wont-get-the-votes-you-seek-edith-iwama/>

MP BOB ZIMMER WEEKLY REPORT: BILL C-71

<https://www.energeticcity.ca/2019/06/mp-bob-zimmer-weekly-report-firearms-bill-c-71/>

OTTAWA COUNCILLOR SAYS HE'LL ASK FOR SUPPORT IN JOINING CALLS FOR HANDGUN BAN

Coun. Rawlson King says he'll ask city council for support in calling on the upper governments to ban the sale of handguns and handgun ammunition. King, the councillor for Rideau-Rockcliffe ward, said that he plans to put council on notice Wednesday that he'll bring a motion to the June 26 meeting. By Jon Willing Updated: June 10, 2019

<https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/ottawa-councillor-says-hell-ask-for-support-in-joining-calls-for-handgun-ban>

TAKE THIS 5-MINUTE SURVEY ON SHOOTING, HUNTING FOR OFAH, CSAAA

TheGunBlog.ca — Two of Canada's leading groups for hunters and anglers and the firearm industry are inviting people across the country to take a 5-minute survey on their spending patterns to assess the size of the market. THEGUNBLOG - JUNE 10, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/06/10/take-this-5-minute-survey-on-shooting-hunting-for-ofah-csaaa/>

CANADA'S MILITARY SPIES CAN COLLECT, SHARE INFO ON CANADIANS, DIRECTIVE SAYS

Canada's military spies can collect and share information about Canadian citizens — including material gathered by chance — as long as it supports a legitimate investigation, says a newly disclosed federal directive.

CANADIAN PRESS - Updated: June 9, 2019

<https://vancouversun.com/news/national/big-brother-is-watching-canadas-military-spies-can-collect-share-info-on-canadians-directive-says/wcm/e868f8aa-6b20-4dcf-b0f9-0cb3ad3c2e1b>

https://www.kelownanow.com/news/news/National_News/Canadian_military_spies_free_to_collect_and_share_information_about_citizens_federal_directive_states/

GUN STORE OWNER CLAIMS SALES ARE THROUGH THE ROOF OVER PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Dunmore's Canadian Gun Hub owner Rocky Rutledge says sporting rifles are flying out of his store. "The Trudeau government is forcing through Bill C-71, which puts further restrictions on gun owners, but it hasn't become law yet and they aren't saying what their intentions are," he said. "This has caused a massive gun buy across Canada because people don't know if they'll be able to buy some of these guns if C-71 goes through. "Thousands and thousands of AR-15s and handguns are being sold across Canada because there's a fear they may be prohibited." Rutledge says people are purchasing the guns now so that if certain rifles are banned, people will be put into a grandfathering program where they can legally keep them until death. By MO CRANKER on June 9, 2019 <https://medicinehatnews.com/news/local-news/2019/06/09/gun-store-owner-claims-sales-are-through-the-roof-over-proposed-legislation/>

CBC - MOUNTIE BROKE THE LAW WHEN HE INVESTIGATED PROTESTER'S BACKGROUND, SAYS

WATCHDOG REPORT - A British Columbia Mountie broke the law when he started snooping into a protester's background and leaked information to municipal officials — but it took an outside investigation to convince RCMP brass to see it that way. The incident dates back to the fall of 2015, when a complaint came forward alleging that an officer accessed police databases and disclosed background information to senior municipal officials after a rowdy council meeting, according to a report by the RCMP's independent watchdog obtained through access to information law. The RCMP investigated the original complaint and found its members acted 'reasonably,' according to a report from the force's independent watchdog. By Catharine Tunney · CBC News · Posted: Jun 09, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rcmp-privacy-crcc-protester-1.5162998>

MARCH 31, 2018 - BREACHES OF CPIC – CANADIAN POLICE INFORMATION CENTRE 1995–2017

Summary of RCMP Responses to Four Access to Information Requests - By Dennis R. Young – March 31, 2018

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/03/31/cpic-breaches-summary-1995-2017-four-rcmp-atip-responses/>

FEDS NAME CIVILIAN ADVISORY BOARD TASKED WITH OVERHAULING RCMP ‘CULTURE OF DYSFUNCTION’ - Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced the 13 members who will make up the force’s interim civilian advisory board. The new board, which was expected to be up and running April 1 but delayed until June 5, includes Wally Oppal, the former B.C. attorney general who chaired an inquiry into the botched investigation of serial killer Robert Pickton, as well as Ghayda Hassan, a clinical psychologist and co-chair of the National Expert Committee on Countering Radicalization to Violence. Board members’ terms will last 18 months, according to Goodale’s spokesperson. By Jane Gerster, National Online Journalist, Global News - June 5, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/5355991/rcmp-civilian-advisory-board/>

THE STAR - BILL C-71 HAS PASSED. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR GUN OWNERS?

These were just some of the claims made Sunday as about 40 protesters demonstrated outside Calgary city hall. The event was organized by the Prairie Freedom Movement, a separatist group, and it was meant to be a show of frustration with efforts by the federal government to restrict gun ownership — centred around the newly passed Bill C-71, an amendment to the Firearms Act which tightens restrictions on firearm vendors and owners. By Rosa Saba, Star Calgary - Sun., June 2, 2019 <https://www.thestar.com/calgary/2019/06/02/bill-c-71-has-passed-what-does-that-mean-for-gun-owners.html>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

SAF, ISRA WIN AS ILLINOIS APPEALS COURT DISMISSES DEERFIELD APPEAL

BELLEVUE, WA – The Second Amendment Foundation has posted yet another victory in Illinois, as the Second District Appellate Court has dismissed an attempt by the Village of Deerfield to challenge a permanent injunction against the community’s ban on so-called “assault weapons” and “large-capacity magazines.” SAF was joined in the case by the Illinois State Rifle Association—it’s partner in the landmark 2010 U.S. Supreme Court victory in McDonald v. City of Chicago—on behalf of Deerfield resident Daniel Easterday. Deerfield’s appeal was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction, the court ruled. By Second Amendment Foundation, Canada Free Press --June 14, 2019 <https://canadafreepress.com/article/saf-isra-win-as-illinois-appeals-court-dismisses-deerfield-appeal>

NY POST - AFTER MASS SHOOTING, VIRGINIA GOVERNOR TO HOST GUN CONTROL TALKS

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam is announcing a series of public talks his administration will host in the run up to a July 9 special session on gun laws. Northam announced the special session after a May 31 mass shooting in Virginia Beach. He wants the Republican-led General Assembly to consider several gun control measures. But Republicans have given little indication they plan to follow his agenda. U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine will join some of the events. By Associated Press June 14, 2019 <https://nypost.com/2019/06/14/after-mass-shooting-virginia-governor-to-host-gun-control-talks/>

WASH. TIMES - WHY BALANCED REPORTING ABOUT GUNS IS CRUCIAL

Kate Nixon worked as a compliance manager on the second floor of Operations Building 2 in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center. Kate was also one of the 12 people killed by another employee, DeWayne Craddock. As far as the national media has been concerned, that was the story. But in the evening of Thursday, May 30, the night before the attack, Kate was worried that DeWayne Craddock and another employee were dangerous. She talked to her husband, Jason, about whether she should hide a pistol in her handbag. Kate decided not to, because the city bans public employees from having permitted concealed handguns at work. Not all municipal governments in Virginia ban employees from carrying guns. If Kate had worked in Bedford or Campbell Counties, she would have been able to carry her pistol to work. By John R. Lott Jr. - - Thursday, June 13, 2019 <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/jun/13/why-balanced-reporting-about-guns-is-crucial/>

LA TIMES - MANUFACTURERS ARE PUSHING LARGER GUN MAGAZINES. EXPECT MASS SHOOTINGS TO GET WORSE

The Trace reports that firearms accessory manufacturers are "have developed a new generation of high-capacity magazines," some holding 100 or more cartridges, meaning a gunman can more easily fire that many bullets before having to switch magazines. By Scott Martelle - Jun 13, 2019

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/enterthefray/la-ol-guns-magazines-mass-shootings-nra-20190613-story.html>

NEWSWEEK - TWO MAJOR GUN CONTROL BILLS UNVEILED BY CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS

- The first bill, the Handgun Purchaser Licensing Act, would incentivize state and local governments to implement a requirement that would-be gun owners first obtain a license before making a purchase. The 2019 introduction of this bill in the House by Jamie Raskin and in the Senate by Chris Van Hollen — both Democrats — followed a Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research study which found that purchaser licensing is the only effective method of screening potential gun buyers.

- Thursday's second piece of legislation reintroduced a proposal to stem the publication of digital files or code that could be used, in conjunction with a 3D printer, to manufacture guns at home, out of the oversight of federal firearms manufacturing rules. Congressman Ted Deutch and Senator Ed Markey unveiled the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act for the current session of Congress. The bill, if passed, would outlaw the publication of digital instructions or code that would be used to print a firearm or complete a partially finished weapon. By Asher Stockler On 6/13/19

<https://www.newsweek.com/two-major-gun-control-bills-unveiled-congressional-democrats-1443924>

ATF WAS SUPPOSED TO DESTROY THOUSANDS OF GUNS. INSTEAD, A GUARD STOLE AND SOLD THEM

All of the weapons were sent to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' National Firearms and Ammunition Destruction Branch in Martinsburg, West Virginia, to be shredded, according to court documents and congressional letters. A longtime contract employee at the ATF facility admitted carting off thousands of firearms, gun parts and ammunition and selling them over several years. The ATF has recovered more than 4,000 guns and parts that had been reported missing while Yates worked there, according to Yates' plea agreement. By John Diedrich, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel - June 13, 2019 <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/06/13/atf-searching-stolen-guns/1442267001/>

THE FLOW OF GUNS FROM THE U.S. TO MEXICO IS GETTING LOST IN THE BORDER DEBATE

A report from the Center of American Progress found that the United States was the primary source of weapons used in crime in Mexico and Canada. Politics Jun 12, 2019

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/the-flow-of-guns-from-the-u-s-to-mexico-is-getting-lost-in-the-border-debate>

THAILAND HAS OVER 10 MILLION PRIVATELY OWNED GUNS, ALMOST HALF BELIEVED TO BE UNREGISTERED

Chances are, if investigators are depending on registration records to trace the bullet to the owner, they won't find the killer, either. That's because almost half of the guns in existence Thailand are believed to be unregistered. According to GunPolicy.org, the total number of privately owned guns is over 10 million in Thailand, with just 6 million of those legally registered — meaning 4 million are potentially left unaccounted for. Updated 12 June 2019

<https://www.todayonline.com/world/gunning-firearms>

SECOND AMENDMENT EXPERTS DISSECT 'RED FLAG' GUN CONTROL BILLS

Second Amendment legal experts say Colorado's new "red flag" gun control legislation doesn't properly protect due process rights and is ripe for abuse. The experts gathered for a panel discussion last week hosted by the Colorado-based Mountain States Legal Foundation, a conservative public interest law firm. It featured David Kopel, research director for the Independence Institute and a law professor at University of Denver, and Alexandra Garza, state director for the NRA-

Institute for Legislative Action, covering Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. Colorado Gov. Jared Polis signed a “red flag” gun control bill into law in April. The law allows a judge to issue a temporary extreme risk protection order (ERPO) for an individual’s firearms if family members or law enforcement believe the individual is a threat to themselves or others. By Derek Draplin | The Center Square Jun 11, 2019

http://www.emporiagazette.com/news/national/article_cf393061-56b3-5960-b580-bbdaaf1ceed.html

SUPREME COURT REJECTS CHALLENGE TO GUN CONTROL MEASURE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court rejected a challenge to federal regulation of gun silencers Monday, just days after a gunman used one in a shooting rampage that killed 12 people in Virginia. The justices did not comment in turning away appeals from two Kansas men who were convicted of violating federal law regulating silencers. The men argued that the constitutional right “to keep and bear arms” includes silencers. Associated Press - Monday, June 10, 2019

<https://www.sfgate.com/nation/article/Supreme-Court-rejects-challenge-to-gun-control-13966144.php>

ANTI-GUN LEFT USING VIRGINIA BEACH TRAGEDY TO PUSH GUN CONTROL ~ VIDEO

By Erich Pratt, Executive Director, Gun Owners of America - GOA represents over 1.5 million members and activists.

For more information, visit GOA's - Posted on June 10, 2019 by Ammoland

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/06/anti-gun-left-using-virginia-beach-tragedy-to-push-gun-control-video/#axzz5qdzwFGLY>

ABC NEWS - VERMONT GOV VETOES CREATING 24-HOUR WAIT PERIOD FOR HANDGUNS

By Wilson Ring, associated press MONTPELIER, Vt. — Jun 10, 2019

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/vermont-gov-vetoes-creating-24-hour-wait-period-6361962>

GUN OWNERS SUPPORT SMART GUNS, BUT FEW WANT TO BUY THEM

The majority of gun owners support the sale of smart guns — but few will actually spend money on the weapons.

That’s the main finding of a new survey of more than 1,500 gun owners from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, published this week in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine. The survey found that 79 percent of respondents supported firearm retailers stocking smart guns in addition to conventional weapons. But they expressed significant concerns over the devices’ cost and efficacy. By Alex Yablon, June 10, 2019

<https://www.thetrace.org/rounds/gun-owners-support-smart-guns-but-few-would-buy-them/>

DID GUN VIOLENCE KILL MORE PEOPLE IN U.S. IN 9 WEEKS THAN U.S. COMBATANTS DIED IN D-DAY? -

However, because the GVA’s full tally of gun-related suicides will only become clear at the end of 2019, and because we know that the majority of gun deaths are suicides, the full death toll from gun violence in the U.S. is likely to have far surpassed the D-Day milestone of 2,501 significantly before 6 March 2019. By DAN MACGUILL -

PUBLISHED 10 JUNE 2019 - <https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/gun-deaths-d-day/>

YOU DON'T NEED TO HIKE WITH A GUN

Unless you're hunting, it's a terrible idea to pack heat in the backcountry. I’ve had dozens of grizzly encounters, run-ins with polar bears on Arctic ski expeditions, and more than a few awkward conversations with disturbed individuals over the years—all sans sidearm and no worse for wear. Some of these experiences were scary, but I’ve never pulled the trigger on my bear spray (much less a pistol), and every one of those encounters made me a better outdoorsman. **The only fact that truly matters is irrefutable: the more firearms present in a situation, the greater chance you have of being injured or killed. Period.** By Drew Pogge - Jun 10, 2019

<https://www.outsideonline.com/2397355/dont-hike-with-guns>

GLOBAL SPORTS GUN MARKET SHARE | CAGR STATUS | MARKET GROWTH | TRENDS | ANALYSIS AND FORECAST (2018 – 2023) June 9, 2019 Ulysses Smith Press Release
<http://normangazette.com/global-sports-gun-market-share-cagr-status-market-growth-trends-analysis-and-forecast-2018-2023/37147/>

BRAZIL EASES REPRESSIVE GUN CONTROL, ALLOWS CITIZENS TO CARRY HANDGUNS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION - Following President Jair Bolsonaro's legislation this year to ease restrictive firearm laws, Brazilians from many walks of life now will be allowed to have concealed carry handguns without having to prove to police why they need them. These include people such as politicians, journalists, truckers and hunters. Brazilians will be free to choose their own calibers and use up to 5,000 rounds of ammunition per year. People will be allowed to transport guns in their vehicles and use their firearms for target practice on gun ranges. by Zita Ballinger Fletcher - Sunday, June 9, 2019 <https://www.american1stfreedom.org/articles/2019/6/9/brazil-eases-repressive-gun-control-allows-citizens-to-carry-handguns-for-personal-protection/>

ATTENDEES AT NATION'S GUN SHOW WORRY ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION - CHANTILLY, Va. — Handguns, shotguns, rifles, and ammunition are just some of the things up for grabs at the Nation's Gun Show in Chantilly, Va. this weekend. Organizers say the show attracts over 10,000 people from all over the DMV area. "There are no gun stores in the District of Columbia, there's only one FFL operating in D.C., so D.C residents have to come here, to a gun store out-of-state," said Mark Anderson. Organizers say they've seen a small spike in gun sales. By Ines de La Cuetara - June 8, 2019 <https://www.wusa9.com/article/news/attendees-at-nations-gun-show-worry-about-possibility-of-gun-control-legislation/65-338b26ee-4df3-45ba-afe1-0b2f107e343f>

SILENCERS MUFFLE GUN NOISE BUT NOT THE DEBATE OVER GUNS
More than 32,000 gun silencers were registered to New Hampshire residents as of last year — more than a tenfold increase from seven years earlier. Silencers hit the news after it was disclosed that a gunman blamed for killing a dozen people in Virginia Beach, Va., about a week ago used one to help muffle shots from a .45-caliber handgun. Silencers — which muffle but don't silence the sound of a fired weapon — are legal in 42 states, including New Hampshire. By MICHAEL COUSINEAU New Hampshire Union Leader Jun 8, 2019
https://www.unionleader.com/news/politics/silencers-muffle-gun-noise-but-not-the-debate-over-guns/article_69c3aafb-454e-573b-81f1-e0b5d2092432.html

AUSTRALIA - POLICE TARGET GUN THEFT ACROSS REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES
Operation Armour will be conducted in rural areas across the state in all Police Districts. General duties officers will be assisted by specialist police from the Firearms Registry, Rural Crime Prevention Team, the Drug and Firearms Squad, and the Criminal Groups Squad's Strike Force Raptor throughout the operation. The operation will focus on preventing, disrupting and reducing firearm thefts. Firearms Prohibition Orders and Weapons Prohibition Orders will be conducted, as well as safe storage inspections. Regional NSW Field Operations, Deputy Commissioner Gary Worboys APM, said the theft and sale of firearms occurs often in regional areas. "Firearms that are not stored securely or stored at locations that are not in daily or even regular use, make easy opportunities for thieves during break-and-enters," Deputy Commissioner Worboys said. JUNE 4, 2019
<https://www.wauchopegazette.com.au/story/6198869/police-target-gun-theft-across-regional-nsw/>
<https://www.theherald.com.au/story/6198722/police-operation-targets-firearm-theft-in-regional-areas/?cs=305>

CNN - FEWER GUNS MEAN FEWER KILLINGS, AND WE ALL KNOW IT

Smerconish: I own a gun and quit the NRA. Here's why. By Jill Filipovic - Sat June 1, 2019 - Jill Filipovic is a journalist based in Washington and author of the book, "The H-Spot: The Feminist Pursuit of Happiness." Follow her on Twitter. The opinions expressed in this commentary are solely her own.

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ABC NEWS - STUDY SEES LINK BETWEEN VIDEO GAMES AND PLAY

Even as questions about the relationship between violent video games and shootings have been asked with growing urgency, a dearth of good data has made it difficult to draw any definitive conclusions. In a study published in the JAMA Network on Friday, researchers from Ohio State University claim to have found a link. **"This is one of the first studies to show a relationship between violent video games and the risk for gun violence,"** the study's author, Brad Bushman, told ABC News. By Tiffany Best - May 31, 2019

<https://abcnews.go.com/Technology/study-sees-link-video-games-play/story?id=63398606>

JOHN LOTT: SHOWING HOW THE PERCENT OF ADULTS WITH CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT CHANGES IN STATES OVER TIME FROM 2013 TO 2018

The graphs and tables below allow you to see how the percent of adults with concealed handgun permits are changing in states from 2013 to 2018. On the top right of graph is a toggle that allows you set the graphs for any years from 2013 to 2018 or over a range of years. You can click on individual states to see more detailed information. The color scale is also shown at the top right of each graph. CRIME PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTER - MAY 29, 2019

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NEW YORK MAN FACING ILLEGAL WEAPONS CHARGE AFTER KILLING 2 BURGLARS IN HIS HOME SAYS GUN WAS FATHER'S

A 64-year-old New York state man who was arrested for possession of an illegal handgun after he fatally shot a pair of prowlers rooting through his home Tuesday afternoon reportedly told the district attorney the weapon he used in self-defense was his dead father's and he forgot to register it. Ronald A. Stolarczyk was charged with felony possession of an illegal handgun, New York State Police said in a news release. By Brie Stimson | Fox News - May 29, 2019 <https://www.foxnews.com/us/new-york-man-faces-illegal-weapons-charges-after-killing-2-burglars-in-his-home>

AUSTRALIAN MP IAN GOODENOUGH ADDRESSES SPORTING SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (SSAA) AGM

As a lifelong shooting enthusiast I thought I'd share with you a snapshot of my experiences and how the SSAA has played an important role in my journey as a competitive and recreational shooter. I'll make some observations of shooting in the current political climate and conclude by suggesting ways in which we may continue to promote and develop our sport. I pay tribute to the SSAA for the important advocacy role it plays in Australia for approximately 180,000 members competing in some 18 different shooting disciplines. Following my election in 2013, I was one of the founding members of **Parliamentary Friends of Shooting in Federal Parliament**, along with my colleague, Victorian Senator Bridget McKenzie, who has risen to become Deputy Leader of the National Party. It's a bi-partisan group and I'm pleased to say a number of Labor members including Anthony Byrne, Joel Fitzgibbon and Rob Mitchell have joined. Our parliamentary friendship group aims to raise the profile of shooting among our national decision-makers through regular events with our Olympians and Commonwealth Games athletes as guest speakers, shooting days at the range and positive promotion of our sport. 13 May 2019 - In Politics

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GUNTER: 'GREEN' FANTASIES THREATEN TO KILL CANADIAN ECONOMY

In the real world, there can be no doubt that current Liberal policies — such as the tanker ban in Bill C-48 and the impossibly complex environmental and Indigenous reviews of new pipelines in C-69 — amount to economic suicide. They are based on the notion that Canada can be switched from an economy based on fossil fuels to a carbon-free nirvana by the wave of a magic (government) wand. By Lorne Gunter, Edmonton Sun - June 14, 2019

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SMITH: TRUDEAU IS BLOCKING ALBERTA FROM SAVING THE PLANET

Alberta's energy industry has solved carbon dioxide. That's what you need to know as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau drives the final stake into the heart of our province's innovative oil and gas sector with his obnoxious bills C-48 and C-69. By DANIELLE SMITH, Calgary Herald - Updated: June 14, 2019

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JOHN IVISON: REPORT SHOWING HOW HIGH CARBON TAX MUST GO TO MEET PARIS TARGETS GIVES TORIES MAJOR AMMO

Calculating anything so far into the future is a bit of a mug's game, but for Andrew Scheer this is too good an opportunity to let slip By JOHN IVISON, Calgary Herald - Updated: June 13, 2019

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VARCOE: OILPATCH STUCK IN POLITICAL CAULDRON AS HEAT OVER BILL C-69 GETS TURNED UP

The fierce battle over energy politics and policy in Canada escalated Wednesday over the Trudeau government's contentious Bill C-69. Industry groups, Alberta's energy minister and several executives blasted the federal government's decision to discard many amendments to the legislation that had been pitched by the Senate, and backed by the province. Alberta Energy Minister Sonya Savage said the new Impact Assessment Act, which will change the way major projects such as pipelines are reviewed federally, is a threat to the future of the oil and gas sector — and national unity. Ottawa's rejection of most amendments makes the bill "unpassable," she told reporters at the Global Petroleum Show in Calgary.

By CHRIS VARCOE, CALGARY HERALD, Updated: June 13, 2019 <https://calgaryherald.com/business/energy/varcoe-oilpatch-stuck-in-political-cauldron-as-heat-over-bill-c-69-gets-turned-up>

JORDAN PETERSON CLOSE TO LAUNCHING "ANTI-CENSORSHIP" SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM

Psychologist and author Jordan B. Peterson announced this week that progress on Thinkspot, his subscription-based "anti-censorship" social media platform, has the project closer to launch. By Tyler Durden - Thu, 06/13/2019

<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2019-06-13/jordan-peterson-close-launching-anti-censorship-social-media-platform-0>

MARIN: TRUDEAU ONCE AGAIN COMPROMISES CANADA ON INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Retired general Romeo Dallaire was quick to put Trudeau in his place. He said: "I'm not comfortable with that. My definition of genocide, I read it very deliberately at the start of the Rwandan genocide, and it was a deliberate act of a

government to exterminate, deliberately and by force and directly, an ethnicity or a group of human beings — and that meant actually going and slaughtering people.” Former attorney general Irwin Cotler, a prominent international human rights lawyer, warned that “I think we have to guard against using that term in too many ways because then it will cease to have the singular importance and horror that it warrants.” By Andre Marin, Toronto Sun - June 8, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/marin-trudeau-once-again-compromises-canada-on-international-stage>

KINSELLA: TRUDEAU'S 'GENOCIDE' COMMENT SPARKS INTERNATIONAL PROBE

Trudeau, however, has imposed a political sentence — on himself. On Tuesday, in Vancouver, he talked about the report released by the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls. “It was genocide,” Trudeau said. On Wednesday, one day after the Canadian Prime Minister said Canada had committed genocide against thousands of Indigenous women and girls, the Organization of American States announced it expected Canada to cooperate with its investigation. Justin Trudeau is now the first Canadian Prime Minister to be investigated for state-sponsored mass murder by an international body in which Canada is a member state. By Warren Kinsella, Toronto Sun - June 8, 2019

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FUREY: A DECADE LATER, CANADA’S FREE SPEECH DEBATE IS BACK WITH A VENGEANCE

Now old warriors have to muster the energy to fight again. Some of the true lions, like Jonas and Hitchens, aren’t even around anymore. The other day I was chatting with Barbara Kay — another decorated veteran of the last free speech debate — about this and she was not optimistic, fearing that they’d lose this time around. No wonder. There are now increasing calls not just from activists but politicians in positions of power to heavily police [police?] the internet and to bring back old “hate speech” laws that were really just used to prosecute speech the censors personally disliked. By Anthony Furey, Toronto Sun - June 8, 2019

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OFFICIAL RECORDS EXPUNGED, VIDEO FEED CUT AND WITNESSES MALIGNED: MPS BENT ON CENSORING INTERNET SHOW TRUE COLOURS

Parliament’s penultimate meeting of its ‘online hate’ study offered an ominous window into a future Canada, where lawmakers grant the state additional powers to censor — powers taken away from bureaucrats only a few years ago through the repeal of section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act. by Jason Unrau - June 5, 2019

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