



**THIS WEEKS POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST  
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**POSTS FROM CANADA**

**CSSA COMMENTARY: NEW POLL SHOWS WHY GUN OWNER VOTE IS CRITICAL IN ELECTION 2019**

“The Liberals have significant leads in Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada, and they would be the favourites to win if the election were held today based on these numbers,”[i] says Quito Maggi, President and CEO of Mainstreet Research. Team CSSA E-News | July 12, 2019 <https://cssa-cila.org/2019/07/team-cssa-e-news-july-12-2019/>

**B.C. APPEAL COURT OVERTURNS FIREARM BAN FOR FRASER VALLEY MAN CONNECTED TO STEROID SMUGGLING RING**

- Weapons prohibitions should have never been ordered since shotgun seized was not linked to accused. By Paul Henderson - Jul. 12, 2019 <https://www.theprogress.com/news/appeal-court-overtorns-firearm-ban-for-fraser-valley-man-connected-to-steroid-smuggling-ring/>

**CBC - HAND GRENADES AMONG RED DEER RCMP WEAPONS, DRUG SEIZURE**

Three people are facing close to three dozen charges relating to the investigation. CBC News · Posted: Jul 12, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/grenades-rcmp-mounties-red-deer-sylvan-lake-1.5209849>

**CBC - MAN WITH WEAPONS BAN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY WAVING FAKE HANDGUN**

The man was already banned from handling firearms, and is now charged with possessing an imitation of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, carrying a concealed weapon and being in possession of a firearm while prohibited. CBC News · Posted: Jul 12, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/fake-hand-gun-happy-valley-geese-bay-1.5209624>

**COST & BENEFITS OF INVESTMENTS TO COMBAT THE CRIMINAL USE OF FIREARMS (ICCUF)**

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale’s response to MP Brad Trost’s Order Paper Question Q-2477 – June 19, 2019 – Posted by Dennis R. Young July 11, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/07/11/cost-benefits-of-investments-to-combat-the-criminal-use-of-firearms/>

**EXCERPT #1: PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA (PS)**

COST: \$1.2 million spent since May 2004.

BENEFITS: *“PS does not gather or track statistical data with respect to the number of firearms prosecutions initiated or successfully prosecuted.”*

**EXCERPT #2: CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY (CBSA)**

COST: \$19.95 Million spent since May 2004

BENEFITS: *“The CBSA was successful in 536 successful firearms persecutions.”*

**EXCERPT #3: ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP)**

COST: \$104.35 million spent since May 2004

BENEFITS: *“Under ICCUF, the RCMP provided investigative support to law enforcement and did not initiate firearm prosecutions. As such, these statistics are not available.”*

## **GUN GROUPS UP IN ARMS OVER GOVERNMENT PLAN TO JOIN UN WEAPONS TREATY**

Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland issued a brief statement about Canada's future role in the 2013 UN Arms Trade Treaty on June 21, a day after the House of Commons had what was likely its last adjournment before the fall election. It was also the day a crush of bills received royal assent from Gov. Gen. Julie Payette to pass into law before the Senate also adjourned for the summer. Freeland revealed the government had earlier that week presented the UN in New York with Canada's "instrument of accession" to the Arms Trade Treaty. By Tim Naumetz. Published on Jul 11, 2019 <https://ipolitics.ca/2019/07/11/gun-groups-up-in-arms-over-government-plan-to-join-un-weapons-treaty/>

## **YELLOWKNIFE SHOOTING CLUB HOSTS LADIES' FUN SHOOT FOR NEWBIES**

Eight women from their 20s to their 40s learned the basics of pistol handling and marksmanship at the July 6 event outside Canada's northernmost territorial capital, said Robert Anderson, who helped run the shoot. A pregnant woman won the day's friendly match. Canadian women are getting gun licences at four times the pace of men. Almost 90 percent of the country's 2.2 million permit holders are male. THEGUNBLOG.CA - 11 Jul 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/07/11/yellowknife-shooting-club-hosts-ladies-fun-shoot-for-newbies/>

## **CBC - CANMORE NORDIC CENTRE LOSES WORLD CUP BIATHLON EVENTS FOR YEARS**

Advocates blame Alberta government for not committing to key upgrades by deadline. CBC News · July 11, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/canmore-nordic-centre-loses-world-cup-biathlon-events-1.5209007>

## **RCMP SEIZES 1,200 KG OF ILLEGAL CANNABIS AMIDST RAIDS**

As of Wednesday, the RCMP have seized roughly 1,200 kg of illegally grown cannabis that was ready for distribution over a series of raids conducted last month in B.C. "On June 18, investigators executed five search warrants in Langley, Surrey and Delta," reports CTV News. "In addition to the dried cannabis, officers seized 5,300 pot plants," as well as a "large amount of Canadian currency, five vehicles, 12 firearms and an amount of Aniline, which police said is a known fentanyl precursor chemical," according to the Vancouver Sun. by Dylan Gibbons - July 11, 2019 <https://www.thepostmillennial.com/rcmp-seizes-1200-kg-of-illegal-cannabis-amidst-raids/>

## **RCMP OFFICERS CRIMINALLY CHARGED, 2012-2019**

### **Includes a breakdown of 'Violent' and 'Non-Violent' offences for the year 2016 to 2019**

EXCERPT: "Prior to 2012, the RCMP did not have an electronic system in place to capture the requested detailed information." Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale's response to MP Brad Trost's Order Paper Question Q-2480 – June 19, 2019 – Posted by Dennis R. Young July 10, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/07/11/rcmp-officers-criminally-charged-2012-2019/>

## **GOPHER SHOOT LEADS TO HEAVILY-ARMED RCMP TAKEDOWN AT FAMILY'S STRATHMORE**

**FARM** - The Strathmore father of two is considering his legal options just days after he and his family endured a "high-risk arrest" by Mounties on a rural farm, after they'd responded to a complaint that shots had been fired at a neighbouring property. At about 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Mounties in the town of 14,000 just east of Calgary said they were called for reports of shots fired and responded with "multiple RCMP members," which quickly spiralled into a terrifying confrontation that left DeWolfe, his family and two friends shaken. "I want the police to be held accountable — I'm not looking to become a millionaire out of this. I want my wife and my kids to get an apology." By Shawn Logan, Calgary Sun - July 10, 2019 <https://calgarysun.com/news/provincial/strathmore-man-family-distraught-after-heavily-armed-rcmp-takedown>

## **CHILLIWACK MAN OUT ON BAIL FOR FIREARMS OFFENCES FACING NEW FIREARM CHARGE**

Cole Larry Amey now faces two criminal breach charges and one count of possession of a firearm contrary to order. By Paul Henderson - Jul. 10, 2019 <https://www.theprogress.com/news/chilliwack-man-out-on-bail-for-firearms-offences-facing-new-firearm-charge/>

## **GOODALE'S AND RCMP STATISTICS ON STOLEN GUNS?**

**UNKNOWN:** Number of guns stolen from licensed gun owners.

**UNKNOWN:** Number of guns stolen from licensed gun dealers.

**UNKNOWN:** Number of guns stolen from licensed gun owners and dealers that were used in the commission of a violent offence.

**EXCERPT #1:** *“Currently, there is no national repository for this type of information in Canada.”*

**EXCERPT #2:** *“The CFP does not collect or track statistics with regard to the origin of illegal or stolen handguns.”*

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale’s response to MP Brad Trost’s Order Paper Question Q-2479 – June 19, 2019 – Posted by Dennis R. Young July 10, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/07/10/goodales-and-rcmp-statistics-on-stolen-guns/>

## **IT'S SIMPLY AMAZING WHAT MINISTER GOODALE DOESN'T KNOW & THE RCMP DON'T TRACK!**

**UNKNOWN:** (a) Number of PAL holders charged with homicide.

**UNKNOWN:** (b) Number of registered firearms used in homicide.

**UNKNOWN:** (c) Number of PAL holders charged with using a registered firearm to commit homicide.

**EXCERPT:** *“RCMP systems do not capture the requested information at the level of detail requested.”*

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale’s response to MP Brad Trost’s Order Paper Question Q-2478 – June 19, 2019 – Posted by Dennis R. Young July 9, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/07/09/its-simply-amazing-what-minister-goodale-doesnt-know-the-rcmp-dont-track/>

## **CBC - REGINA POLICE ASKING PUBLIC FOR INFORMATION AFTER THEFT OF AS MANY AS 10 GUNS**

Regina police are looking for information after as many as 10 guns were stolen from a utility trailer. It appears the suspect, or suspects, broke into a gun locker inside the trailer and stole as many as 10 guns — including rifles and shotguns — the release says. Guns stolen from trailer at a compound on 1400 block of Toronto Street. CBC News · Posted: Jul 09, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/guns-stolen-regina-trailer-1.5205645>

## **MP BOB ZIMMER – WEEKLY REPORT – THE LIBERAL FIREARMS BILL**

While some sections of the bill have now come into effect – most notably, the re-introduction of the front-door registry allowing the Quebec government to access a copy of the remaining portion of the long-gun registry – most of the changes have not been implemented. by Bob Zimmer -July 8, 2019

<https://www.energeticcity.ca/2019/07/mp-bob-zimmer-weekly-report-the-liberal-firearms-bill/>

<https://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/opinion/columnists/bob-zimmer-canadian-gun-owners-tied-up-in-more-red-tape-1.23878728>

## **FOIP: DAMAGE CLAIMS DOCUMENTS FOR HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES**

Alberta Municipal Affairs 38-Page FOIP Response dated July 2, 2019 - Received July 9, 2019 by Dennis R. Young <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/07/09/foip-damage-claims-documents-regarding-high-river-forced-entries/>

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**RCMP DOOR-KICKING SPREE IN HIGH RIVER COST TAXPAYERS \$2.45 MILLION**

“Records showing the total number of claims by High River residents and businesses and the final cost to taxpayers for paying and processing the damage claims caused by the RCMP forced entries and searches.”

Municipal Affairs FOIP response April 3, 2018 – Claims Paid Out = 1,580 Total Amount Paid = \$2,455,815.04 Largest Single Claim = \$63,001.06 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/04/13/rcmp-door-kicking-spree-high-river-cost-taxpayers-2-45-million/>

**RCMP EXCEL SPREADSHEET WITH 2,210 HIGH RIVER DAMAGE CLAIMS TOTALING MORE THAN \$2.5 MILLION** - 50 Damage Claims Over \$5,000 Largest Single Claim = \$201,870.57 <http://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/RCMP-High-River-Forced-Entry-Damage-Claims-A-2014-08266-Nov-4-2015.xlsx>

## **NEW ZEALAND STRUGGLES TO ENFORCE NEW GUN LAWS**

Efforts to round up now-banned firearms face pushback

By: Emanuel Stoakes - Winnipeg Free Press Posted: 07/6/2019

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/world/new-zealand-struggles-to-enforce-new-gun-laws-512292741.html>

## **WATER GUN FIGHT ON TORONTO ROOF PROMPTS HUGE POLICE RESPONSE**

A group of people spraying each other with water guns on a Toronto rooftop prompted a full Emergency Task Force response from Toronto police. They received 9-1-1 calls Friday afternoon with reports of five people holding guns on a downtown rooftop. When police got there they quickly realized everyone was just trying to beat the heat with red and blue water guns. July 5, 2019 <https://www.durhamradionews.com/archives/120037>

## **BREITKREUZ NEWS RELEASE JANUARY 9, 1995**

### **PROJECT GUN RUNNER PROVES FIREARMS REGISTRATION DOESN'T WORK**

"86% of handguns seized in "Project Gun Runner" were unregistered." The investigation also concluded that the primary source of illicit firearms (in Canada) is the United States.

<http://cssa-cila.org/garryb/breitkreuzgpress/guns10.htm>

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

### **NEW ZEALANDERS QUEUE TO HAND IN THEIR GUNS IN BUYBACK SCHEME TO RID NATION OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AFTER 51 WERE KILLED IN CHRISTCHURCH MOSQUE RAMPAGE**

224 weapons and 217 parts and accessories were handed in at the first collection. A total of NZ\$433,682 was paid out to those who handed in their firearms. By ALISHA BUAYA FOR MAILONLINE - PUBLISHED: 13 July 2019

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7243435/New-Zealanders-queue-hand-guns-buyback-scheme-rid-nation-semi-automatic-weapons.html>

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/114215888/governments-first-gun-buyback-event-under-way>

## **TODAY'S QUOTABLE QUOTES - JULY 12, 2019**

**"Laws disarming honest citizens proclaim that the government is the master, not the servant, of the people."**

-- Jeffrey R. Snyder, American attorney, author. Source: A Nation of Cowards, 113 Public Interest (Fall 1993).

<http://libertytree.ca/quotes/Jeffrey.Snyder.Quote.F7A7>

**"The peaceable part of mankind will be continually overrun by the vile and abandoned while they neglect the means of self-defense. The supposed quietude of a good man allures the ruffian; while on the other hand, arms, like laws discourage and keep the invader and plunderer in awe and preserve order in the world as well as property. The balance of power is the scale of peace. The same balance would be preserved were all the world destitute of**

**arms, for all would be alike; but since some will not, others dare not lay them aside... Horrid mischief would ensue were (the good) deprived of the use of them ... the weak will become a prey to the strong."**

-- Thomas Paine, (1737-1809) US Founding father, pamphleteer, author. Source: 1 Writings Of Thomas Paine 56 (M. Conway ed. 1894); 1776, Thoughts on a Defensive War.

<http://libertytree.ca/quotes/Thomas.Paine.Quote.96E4>

## **HOW TO DRAMATICALLY REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN CITIES**

America's urban gun violence problem can feel intractable. But Thomas Abt's new book, *Bleeding Out*, offers a solution. By German Lopez, VOX - Jul 12, 2019 <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2019/7/12/20679091/thomas-abt-bleeding-out-urban-gun-violence-book-review>

**EXCERPT:** While rates of crime and violence have declined since the 1990s, the decline has been uneven. Since 1991, homicide rates have fallen by 86 percent in New York City and 73 percent in Los Angeles. But they have increased in Indianapolis (up 64 percent), Pittsburgh (53 percent), Phoenix (23 percent), and Baltimore (13 percent). And America still leads the developed world in gun violence. *Bleeding Out* makes a compelling case that there is a path forward, calling for a more focused, balanced, and fair strategy that leverages not just the police but also social service and public health agencies, as well as activists and community leaders, to directly confront the few people in communities culpable for the majority of urban violence. It's an attempt at making policing more effective, while addressing the justifiable skepticism, particularly on the left and in the Black Lives Matter movement, about whether a criminal justice system riddled with racial disparities and mired by high-profile killings by police officers can handle the task. Drawing on much of the research first popularized by star criminologist David Kennedy, Abt points out that violence is incredibly concentrated in the US. In 2015, more than a quarter of gun homicides happened in about 1,200 neighborhoods that house just 1.5 percent of the US population. "Taken together, these communities would fit into an area measuring just forty-two miles wide and long," Abt writes.

## **THE OUTDOOR WIRE - JULY 12, 2019**

### **FEATURE: NRA ALLEGATIONS CONTINUE TO FLY**

Following Wednesday's interview with David Dell'Aquila, the leader of a movement of NRA members determined to make changes at the National Rifle Association, we had an outpouring of response from our readers. As you can imagine, not everyone agreed with his assertion that the NRA had to have radical transformation in its management to survive.

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/6f190f92-3f3f-4e32-81b4-2a8800efa0b7>

## **MARYLAND CAN PLUG THE LOOPHOLES IN ITS GUN VIOLENCE LAWS**

Federal and Maryland law is supposed to restrict someone from owning a firearm if they are a threat to themselves or others. Someone like the Capital Gazette shooter who stalks and harasses others is not supposed to be able to "legally" receive, purchase or own a firearm to kill three men and two women. Yet he did. These laws are basically statements because they lack enforcement mechanisms. Enforcement of the law relies solely on the honesty of a dangerous person to not buy a gun, check a box or confess their crimes to the sale person.

By Karen Simpson, Capital Gazette - Jul 12, 2019 <https://www.capitalgazette.com/opinion/columns/ac-ce-column-simpson-20190712-pjepujda55bofpjs73e2lcn2wm-story.html>

## **CONCEALED-CARRY APPLICATIONS BOOST BACKGROUND CHECKS TO MORE THAN TWO**

**MILLION A MONTH** - What conclusions can be drawn from the historic background checks? First, background checks have little or no positive impact on gun violence and may actually have a negative impact. Second, it may measure a more subtle but profound change in the culture: More and more law-abiding citizens are increasingly enjoying the individual freedom to "keep and bear arms" not only by purchasing more of them, but carrying them with them as a means of self-

defense. This is having the predictable and salutary effect of reducing all manner of crimes, as criminals increasingly don't know who's carrying a tool of self-defense and who isn't. Written by Bob Adelman - July 11, 2019  
<https://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/crime/item/32833-concealed-carry-applications-boost-background-checks-to-more-than-two-million-a-month>

**AUSTRALIA - NSW GOVERNMENT CHANGES PAINTBALL REGULATION TO THE DELIGHT OF LOCAL PLAYERS AND BUSINESSES** - Local players have welcomed news the NSW Government has reclassified paintball guns and removed them from the firearms legislation. The changes ensure no permits are needed to play. Permits are still required however to own a paintball gun, operate a business or bring a gun from overseas to NSW. In a boost to numbers, the legal age to play has been dropped from 16 to 12. By Rob Douglas - July 11, 2019  
<https://www.manningrivertimes.com.au/story/6266612/young-paintballers-come-out-to-play-as-tough-legislation-goes-away/>

### **A FALSE CLAIM ABOUT H.R. 8 AND A 'FIREARMS REGISTRY'**

By Angelo Fichera, FACTCHECK.ORG - Posted on July 11, 2019

<https://www.factcheck.org/2019/07/a-false-claim-about-h-r-8-and-a-firearms-registry/>

**EXCERPT:** First of all, federal law, including the Firearms Owners' Protection Act of 1986, currently forbids the U.S. from creating a national registry. And the House bill states that "[n]othing in this Act, or any amendment made by this Act, shall be construed to ... authorize the establishment, directly or indirectly, of a national firearms registry." The bill would expand the scenarios in which a background check is required for the sale or transfer of a firearm. While current federal law requires licensed gun dealers to conduct background checks on prospective buyers, the bill would also require background checks before a private sale or transfer between unlicensed individuals, such as some sales at a gun show or online. A number of states already have similar policies in place.

**FORBES: THE GREAT LEAP FORWARD? TECH'S NEWFOUND SOCIAL ACTIVISM ON GUN CONTROL AND ABORTION** - Salesforce isn't the only e-commerce provider who's saying "no" to facilitating the sale of rapid-firing weaponry. Shopify, which powers more than 800,000 online shopping sites, amended its acceptable-use policy last year to bar customers from using its technology to market automatic and semiautomatic firearms. By Richard Levick - July 11, 2019 <https://www.forbes.com/sites/richardlevick/2019/07/11/the-great-leap-forward-techs-newfound-social-activism-on-gun-control-and-abortion/>

### **STATE TO BETTER TRACK GUNS USED IN CRIMES AS VIOLENCE SOARS**

The Pennsylvania attorney general's office launched an effort Thursday to improve the use of firearms databases, so law enforcement can better track guns used in crimes and, ultimately, clamp down on gun violence. The move comes amid a surge in such violence in Philadelphia. The city's rate of homicides this year is about the same as it was in 2018, when Philadelphia recorded 349 of them, the most since 2007. By Marc Levy | Associated Press - July 11, 2019  
<https://www.wesa.fm/post/state-better-track-guns-used-crimes-violence-soars#stream/0>

### **THE STATE OF GUN CONTROL IN VIRGINIA AFTER THE SPECIAL SESSION**

After the Virginia General Assembly Special Session ended abruptly Tuesday after an hour and a half, with not a single vote on gun legislation, Senator Tim Kaine called it disappointing. "It's not an absence of a study, it's not an absence of a recommendation, it's the absence of courage and backbone that's getting in the way," said Kaine. By Jaclyn Lee - July 11, 2019 <https://www.13newsnow.com/article/news/politics/the-state-of-gun-control-in-virginia-after-the-special-session/291-7668290b-166b-4db3-add5-1a57f080ea6b>  
<https://www.nbc29.com/story/40778875/general-assemblys-gun-control-session-ends-without-decision-sen-kaine-weighsin>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/frank-miniter-to-reduce-gun-violence-we-need-to-do-these-things>

## **OUR VIEW: GUNS AREN'T THE WHOLE PROBLEM**

Alexandria Times Editorial - July 11, 2019

<https://alextimes.com/2019/07/our-view-guns-arent-the-whole-problem/>

## **GUN CONTROL PUTS WOMEN AT RISK**

U.S.A. --(Ammoland.com)- Politicians said that gun-control would make us safer. That sounds good, but it isn't what we see. One reason is gun-control disarms innocent women. Taking the tools of self-defense away from women leaves them at a physical disadvantage. That is only one of the ways that gun-control leaves women at greater risk. Why did the politicians and the news media ignore these issues while they were shouting for more gun-control? Ammoland Inc. Posted on July 11, 2019 by Rob Morse <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/07/gun-control-puts-women-at-risk/#axzz5tTjwCyUe>

## **GUN BACKGROUND CHECK RECORD: 2+ MILLION CHECKS EACH MONTH OF 2019**

This marks the first time over two million checks have been conducted during each of the first six months of a given year in the history of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). FBI figures show 2,165,094 background checks were performed in January, followed by 2,053,886 in February, and 2,644,851 in March. There were 2,334,249 checks in April, 2,349,309 in May, and 2,312,309 in June. By AWR HAWKINS - JULY 10, 2019 <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/07/10/gun-background-check-record-2-million-checks-each-month-2019/>

## **THE WASHINGTON POST GAVE DISCREDITED GUN RESEARCHER JOHN LOTT A PLATFORM TO PUSH REPEATEDLY DISPROVEN NONSENSE**

- The Washington Post published an op-ed by gun violence researcher and National Rifle Association favorite John Lott Jr., in which he rehashed false claims that nearly all mass shootings occur in so-called "gun-free zones." Lott's claim has previously been debunked by the Post's own fact checker. Blog July 8, 2019 CYDNEY HARGIS <https://www.mediamatters.org/blog/2019/07/08/washington-post-gave-discredited-gun-researcher-john-lott-platform-push-repeatedly-disproven/224134>

## **NEW ZEALANDERS NOT COMPLYING WITH GUN BAN**

Kiwis are standing by their guns. by Russ Chastain - July 8, 2019

<https://www.alloutdoor.com/2019/07/08/new-zealanders-not-complying-gun-ban/>

## **LAWRENCE KEANE: THE DEMOCRATS REALLY ARE COMING FOR YOUR GUNS**

Now the presumed front-runner, former Vice President Joe Biden has put the entire firearms manufacturing industry in his crosshairs. "Our enemy is the gun manufacturers, not the NRA, the gun manufacturers," Biden said.

Not a single candidate on the stage denounced the comment. Their silence is tacit agreement. Every Democratic candidate is now gunning for an industry that supports 312,000 jobs earning \$15.7 billion in wages and has a total economic impact over \$52 billion. The firearms industry is an integral contributor to our economy, having paid more than \$6.8 billion in total taxes in 2019 alone. By Lawrence G. Keane | Fox News - July 8, 2019

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/lawrence-keane-the-democrats-really-are-coming-for-your-guns>

## **A MILLION GUNS: PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE STILL STRUGGLES TO SEIZE LOOSE, UNREGISTERED FIREARMS**

- THE PNP is working to recover at least more than a million loose firearms, most of which are in the hands of individuals in Mindanao. Part of the bulk is also with criminal syndicates and private armed groups. By Rene Acosta - July 7, 2019 <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2019/07/07/a-million-guns/>

## **WAVE OF SHOOTINGS IN SWEDEN AS GANGS SETTLE SCORES**

Last year more than 300 shootings resulted in 45 deaths and 135 injuries in Sweden. This year is on track to create another unwanted record. In Stockholm the first six months of the year have seen as many killings as the whole of 2018.

04/07/2019 <https://www.france24.com/en/20190704-wave-shootings-sweden-gangs-settle-scores>

## **NEW ZEALAND COMPLIANCE RATE FOR GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM STANDS AT LESS THAN 1**

**PERCENT** - But police told New Zealand radio host Ryan Bridge that “probably hundreds of thousands” of guns are now prohibited, and the Washington Post reported this week that only 700 firearms have been voluntarily surrendered. Given that authorities estimate there are 1.2 million to 1.5 million firearms of any type in the country, total compliance to the law passed in April likely stands somewhere between 0.7% and 0.1%. by Jordan Michaels on July 2, 2019

<https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/new-zealand-compliance-1/>

## **THE SCIENCE IS SETTLED: RESEARCH SHOWS GUN CONTROL LAWS DO NOT REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME OR SUICIDES**

- Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership sees lots of “studies” marketed as gun control justification that we don’t have time to report on in detail, though they all should be. Thankfully, they often are reviewed by other Second Amendment advocates. We thought we’d catch up on a few. By Robert B. Young, MD is a psychiatrist practicing in Pittsford, NY, an associate clinical professor at the University of Rochester School of Medicine, and a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. This article originally appeared at drgo.us and is reprinted here with permission. by TTAG Contributor - Mar 17, 2019 - 75 comments

<https://www.thetruthaboutguns.com/the-science-is-settled-research-shows-gun-control-laws-do-not-reduce-violent-crime-or-suicides/>

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

**BRAID: TRUDEAU SAYS ANTI-PIPELINE CANDIDATE HELPS HIM HEAR 'RANGE OF VIEWS' — AN ABSURD ARGUMENT** - Like Guilbeault, Mitchell is at least direct and honest. Together they carry a clear message for Alberta. If the Liberals are elected, and Trans Mountain somehow stalls or fails, Alberta can forget about shipping a drop of petroleum anywhere but the U.S. By DON BRAID, CALGARY HERALD - July 12, 2019

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/politics/braid-anti-pipeline-candidate-helps-trudeau-hear-range-of-views>

## **MINISTER'S RHETORIC MASKS REALITY OF BILL C-69 MISGUIDED PROJECT RULES**

In response to federal Natural Resources Minister Amarjeet Sohi: Hon. Minister Sohi asserts that passage of Bill C-69 constitutes “better rules that protect the environment, provide certainty for industry, restore public trust and meaningfully include Indigenous peoples in the process. It is essential that Canadians have facts that enhance public discourse, not political rhetoric. Regrettably, the passage of Bill C-69 effectively ignored advice from industry, independent experts, foundations and senior financial experts who have decried the accelerating regulatory damage to Canada’s economy. In particular, cabinet dismissed so-called “industry amendments” out of hand. However, if the industry can’t survive under the conditions created under Bill C-69, isn’t that a problem not just for industry but the economy and indeed the country? By Colleen Collins is vice-president of the Canada West Foundation, Calgary and Ron Wallace is a retired permanent member of the National Energy Board and an executive fellow of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, Calgary.

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-ministers-rhetoric-masks-reality-of-misguided-project-rules>

## **CORBELLA: ALBERTA COMPANY TURNS TRASH INTO DIESEL WITH ITS 'GAME-CHANGING' TECHNOLOGY**

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