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POSTS FROM CANADA

MATT GURNEY: DESPERATE LIBERALS GET SET FOR A GUN CONTROL SPLASH

C-71 was enough to let the Liberals say, more or less honestly, that they'd 'toughened up' our laws, without really having to do much. Bill Blair, the federal government's minister of Border Security and Organized Crime, declared this week that the Liberal government was looking at cracking down on civilian ownership of "military weapons designed to hunt people." No option has been ruled out, the statement concluded. So stay tuned for whatever it is the Liberals ultimately decide to come out with. And when they make their announcement, compare it to what they carefully put into C-71. The difference between the two proposals will be a useful measuring stick for Liberal electoral desperation.

By Matt Gurney, National Post - May 31, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/matt-gurney-desperate-liberals-get-set-for-a-gun-control-splash>

CRITICS SAY CANADA'S GUN CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OUT OF STEP WITH MODERN ASSAULT WEAPONS

To the untrained eye, the Canadian-made WK180-C bears close resemblance to the AR-15, the rifle synonymous with Sandy Hook, Sutherland Springs, Parkland and other settings of American atrocity. They both look like instruments of war – pistol grips, detachable magazines, generally dark in colour. And they share triggers, barrels, handguards and 5.56 NATO ammo, the same rounds used in standard-issue Canadian Forces rifles. But despite the clear similarities, to the trained eyes of Canada's gun regulators, the two rifles are not closely related at all. In technical terms, the AR-15 is restricted, the WK180-C non-restricted – designations that carry major implications for those who own them. Restricted rifles are subject to a central registry and can only be fired on an approved range. Non-restricted guns have no registry and can be used for hunting and other recreational purposes. They are two very similar rifles subject to two very different sets of rules. By PATRICK WHITE, Globe and Mail - May 31, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-critics-say-canadas-gun-classification-system-out-of-step-with-modern/>

VICTIMS' GROUPS DECRY SURGE IN SALES, MODELS OF ASSAULT-STYLE RIFLES

With sales of AR-15 assault-style weapons surging following rumours of a possible ban and more non-restricted models entering the Canadian market, victims groups are calling for the federal government to tighten its gun legislation.

By RENÉ BRUEMMER, MONTREAL GAZETTE - May 31, 2019

<https://montrealgazette.com/news/quebec/victims-groups-decry-surge-in-sales-models-of-assault-style-rifles>

RCMP REPORT: FIREARMS BUSINESS LICENSES BY PROVINCE BY TYPE 1998-2017

Number of Firearms Business Licenses Applied for, Issued, Denied and Revoked, by Province, by Prescribed Purpose 1998-2017 RCMP 58-Page Response to ATIP Request dated December 20, 2018 – Preliminary Analysis by Gary Mauser and Dennis R. Young – May 31, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/05/31/firearms-business-licenses-by-province-by-type-1998-2017/>

OPP NEWS RELEASE: SAULT MAN ACCUSED OF TRAFFICKING FIREARMS

Seven counts - possession of a firearm, prohibited or restricted weapon obtain by crime contrary to section 96(a) of the CC. By: SooToday Staff - May 31, 2019

<https://www.sootoday.com/opp-beat/sault-man-accused-of-trafficking-firearms-1482922>

FEDS EYEING GUNS 'DESIGNED TO HUNT PEOPLE' AS THEY PONDER POSSIBLE CURBS

“Assault-style rifles are military weapons designed to hunt people, and not animals, in the most efficient manner possible that maximizes the body count at minimum effort,” Blair’s office said in a statement to The Canadian Press. “There needs to be an overhaul of the classification system in order to ban weapons that are designed to kill people,” said PolySeSouvient co-ordinator Heidi Rathjen. “The risks associated with these guns far outweigh any benefit that they bring to recreational shooters.” Nonsense, says Tony Bernardo of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association, which has 35,000 members. “Semi-automatic firearms for hunting and target shooting are as common as dirt.”

BY JIM BRONSKILL, THE CANADIAN PRESS - Updated: May 30, 2019

<https://ottawacitizen.com/pmn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/feds-eyeing-guns-designed-to-hunt-people-as-they-ponder-possible-curbs/wcm/a18d0a56-e3be-4f5a-ae41-8a66f403d000>

<https://vancouversun.com/pmn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/feds-eyeing-guns-designed-to-hunt-people-as-they-ponder-possible-curbs/wcm/bfc4f3fa-c3b9-466d-888d-49bbb3738747>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5335558/feds-guns-clamp-down-hunt-people/>

<https://www.durhamradionews.com/archives/119357>

<https://www.castanet.net/news/Canada/257524/Designed-to-hunt-people>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/tasker-bill-c-71-firearms-law-1.5154282>

LIBERALS DEMONIZE GUN OWNERS BY COPYING U.S. SENATOR FEINSTEIN

TheGunBlog.ca — The Liberal Party of Canada is copying the tactics and fallacies of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein by comparing hunters, farmers and sport shooters to murderers and terrorists to promote new gun bans. The government has shifted its marketing focus for bans from safety to killing, as concern about prohibition rises to a record. Many people were unsettled by a new Liberal distortion of guns “designed to hunt people” such as worshippers, gays and kids.

GOVERNMENT STATEMENT TO THE CANADIAN PRESS: " Assault-style rifles are military weapons designed to hunt people, and not animals, in the most efficient manner possible that maximizes the body count at minimum effort. These weapons are for use in the battlefield, but too often they have been brought into our communities and used to target and kill law enforcement, women, members of the LGBTQ2S community, religious observers and children doing nothing more than attending class. There is no option that will be discounted and all possibilities will be considered." CCFR RESPONSE: “How disgusting can this Liberal government get?” the Ottawa-based Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights tweeted with a link to the Canadian Press article on the website of Global News.

THEGUNBLOG.CA - MAY 30, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/30/liberals-demonize-gun-owners-by-copying-u-s-senator-feinstein/>

CONTROVERSIAL CANADIAN FIREARMS CONTROL BILL PASSES

Conservative Member of Parliament, Pierre Paul-Hus who is the Shadow Minister for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, issued a statement following the final vote on the bill, “Justin Trudeau’s Liberals have failed to address gun crime. Instead, their legislation senselessly targeting law-abiding gun owners has passed its final legislative hurdle. Imposing a backdoor gun registry does nothing to keep Canadians safe. Not only does it fail to address gang violence or target gang criminals, but the word ‘gang’ does not even appear in the bill”. By Marc Montgomery, Radio Canada International- english@rcinet.ca - Thursday 30 May 2019

<http://www.rcinet.ca/en/2019/05/30/controversial-canadian-firearms-control-bill-passes/>

GUN OWNERS 'SCARED' ABOUT POSSIBLE BAN

'The fear right now is we honestly don't know what is going to happen'

By PJ Wilson - Published on: May 29, 2019

<https://www.nugget.ca/news/local-news/gun-owners-scared-about-possible-ban>

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER: FIREARMS-RELATED VIOLENT CRIME IN CANADA, 2009-2017

Public Safety ATIP File: A-2018-00244 May 29, 2019 Response to my Informal Request

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/05/29/memo-for-minister-firearms-related-violent-crime-in-canada-2009-2017/>

EXCERPTS:

- *In 2017, there were approximately 7,700 victims of violent crime reported to police in Canada in 2017 (excluding Quebec where data were not available) where a firearm was present. MY NOTE: 'present' does not mean 'used'!*
- *The number (and rate) of victims of firearm-related violent crime declined 33% between 2009 and 2013, reaching its lowest point in recent years. This downward trend stopped in 2013, and has since gone up by 42% by 2017.*
- *In spite of an increase in the overall volume of firearm-related violent crime, the 2017 rate of 27.3 victims per 100,000 Canadians was still 5% lower than in 2009..*
- *While the number and rate of break and enter incidents to steal firearms steadily increased since 2009, it declined slightly in 2017.*
- *Further, the number and rate of crimes for unsafe storage also declined in 2017, following several years of general decline.*
- *Break and enter and unsafe storage trends have both declined in 2017. These findings may contradict narratives which identify break and enter as a key method to illegally obtain firearms, both in private homes and in commercial establishments.*

STATISTICS CANADA'S DEFINITION OF 'FIREARMS RELATED CRIME' IS VERY MISLEADING

Number Of Violent Crimes Involving Guns Exaggerated By An Over-Inclusive Definition Of Gun Crime

By Gary Mauser – Canada Free Press – February 23, 2015 <http://canadafreepress.com/article/69964>

EXCERPTS:

- *Statistics Canada reports that there were 5,027 "firearms-related" incidents out of 263,054 violent crimes (i.e., 2% of violent crimes).*
- *Statistics Canada defines "firearms-related" crime" as when "a gun is present during the commission of the crime." Just "present," not "used."*
- *Gun violence only occurred in one-quarter of "firearms-related" crimes and in just 0.5% of violent crimes.*

CSSA - JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S BACKDOOR GUN REGISTRY TO BECOME LAW

"A Conservative Government led by Andrew Scheer will get tough on gangs, give law enforcement the tools they need to keep Canadians safe and crack down on illegal gun smuggling. And we will repeal C-71 once and for all."

Team CSSA E-News | May 29, 2019

<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/05/team-cssa-e-news-may-29-2019/>

RCMP 'ACTIVELY WORKING' ON 2018 COMMISSIONER OF FIREARMS REPORT

TheGunBlog.ca — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said it's "actively working" to prepare the 2018 Commissioner of Firearms report with data on gun licensing and ownership by hunters, farmers, sport shooters and firearm collectors.

Tania Vaughan, a spokeswoman for the Ottawa-based RCMP, made the comment to TheGunBlog.ca today by e-mail in response to our questions about when the report would be published. THEGUNBLOG.CA - MAY 29, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/29/rcmp-actively-working-on-2018-commissioner-of-firearms-report/>

IMPORTANT GUN CONTROL STATISTICS MISSING FROM RCMP FIREARMS COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT - The Liberal Government promised their policies and programs would be 'evidence-based'. Unfortunately, the base of 'evidence' in support of federal firearms programs is sorely lacking. By Dennis R. Young - December 5, 2018 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/12/05/evidence-based-firearms-statistics-desparately-needed/>

BILL C-71 GUN BANS MAY CREATE 'SAFE QUEENS' BY REVOKING ATTS

TheGunBlog.ca — The Liberal Party of Canada's new law against hunters, farmers and sport shooters makes it a crime to take a newly banned gun to a target range without an arbitrary new approval, putting the owners at risk of having "safe queens." In many past bans, the government has yanked ATTs to go shooting. Thousands of lawful, legitimate, licensed shooters paid hundreds or thousands of dollars for firearms that must remain in the gun safe as "safe queens." It's a crime punishable by prison to take them to the range. THEGUNBLOG - MAY 29, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/29/bill-c-71-gun-bans-may-create-safe-queens-by-revoking-atts/>

CONSERVATIVES REITERATE PLEDGE TO REPEAL BILL C-71 IF ELECTED

TheGunBlog.ca — The Conservative Party of Canada reiterated its pledge to repeal Bill C-71 if elected to government. THEGUNBLOG.CA - MAY 29, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/29/conservatives-reiterate-pledge-to-repeal-bill-c-71-if-elected/>
<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/liberal-gun-reform-bill-passes-conservatives-vow-to-repeal-1.4442206>

POLICE SEIZE 11 HOMEMADE GUNS FROM ALLEGED MANUFACTURING OPERATION

Officers are seizing more guns in the city. In 2016, police pulled 773 firearms off the streets; then saw the number increase to 1183 in 2017 and 1747 in 2018. Homemade gun crime is also on the rise. Waddell said Winnipeg police have already seized 31 this year, compared to 52 in all of 2018, indicating the use of the weapon is "trending upwards." He added that there's a link to meth and improvised guns. By Rachel Bergen, CTV Winnipeg -Tuesday, May 28, 2019 <https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/police-seize-11-homemade-guns-from-alleged-manufacturing-operation-1.4440679>

BILL C-71 FAILS TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES AND SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PASSED

Independent Senators ram deficient legislation through Third Reading vote. by Senator Don Plett - MAY 28, 2019 <http://www.donplett.ca/my-work/articles-and-speeches/bill-c-71-fails-to-achieve-its-objectives-and-should-not-have-been-passed/>

FIREARMS AND SHOOTING STATISTICS ON THE RISE

By Manitoba Post Staff - 28 May 2019 - In Manitoba, we have one of the highest provincial rates of firearm-related violent crime at 48 victims per 100,000 population; nearly double the Canadian average. The following statistics illustrate the significant increases over the last few years.

- Seized Firearms (Total)
- Shootings (Evidence of Shootings)
- Incidents where a gun was involved
- Homicides by Firearm

<https://www.manitobapost.com/winnipeg-crime/firearms-and-shooting-statistics-on-the-rise-117753>

LIBERAL GUN BILL PASSES, FIREARM OWNERS TURN TO ASSAULT RIFLE BAN

• An in-house lobbyist and communications director for the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights posted a call to arms. "It's painfully clear the Liberals have completely given up on doing anything credible or effective to combat crime," posted Tracey Wilson, the coalition's vice-president for communications.

- The executive director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association suggested in a telephone interview his group would likely register as a third party participant in the election, as it has done for the past two federal elections. Executive director Tony Bernardo said the association also urges members to “volunteer and donate to candidates who support shooting sports.”
- The B.C.-based head of the National Firearms Association, one of the senior firearm lobbies in Canada, said the association’s board is considering registration as a third party for the election battle ahead. “We have our volunteers in place,” said NFA president Sheldon Clare. “We strongly encourage our members to work for and donate to candidates we support.”

By Tim Naumetz. Published on May 28, 2019

<https://ipolitics.ca/2019/05/28/liberal-gun-bill-passes-firearm-owners-turn-to-assault-rifle-ban/>

ZIP GUNS BEING MASS MANUFACTURED AND SOLD TO LOCAL GANGS, SAY WINNIPEG POLICE

“As these individuals are manufacturing, they are by no means trained in the art and science of gun manufacturing,” he said. The guns are being made from copper tubing, bicycle parts and other easily found parts, he added. Gun crime has been rising significantly in the past several years, he said. By Elisha Dacey, Senior Online Producer, Global News - May 28, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/5325386/zip-guns-being-mass-manufactured-and-sold-to-local-gangs-say-winnipeg-police/>
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/improvised-firearms-manufacturing-operation-1.5152796>

BILL C-71 PASSES FINAL VOTE IN SENATE AS NEW LAW TO BAN GUNS

Senators voted 55 in favour and 33 against, with 2 abstentions starting at 5:34 p.m. in Ottawa. The result was split along party lines, with the pro-Liberal members supporting the bill, and the Conservative Party opposition voting against. Bill C-71 solidifies the Liberals and their supporters as the most hostile and aggressive political force against the millions of Canadian men, women and youth who own or use firearms safely and responsibly. The Senate didn’t change a comma from the draft text sent by the Liberal-controlled House of Commons, after eight months of deliberation and 30 hours of testimony from 81 expert witnesses. THEGUNBLOG.CA MAY 28, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/28/bill-c-71-passes-final-vote-in-senate-as-new-law-to-ban-guns/>

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/politics/senate-passes-liberal-gun-bill-that-will-expand-background-checks-for-gun-buyers/ar-AAC33X4>

CBC - NORTH VANCOUVER RCMP SEIZE ILLEGAL MAIL-ORDER HANDGUN

North Vancouver resident Trevor Glenn Beaton, 29, is facing seven charges — including identity theft — after allegedly purchasing a mail-order firearm under a false name. Police say Beaton used documents belonging to a different person to allegedly purchase the Glock 34 Gen 4 pistol from a seller in Armstrong, B.C., before having it shipped to an address in North Vancouver. **Beaton, who is known to police, is currently restricted from owning a firearm due to a previous prohibition order.** Sgt. Peter DeVries, a media spokesperson for the North Vancouver RCMP, said police were alerted to the sale by Armstrong RCMP. CBC News · Posted: May 28, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/mail-order-gun-1.5153262>

LETTER: MAKE CRIMINALS TREMBLE

If criminals sit in prison for a minimum of 25 years without parole for using a handgun, then if the handgun problem still exists, by all means, take all firearms away from all Canadians including long guns and be done with it.

By Robert J. Moskal - Winnipeg Sun - May 28, 2019

<https://winnipegson.com/opinion/letters/letters-may-28-2019>

SEVERAL GUNS REPORTED STOLEN AFTER HOME BREAK-IN

Investigators believe the home was targeted specifically to gain access to the firearms. The Windsor Police would like to remind the public of the importance of storing all firearms safely and according to the law. Also, all firearms should be stored separate from any ammunition and documentation for the firearms. A home security system and/or surveillance system is also recommended for any residence where firearms are stored. CTV Windsor Published Tuesday, May 28, 2019 <https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/several-guns-reported-stolen-after-home-break-in-1.4441084>

GUN SAFE STOLEN WITH GUNS INSIDE

London police are asking the public for help after 11 handguns were stolen from an east-end apartment. "It is extremely concerning that despite the fact these registered firearms were stored in a lockable container, as required by law, they are now missing and unaccounted for," Det-Sgt. Ryan Scrivens said in a statement. "The provision of the law does not stipulate a minimum weight, or size requirement for the container," he said. "So while a small safe is in accordance with current regulations, we would always recommend storing firearms in a container that is heavy and difficult to move. FREE PRESS STAFF - Updated: May 27, 2019 <https://lfpres.com/news/local-news/gun-safe-stolen-with-guns-inside> <https://globalnews.ca/news/5321563/london-police-search-for-11-handguns-stolen-from-east-end-home/>

WHAT GUNS WILL TRUDEAU BAN?

Will Trudeau ban the AR-15? All handguns? All [or most] semi-auto long guns? What about community storage? Hard to know what to believe. Gun owners continue to be demonized. In contrast with Minister Blair's consultations, a recent survey claims there is widespread support for banning guns and cracking down on PAL holders.

JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS - 27 MAY 2019

<https://mailchi.mp/733cbff10b2a/are-gun-bans-coming-soon?e=bc1823b8e2>

NEW NANAIMO MP TAKING PETITION TO OTTAWA CALLING FOR DND RIFLE RANGE ACCESS

Green Party Nanaimo-Ladysmith MP Paul Manly plans to kick off his new job by tabling a petition in the House of Commons. The petition, started by mountain biker Tyler Walker, calls for public access to 351 hectares designated as a Department of National Defence rifle range west of Nanaimo's downtown. CFB Esquimalt ordered the public to stay off the property, which it said is used for live fire training during the day, at night and throughout the weekends. Manly has used trails around the range and said lack of signage means it is difficult to know if one is in a park or on DND land. "You could be coming down through the rifle range and not know it," he said. "People need to be safe and the military needs a safe area to be doing target practice." He's also been hearing from area residents complaining about noise from machine guns firing. Manly, who lives about four to five kilometres from the range, hears it as well. "It is quite pronounced."

By Carla Wilson - Times Colonist - MAY 25, 2019 <https://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/new-nanaimo-mp-taking-petition-to-ottawa-calling-for-dnd-rifle-range-access-1.23833473>

AR-15 SELLING OUT IN CANADA ON CONCERN TRUDEAU TO BAN NEW OWNERS

TheGunBlog.ca — The AR-15 target rifle is selling out at stores across Canada. Federally licensed sport shooters are snapping up \$3,000 guns on concern Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will ban new sales to win votes in the October election. The website of Firearms Outlet Canada showed all AR-15s "Out of Stock" today at 3 p.m. in Toronto. At Al Flaherty's Outdoor Store, all but 2 of the 17 versions offered online were "Sold Out." The website of Wolverine Supplies said most are "Out of Stock." THEGUNBLOG - MAY 26, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/26/ar-15-selling-out-in-canada-on-concern-trudeau-to-ban-new-owners/>

ANGUS REID SURVEY EXAGGERATES SUPPORT FOR GUN BANS

The key weaknesses of this survey:

- Question wording is slanted to support government proposals,
- Definitions of “assault rifle” and “high-capacity magazine” are incorrect and misleading,
- Support for gun bans decreases with knowledge of current gun laws,
- Sample selection is not representative [it is a panel of volunteers, not a random sample], and
- Report inadequately points out the limitations of their findings.

POSTED BY: GARY MAUSER, JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS - MAY 25, 2019

<https://justiceforgunowners.ca/survey-exaggerates-support-for-gun-bans/>

GUN BAN CONCERN RISES TO RECORD IN GOOGLE CANADA SEARCHES

Google Trends for Canada shows May is on course for the highest monthly interest in the term “gun ban” using the world’s most-popular Internet search tool going back to January 2004. THEGUNBLOG.CA 25 May 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/05/25/gun-ban-concern-rises-to-record-in-google-canada-searches/>

LETTER: BILL C-71 WON’T KEEP US SAFER

By Derek Henderson, Big White - Kelowna Daily Courier - May 25, 2019

http://www.kelownadailycourier.ca/opinion/article_003ebcc2-80d6-11e9-ab12-73d95c7f7a0b.html

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2018 - CBC - HANDGUN BAN WOULD HAVE 'NO IMPACT,' POLICE UNION HEAD

WARNS - "There's no way in my world or any world I know that this would have an impact on somebody who's going to go out and buy an illegal gun and use it to kill another person or shoot another person," Mike McCormack, the president of the Toronto Police Association, said Friday. By Elise von Scheel · CBC News · Posted: Sep 03, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/handgun-ban-blair-toronto-police-union-1.4807778>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

ADVANTAGE OF HANDGUNS FOR DEFENSIVE USE AGAINST BEARS: THE BEAR IS USUALLY KILLED

This case occurred in British Columbia, near Kamloops, about 250 miles North East of Vancouver. Guns are tightly controlled in Canada, generally, and in British Columbia, in particular. It is almost impossible to obtain a permit to carry a handgun, and unlikely the carry of a long gun, outside of hunting season, would be allowed. This case shows how useful a handgun would have been. A handgun is no more difficult to carry than bear spray. There were multiple times a handgun could have easily been used to dispatch the bear, or at least frighten it off. In a similar case in Alaska a few days ago, a warning shot was fired at the bear, which then disengaged. Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 31, 2019 by Dean Weingarten

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/advantage-of-handguns-for-defensive-use-against-bears-the-bear-is-usually-killed/#axzz5pWliBZdX>

EX-GERMAN SOLDIER’S GANG JAILED FOR 77 YEARS AFTER SMUGGLING BULLETS INTO UK

A gang led by a former German soldier who smuggled thousands of rounds of ammunition into Britain has been jailed for more than 77 years. Manfred Kurz, 61, brought suitcases full of bullets into the UK destined for organised crime gangs under the cover of his German firearms licence. He was also caught with explosives and bullet-making equipment when his south London home was raided. Kurz’s niece, 25-year-old Sian Miller, built a nationwide distribution network to sell

the bullets, enlisting her cousin Lorenzo Brooks, 29, Sierra Denton, 31, and her boyfriend Mishak Wright-Martin, 34, as well as 22-year-old Lukas Duncan. By Georgia Diebelius - Thursday 30 May 2019

<https://metro.co.uk/2019/05/30/ex-german-soldiers-gang-jailed-77-years-smuggling-bullets-uk-9746878/>

HOW TO BEAT THE BLACKLISTING OF SECOND AMENDMENT SUPPORTERS

What it does, for all intents and purposes, is to tell them, “If you oppose our agenda, we will destroy your ability to make a living and wreck your life.” Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 30, 2019 by Harold Hutchison

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/how-to-beat-the-blacklisting-of-second-amendment-supporters/#axzz5pWliBZdX>

FORBES - WHY SALESFORCE’S GUN RESTRICTIONS CHANGE THE GAME FOR MANY GUN SELLERS

Retailers like Amazon, eBay and Dick’s Sporting Goods have already banned or restricted sales of guns. Salesforce is taking that to a new level by banning retailers that sell certain guns and ammunition from using its sales management software. The ban covers Salesforce customers that sell automatic and semiautomatic weapons, 3D-printed guns and a number of accessories such as magazines capable of accepting more than ten rounds and flash or sound suppressors.

By Rachel Sandler, Forbes Staff - May 30, 2019

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/rachelsandler/2019/05/30/why-salesforces-gun-restrictions-change-the-game-for-many-gun-sellers/#6adeabec6c6e>

<https://www.wnd.com/2019/05/constitutional-rights-team-blasts-corporate-bigotry/>

EDITORIAL: RESEARCH DISPROVES HYSTERIA ABOUT ARMING TEACHERS

The common refrain among opponents was that students may seize a gun from a teacher, or that a frazzled teacher may end up shooting students or faculty in an active-shooter event, or that police might mistake an armed teacher for the gunman. They instead called for stricter gun control, more regulation of gun purchases and more resources to treat mental health matters, which seemed to be a common factor among mass shooters. Yet at roughly the same time as Byrd’s announcement, John Lott, president of the Crime Prevention Research Center and one of America’s foremost researchers of gun ownership and gun crime, released a study that, had it received wider attention, might have poured cold water on some of the critics’ arguments. By The Ledger Editorial Board - May 30, 2019

<https://www.heraldtribune.com/opinion/20190530/editorial-research-disproves-hysteria-about-arming-teachers>

<https://mises.org/wire/confronting-myths-about-arming-teachers>

NZ - RADICAL GUN LOBBY GETS OPPONENT

On Wednesday, Gun Control NZ co-founders Hera Cook, Nik Green and Philippa Yasbek launched the group, and outlined their three primary objectives: the creation of a gun register; strengthening the ban on semi-automatic weapons; and shortening the licensing period from 10 years to three years. By Laura Walters - May 30, 2019

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/2019/05/30/609830/radical-gun-lobby-gets-opponent#>

BRAZILIAN LAWYER CÉSAR MELLO: WATCH BRAZIL, SEE THE FAILURE OF GUN CONTROL

Because most Americans do not read Portuguese, Brazilian lawyer and licensed Professional Shooter, César Mello, made a youtube video, in English, to educate the rest of the world about Brazilian gun laws, their history, and what may be expected next. While César apologizes for his English, it is quite understandable. I contacted César, and he helped clarify the information he is providing. Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 29, 2019 by Dean Weingarten

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/brazilian-lawyer-cesar-mello-watch-brazil-see-the-failure-of-gun-control/#axzz5pWliBZdX>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - MAY 29, 2019

FEATURE: THE LAW PROTECTS....UNTIL IT DOESN'T

One thing, however, is certain...it looks like more firearms cases will be headed for Chief Justice John Robert's United States Supreme Court. They won't get there quickly, but ultimately that's where they'll ultimately be ruled on.

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/3066a12c-93d2-4946-9e20-55b144a40a4d>

POLICE SHUT DOWN ALLEGED GUN MANUFACTURING OPERATION IN GUN CONTROL-HEAVY

CANADA - A recent gun bust in Canada ought to serve as a reminder that gun control is really good at placing restrictions on the law-abiding while encouraging criminals to innovate and improvise. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation reports that police in Winnipeg, Manitoba, shut down an improvised gun manufacturing operation, seizing a dozen firearms and the equipment being used to make them By Nate Madden - May 29, 2019

<https://www.conservativereview.com/news/police-shut-alleged-gun-manufacturing-operation-gun-control-heavy-canada/>

THE HILL - PROGRESSIVE ACTIVIST: NRA DOESN'T REPRESENT ALL GUN OWNERS

Gun control activist Igor Volsky on Wednesday told Hill.TV's "Rising" that the National Rifle Association (NRA) doesn't represent all gun-loving Americans, arguing that there is some common ground on issues. "Often in D.C. we hear a lot from the NRA and we think that it represents all gun owners but that's just not the case," Volsky, who is the executive director of Guns Down America, told hosts Krystal Ball and Buck Sexton. "They may be the loudest voice in the room but certainly as I've been traveling and meeting with gun owners, there's a lot of common ground we can find, even on things like licensing," he continued. By Tess Bonn - May 29, 2019

<https://thehill.com/hilltv/rising/445923-progressive-activist-nra-doesnt-represent-all-gun-owners>

NEW ZEALAND: NEW GUN CONTROL GROUP PUSHES FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Gun Control NZ launched today and is co-founded by volunteers Hera Cook, an Otago University public health researcher, Nik Green, who started a petition to ban semi-automatic weapons, and Philippa Yasbek, who has experience with regulation and legislation. By: Derek Cheng, New Zealand Herald - 28 May, 2019

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12234959

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/new-advocacy-group-forms-push-total-ban-semi-automatic-weapons-in-nz>

TENS OF THOUSANDS IN ILLINOIS MAY HAVE GUNS DESPITE REVOKED PERMITS, PROBE FINDS

CHICAGO - A Chicago Tribune investigation suggests that tens of thousands of Illinois residents whose gun licenses have been revoked could still have firearms. The problem was underscored in February when a man killed five former colleagues and wounded five police officers in Aurora, Illinois, using a gun he kept despite the revocation of his Firearm Owner's Identification card in 2014. The Tribune reports that since 2015, nearly 27,000 Illinois residents whose FOID cards have been revoked haven't updated authorities on what they have done with their guns. Local police departments are supposed to ensure those whose licenses have been revoked surrender their permits and transfer firearms to police or a legal gun owner. Acting Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly says he's shocked by "the depth and breadth of the problem." AP - MAY 28, 2019

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/05/28/world/crime-legal-world/tens-thousands-illinois-may-guns-despite-revoked-permits-probe/#.XO2JqIhKi70>

JUNE 11, 2018 - GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO Q-1708 ON FIREARMS LICENCE REVOCATIONS

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/11/18/open-letter-1-to-senators-on-bill-c-71/>

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS [Items (c) and (d)(below]

Q-1708 — April 25, 2018 — Mr. Maguire (Brandon—Souris) — With regard to firearms licences issued in each province and territory for the last ten years, broken down by year:

- (a) how many Possession and Acquisition Licences (PAL) were (i) issued, (ii) revoked by reason for revocation;
- (b) how many Restricted Possession and Acquisition Licences (RPAL) were (i) issued, (ii) revoked by reason for revocation;
- (c) **what is the average time for government or police to confiscate revoked firearms licences for (i) PAL, (ii) RPAL; and**
- (d) **what is the average time for government or police to confiscate the firearms possessed by revoked firearms licence holders for (i) PAL, (ii) RPAL?**

JANUARY 30, 2017 - HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE GOVERNMENT'S ENFORCEMENT OF COURT ORDERED FIREARMS PROHIBITIONS?

Public Safety Minister Goodale's Response to MP Brad Trost's Order Paper Question Q-623

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/02/18/goodales-response-to-mp-brad-trosts-question-q-623-how-effective-is-the-governments-enforcement-of-court-ordered-firearms-prohibitions/>

NEW YORK CITY: LET'S REPEAL THIS GUN CONTROL LAW. GUN OWNERS: HELL, NO!

Has the world gone crazy? The city of New York, which has rarely met a gun-control law it hasn't loved, wants to repeal one. Gun owners in The Big Apple want to stop the repeal action and keep the law on the books, and are flooding the comment process in an effort to stop the city from changing the law. What gives? In short, both sides are counting the chairs on the Supreme Court: By ED MORRISSEY - May 27, 2019

<https://hotair.com/archives/2019/05/27/new-york-lets-repeal-gun-control-law-gun-owners-hell-no/>

ARMS TRADE TREATY: THE FIFTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES

This August 26 – 30, 2019 the 'Fifth Conference of States Parties' will take place in Geneva, Switzerland. With the Trump pull out, of the United States, from the treaty, those who believe that control of weapons sales can actually prevent genocide, crimes against women and children, war crimes, and most kinds of nasty behavior, are reacting negatively, as one might expect. Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 27, 2019 Opinion By Alan J Chwick & Joanne D Eisen

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/arms-trade-treaty-august-2019-the-fifth-conference-of-states-parties/#ixzz5pcXDO3xj>

NEW STUDY: GUN AND ACCESSORIES MARKET ASTONISHING GROWTH, TECHNOLOGY AND TOP KEY VENDOR FREEDOM GROUP, ALLIANT TECHSYSTEMS, SMITH & WESSON, STURM RUGER, COLT MANUFACTURING, REMINGTON -

The Global Gun and Accessories Market report encloses vital statistical data of sales and revenue based on leading segment such as type, regions, applications, technology, and elite players in the global Gun and Accessories industry. The report aims at historical (2013-2018) occurrences, talks about the present status of the industry and also provides valuable forecast information up to 2023. A comprehensive analysis of contemporary trends, demand spectrum, growth rate, and key region-wise Gun and Accessories market exploration has also been embodied in this report By Michael Esparza - May 27, 2019 <https://marketresearchtribunal.com/2019/05/27/new-study-gun-and-accessories-market-astonishing-growth-technology-and-top-key-vendor-freedom-group-alliant-techsystems-smith-wesson-sturm-ruger-colt-manufacturing-remington/>

NY TIMES - FEARING SUPREME COURT LOSS, NEW YORK TRIES TO MAKE GUN CASE VANISH

WASHINGTON — A couple of weeks ago, the New York Police Department held an unusual public hearing. Its purpose was to make a Supreme Court case disappear. In January, the court agreed to hear a Second Amendment challenge to a New York City gun regulation. The city, fearing a loss that would endanger gun control laws across the nation, responded by moving to change the regulation. The idea was to make the case moot. The move required seeking comments from the public, in writing and at the hearing. Gun rights advocates were not happy. By Adam Liptak - May 27, 2019

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/27/us/politics/supreme-court-gun-control.html>

QUOTES OF THE DAY – MAY 27, 2019

"While the legislature has power, in the most comprehensive manner, to regulate the carrying and use of firearms, it has no power to constitute it a crime for a person, alien or citizen, to possess a revolver for the legitimate defense of himself and his property, said right being expressly granted by section 5, art. 2, of the State Constitution, to every person." --

Michigan Supreme Court Source: *People v. Zerillo*, 219 Mich. 635, 189 N.W. 927, 24 A.L.R. 1115 at headnote 1 (1922).

<http://libertytree.ca/quotes/Michigan.Supreme.Court.Quote.52FC>

"There's no valid evidence whatsoever to indicate that depriving law-abiding American citizens of the right to own firearms would in any way lessen crime or criminal activity. ... The National Sheriffs Association unequivocally opposes any legislation that has as its intent the confiscation of firearms ... or the taking away from law-abiding American citizens their right to purchase, own, and keep arms." -- National Sheriffs Association

<http://libertytree.ca/quotes/National.Sheriffs.Association.Quote.DA3C>

"[N]one are so emboldened as thugs who, in spite of the law are armed, in confrontations with law-abiding citizens who, because of the law, are disarmed." The New American Source: THE NEW AMERICAN, p. 42, February 5, 1996.

<http://libertytree.ca/quotes/The.New.American.Quote.8907>

BLOOMBERG GUN-IGNORANCE COURSE CONTINUES BLOOMBERGING RIGHTS AWAY

Week two of the Bloomberg school massive open online course on “Reducing Gun Violence” ran the same week that one of the lecturers was in the news for exclusionary comments that apply more readily to his course than to the intended target. Jon Vernick, JD, MPH, told an audience at a recent Health Journalism conference that journalists shouldn’t contact NRA for comment on gun control studies because he thinks we aren’t qualified. Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 26, 2019 by NRAHQ <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/bloomberg-gun-ignorance-course-continues-bloomberging-rights-away/#axzz5p8XaBBnM>

MAYOR RIPS FEDS FOR LAX GUN LAWS AFTER 10 SHOT NEAR TRENTON BAR

A barrage of 30 shots by 2 suspects in drive-by shooting that injured 10 outside Trenton bar, officials say

By Cassidy Grom | NJ Advance Media For NJ.com - Posted May 25, 2019

<https://www.nj.com/news/2019/05/after-trenton-bar-shooting-wounds-9-mayor-rips-feds-for-lax-gun-laws.html>

THE G3 ASSAULT RIFLE IS ONE DANGEROUS GUN. AND IT HAS A LONG HISTORY.

After World War II, the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization collectively decided to adopt a new class of infantry weapon. The new battle rifles would arm almost every NATO nation by the 1950s were lightweight, box fed, and chambered in 7.61x51mm NATO. The Belgian FN FAL dominated this class of weapon, proving to be the most popular once also adopted across the Commonwealth and by many other nations in the third world and Europe. But it had two primary competitors, the German/Spanish G3/CETME and the American M14. But all of these weapons, the only one that has “survived” in first-rate militaries to 2019 is the G3. The FAL and M14, even in their upgraded forms, have finally been retired from the front line of most militaries. But the G3 manages to soldier on and continues to see service in many larger militaries. by Charlie Gao - May 25, 2019

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/g3-assault-rifle-one-dangerous-gun-59267>

DETROIT AREA GUN RIGHTS COMMUNITY BANDS TOGETHER TO TRAIN OVER 800 WOMEN HOW TO SHOOT

- The program, now in its eighth year, supplied everything that a new firearm operator would need to participate without cost. All training, firearms, range time, and ammunition were donated by sponsors. The event is

permanently scheduled to run every year on the first Sunday after Mother's Day. Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 24, 2019 by Ammoland <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/detroit-area-gun-rights-community-bands-together-to-train-over-800-women-how-to-shoot/#axzz5oux6varM>

GUANA - PUMP ACTION GUNS IMPORTATION RAISES CONCERNS

The Head of Programmes for the Africa Centre for Security Counter Terrorism, Sulley Ibrahim, has warned that the importation of 1,575 guns poses a far more security threat than perceived.

World News - By Ivy Osei-Owusu|3news.com|Ghana - May 13, 2019

<https://theworldnews.net/gh-news/pump-action-guns-importation-raises-concerns>

EXHAUSTIVE STUDY: MURDER RATES RISE EVERY PLACE THAT BANS GUNS

And the Crime Prevention Resource Center has the numbers to prove it. The 2013 study looked at murder rates from places that had banned guns around the world, from Washington, D.C. and Chicago to England, Wales, Jamaica and even the Solomon Islands, an archipelago in the South Pacific which only had mass shootings after they decided to ban guns.

The most striking example might be that of England and Wales, both of which banned firearms back in 1997. Homicides rose from 676 to 734 the first year of the ban. And things only got worse from there. BY C. DOUGLAS GOLDEN -

MAY 11, 2018 <https://www.westernjournal.com/ct/exhaustive-study-murder-rates-rise-every-place-that-bans-guns/>

NEW SMALL ARMS SURVEY DATA: SIGNIFICANT RISE IN GLOBAL VIOLENT DEATHS IN 2017

MAY 2019 - GENEVA—The year 2017 saw the second highest annual rate of global violent deaths in the period 2004–17, according to new data from the Small Arms Survey. In 2017, 589,000 people—including 96,000 women and girls—lost their lives due to lethal violence. This corresponds to a rate of 7.80 violent deaths per 100,000 population, the second highest since 2004. The same figure for 2016 was 560,000 people, or 7.56 deaths per 100,000 population. The data for 2017 compared to 2016 was also the third-largest annual change during the period 2004–17. Overall, the proportion of female victims of lethal violence remained stable at 16%. This increase in the number of global violent deaths is primarily due to a rise in homicides, ie: non-conflict deaths.

<https://mailchi.mp/smallarmssurvey/gvd-scenarios-2018-30?e=79aa66c98e>

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OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

JOHN ROBSON: ANDREW SCHEER HAS CHOSEN A WEIRD MOMENT TO GO SOFT

The Conservative leader supposedly admires Margaret Thatcher, who despised 'consensus.' So what's he doing?

By John Robson, National Post - May 28, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/john-robson-scheer-has-chosen-a-weird-moment-to-go-soft>

GUNTER: UNIFOR'S BIAS WILL ONLY WORSEN LIBERAL MEDIA BAILOUT

And since we journalists' reputations are built entirely on our credibility, no media organization should have anything to do with this monstrosity — neither helping decide who gets the funds nor accepting government handouts. It will be the same for the Liberals' Digital Charter and their attempts to regulate social media. The devil is in the definitions, so those chosen to set the definitions control which messages get seen and which do not. That's too much power to entrust to politicians, bureaucrats, journalists or unions. By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - May 28, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-unifors-bias-will-only-worsen-liberal-media-bailout>

TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT DOUBLES DOWN ON CORRUPT APPOINTMENT OF UNIFOR TO MEDIA BAILOUT PANEL - By ignoring the rampant and obvious anti-Conservative bias of Unifor, the Trudeau Liberals are making it abundantly clear that their goal is to destroy the freedom of the press and use the media to crush their political opponents. By SPENCER FERNANDO - MAY 25, 2019 <https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/05/25/trudeau-government-doubles-down-on-corrupt-appointment-of-unifor-to-media-bailout-panel/>

CARBON TAX SMACKDOWN: TERENCE CORCORAN SAYS HIGHER PRICES AT THE PUMP DON'T MEAN FEWER EMISSIONS - Newsflash: People do not change their behaviour in the face of rising prices when the product is essential to their economic success. By Terence Corcoran, National Post - May 25, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/carbon-tax-smackdown-terence-corcoran-says-higher-prices-at-the-pump-dont-mean-fewer-emissions>

EXCERPT: *Another folly: For Canada to impose a carbon tax independently is a form of economic suicide. If other trading partners — in North America, Europe, Asia, South America — do not adopt similar carbon taxation, the Canadian economy will become increasingly uncompetitive. So far, no other country is joining the national carbon tax crusade. Australia just said no to one. Elsewhere, carbon tax schemes are either weak or marginal.*

CBC - HERITAGE MINISTER DEFENDS PUTTING ANTI-CONSERVATIVE UNION ON \$600M JOURNALISM FUND PANEL

Unifor — which represents 12,000 news industry workers — has billed itself as 'the resistance' - CBC Radio · Posted: May 24, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-thursday-edition-1.5146761/heritage-minister-defends-putting-anti-conservative-union-on-600m-journalism-fund-panel-1.5148429>

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