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**National and International Gun Control News for the week ending August 9, 2019**

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**POSTS FROM CANADA**

**CSSA COMMENTARY: ELECTION INTERFERENCE BEGINS WITH THE TRUDEAU LIBERALS**

Creating a list of state-approved and “trusted” media outlets, then shoveling dump-trucks full of cash into their bank accounts, is guaranteed to deliver a certain result – and not one would expect from an independent media. It’s hard to claim journalistic independence when you’re beholden to the government for your paycheck, up to \$55,000 per year per employee. Team CSSA E-News | August 9, 2019 <https://cssa-cila.org/2019/08/team-cssa-e-news-august-9-2019/>

**EDITORIAL: FORGET THE DISTRACTIONS – FOCUS ON REAL CRIMINALS**

There are real criminals out there causing safety problems in our communities. Our law enforcement for the most part already has the laws in place to crack down on them. No more sideshows, no more distractions. Law and order is the answer. Toronto Sun - Postmedia News - August 9, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-forget-the-distractions-focus-on-real-criminals>

**TORONTO POLICE CHIEF SAYS 'PATTERNS ARE IDENTICAL' IN VAST MAJORITY OF GUN**

**VIOLENCE** - Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders said “people are not born to be street gang members, they become.” Street gang members are what the city’s police chief believes is the root cause behind a recent spate of shootings that peaked over the August long weekend and continued over the following days. “I know that people are concerned and I completely understand that,” he said. “I do want to underline that this recent gun activity, these shootings that have happened over the past 10 days, by in large have street gang connotations to them or are street gang related and the vast majority of them we cannot exclude street gang sub-culture activity.” By Kayla Goodfield, CTV News Toronto, August 9, 2019 <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/toronto-police-chief-says-patterns-are-identical-in-vast-majority-of-gun-violence-1.4542797>

**CBC - ONTARIO IS 'SPREADING MONEY OUT' TO POLICE TO DEAL WITH GUN VIOLENCE: FORD**

'We're going to work collaboratively with them because it's a big problem,' Ford says

By Kate Bueckert · CBC News · Posted: Aug 09, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/gun-violence-southern-ontario-premier-ford-1.5241733>

<https://torontosun.com/news/provincial/ford-says-illegal-guns-to-blame-for-shootings-plaguing-toronto>

**ROY GREEN: DOES LEGAL ACCESS TO FIREARMS LEAD TO MASS SHOOTINGS?**

Canadians are expressing strong public sentiment about the availability of handguns and assault weapons. Ban all personal gun ownership in Canada? Absolutely not. However, 14 shootings in Toronto last weekend and the memories of last summer’s deaths and injuries on Toronto’s Danforth Avenue are reasons for reflection. By Roy Green, Corus Radio Network Global News - August 9, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/5747253/gun-ownership-restrictions/>

**326 PEOPLE ACCUSED OF GUN CRIMES ARE ROAMING AROUND TORONTO RIGHT NOW**

Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders told reporters today that 326 people who have been charged with gun crimes are out on bail right now. In a news conference at Toronto Police Headquarters, Saunders addressed the recent string of gun violence in the city. Saunders did note that making adjustments to bail is not the only way to combat gun violence and

significantly decrease or stop shootings from happening, though he was not forthcoming with alternative options. By Lisa Belmonte - August 9, 2019 <https://www.narcity.com/news/ca/on/toronto/toronto-gun-charges-have-left-over-300-accused-offenders-out-on-bail>

### **ACTION ON HANDGUNS MIGHT HELP TRUDEAU UNITE VOTERS**

In limiting, or indeed banning handguns and assault rifles in Canada, the Trudeau Liberals have a rare opportunity to unify significant segments of the voting population. They should make the most of it.

By Shachi Kurl, Ottawa Citizen - Updated: August 9, 2019 Shachi Kurl is Executive Director of the Angus Reid Institute, a national, not-for-profit, non-partisan public opinion research foundation.

<https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/kurl-action-on-handguns-might-help-trudeau-unite-voters>

### **CBC - RARE WOLF ATTACK INJURES CAMPER, SHUTS DOWN BANFF CAMPGROUND**

Parks Canada believes only 1 wolf was involved but has closed Rampart Creek as a precaution.

CBC News · Posted: Aug 09, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/wolf-attack-rampart-creek-banff-1.5242201>

### **PREMIER FORD CITES “LEGAL GUN OWNERS” IN OPPOSITION TO BAN**

Premier Ford has reiterated his opposition to a handgun ban for Ontario or Toronto. He said that crime is not committed by legal gun owners, which is reasonable but not conclusive. Opposition to handguns comes typically from non-owners who believe fewer such weapons in total will make a safer City. Actuarial science seems to suggest this is true. The South Bayview Bulldog - August 9, 2019 <http://bayview-news.com/2019/08/premier-ford-cites-legal-gun-owners-in-opposition-to-ban.html/>

### **TRUMP SAYS HE WANTS MEANINGFUL GUN BACKGROUND CHECKS, SEEKS NRA INPUT**

U.S. President Donald Trump said Friday he believes he has influence to rally Republicans around stronger federal background-check laws as Congress and the White House work on a response to last weekend's mass shootings in Texas and Ohio. By Zeke Miller And Deb Riechmann, The Associated Press Published August 9, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/us-politics/article-trump-says-nras-views-should-be-respected-as-congress-weighs-gun/>

### **SCANDAL-RIDDEN NRA HEAD WAYNE LAPIERRE DIGS IN AGAINST GUN CONTROL IN AFTERMATH OF TWO DEADLY SHOOTINGS**

- The man largely responsible for the NRA's uncompromising stance is its decades-long chief executive, Wayne LaPierre, who has been engulfed in turmoil and legal issues as he orchestrates the group's latest effort to push back against gun control measures. By Lisa Marie Pane, The Associated Press - Published August 9, 2019 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/us-politics/article-scandal-ridden-nra-head-wayne-lapierre-digs-in-against-gun-control-in/>

<https://montreal.citynews.ca/2019/08/09/scandal-ridden-nra-head-lapierre-digs-in-against-gun-control/>

### **LAWTON: THE LEFT WANTS YOUR GUNS**

The Left in Canada – activists, the media, left-wing political parties – want to target law-abiding gun owners in response to gang-related gun crime in Toronto and even outside of the country. True North's Andrew Lawton, a licensed and law-abiding gun owner, is live with the latest. True North Premiered Aug 8, 2019 - 1,684 views

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePHq\\_k1OuTQ&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePHq_k1OuTQ&feature=youtu.be)

## **YORK POLICE ARREST 50 AND SEIZE MILLIONS IN DRUGS**

A TEC-9 was among the weapons seized by York police in Projects Zen and Moon

By Jack Boland, Toronto Sun - August 8, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/york-police-arrest-50-and-seize-millions-in-drugs>

## **TORONTO STAR STEALTH EDITS CLAIM THAT LAWFUL GUN OWNERS ARE “EFFECTIVE” KILLERS**

| **SHEILA GUNN REID** The Rebel.media reports: The Toronto Star edited a story to make a pro-gun control lobbyist seem less crazy and less bigoted towards lawful Canadian gun owners. Wendy Cukier, the Coalition for Gun Control president, said that legal gun owners tend to be more effective in killing people because they spend time at target practice, or hunting. Rebel Media - Published on Aug 8, 2019 9,617 views

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dvfbLy5uQw8&feature=em-uploademail>

## **CBC - PROPOSED HANDGUN BAN IS 'NONSENSE' THAT DOESN'T ADDRESS ROOTS OF VIOLENCE, SAYS TORONTO MOTHER**

- Evelyn Fox's 26-year-old son, Kiesingar Gunn, was killed by a stray bullet outside a Toronto club in 2016 CBC Radio · Posted: Aug 08, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-thursday-edition-1.5240203/proposed-handgun-ban-is-nonsense-that-doesn-t-address-roots-of-violence-says-toronto-mother-1.5240207>

## **CBC - LIBERALS WON'T COMMIT TO HANDGUN BAN, BUT SET FIREARMS CONTROL ON ELECTION AGENDA**

- Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction Minister Bill Blair said Thursday he had been asked to study a handgun ban, but suggested there are other "very effective measures" that can be taken to prevent the deadly weapons from getting in the hands of criminals. Blair said more money to stop the flow of guns crossing into Canada from the U.S. — what he called "the greatest arsenal in the world" — along with stricter storage requirements and enhanced tracing for when a gun has been bought legally then stolen or sold illegally, are some of the measures he said could tackle gun violence. "There's no one simple solution. There's a thousand things we must do and we must do them all well. And that's our commitment," he said. By Kathleen Harris · CBC News · Posted: Aug 08, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/blair-liberals-handguns-election-1.5240785>

<https://www.pentictonwesternnews.com/news/more-can-be-done-investments-needed-to-surpress-gang-violence-in-okanagan/>

<https://globalnews.ca/video/5741930/guns-are-deadly-especially-in-urban-environment-bill-blair>

## **THE MORE GUN OWNERSHIP, THE MORE MASS SHOOTINGS. ‘THAT ISN’T ROCKET SCIENCE,’**

**STUDY SAYS** - For Adam Lankford, it “isn’t rocket science” to explain the leading factor in mass shootings. “By definition, firearms are needed for people to commit mass shootings,” the University of Alabama researcher wrote in a March paper. By Jesse Ferreras and Maryam Shah Global News - August 8, 2018

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5734954/gun-ownership-mass-shootings-united-states/>

## **CBC - RCMP OPENING NEW FORENSIC LAB AMID BACKLOG CONCERNS**

Last year, the 3 operating labs in B.C., Edmonton and Ottawa processed 17,154 forensic requests. The Surrey location replaces the 45-year-old lab in Vancouver and will complement labs in Edmonton and Ottawa.

By Catharine Tunney · CBC News · Posted: Aug 08, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rcmp-forensic-lab-backlog-1.5239994?cmp=rss>

## **WE’RE NOT IMMUNE TO GUN VIOLENCE, BUT HAVE SANER DEBATES**

Gun-control advocates on this side of the border will have an easier time adding restrictions to what are much, much tighter regulations in this country following a long weekend orgy of gun violence in Toronto that saw 17 people shot

during 14 different incidents. Shootings in the city are up two-and-half times since 2014. By Steve Kannon - August 8, 2019 <https://observerextra.com/2019/08/08/were-not-immune-to-gun-violence-but-have-saner-debates/>

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE GLOBE AND MAIL**

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**Date:** Wed, 7 Aug 2019 13:41:17 -0400 (EDT)

**From:** Rob Sciuk <rob@controlq.com>

**Subject:** Letter to Globe and Mail (just sent)

**Re:** Globe and Mail Editorial: Easy to conceal, and no legit purposes

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-easy-to-conceal-and-no-legit-purpose-why-its-time-to-ban-handguns/>

Dear Sir/Madame: I am shocked that the Globe and Mail editorial staff are lending their voice, and credence to the hyperbolic calls to ban the firearms of law abiding citizens, while ignoring the elephant in the room. The Trudeau Liberals recently passed a law to amend the criminal code (C-75), and it literally reduces sentences for violent offenses, such as gun crime, relaxes bail conditions for violent offenders, and allows the judges the option to treat a violent crime as a "summary offense". Ironically, shootings, drug smuggling, and even smuggling illicit firearms into the country can now be treated as "summary offenses" attracting no jail time whatsoever. Continuing to flog the people who are not responsible for the mayhem in the streets may serve to signal your virtue far and wide, but it will not address the problem. Ending the rights of law abiding citizens while subsidizing the actions of criminal gangs is not a solution to any problem that we actually have, nor can I imagine a world where such measures will have any justification at all. This is not the Globe and Mail I remember fondly. Sincerely, Robert S. Sciuk

## **ALBERTA, QUEBEC NOT SIGNED UP FOR LIBERAL GUNS, GANGS PLAN**

Seven provinces and Yukon have signed agreements since last March for funding from \$2.2 million, in Yukon's case, to \$11 million for Ontario over two years. A total of \$42 million has been allotted. But Quebec and Alberta, along with Prince Edward Island, have not reached a deal to join one of the federal government's central initiatives from a 2015 Liberal election promise to address guns and gangs in Canadian cities. Nunavut and Northwest Territories have also yet to agree to a funding arrangement. By Tim Naumetz. Published on Aug 8, 2019 <https://ipolitics.ca/2019/08/08/alberta-quebec-not-signed-up-for-liberal-guns-gangs-plan/>

## **IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH US?**

Canada's gun regulations aren't draconian. Canadian federal law requires anyone who wants to own a gun to get a license, which means passing a background check and taking safety training — a process about as onerous as getting a driver's license. By Doyle McManus, The Hastings Tribute - Aug 8, 2019 [http://www.hastingstribune.com/doyle-mcmanus-is-there-something-wrong-with-us/article\\_4cac2442-b9dd-11e9-96fe-633eb9687385.html](http://www.hastingstribune.com/doyle-mcmanus-is-there-something-wrong-with-us/article_4cac2442-b9dd-11e9-96fe-633eb9687385.html)

## **LILLEY: GUN BANS WON'T WORK, LET'S DEAL WITH THE REAL ISSUES**

Banning handguns will only take them away from law-abiding citizens and leave them in the hands of people that won't heed to this ban, or any other law. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - August 7, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/news/crime/lilley-gun-bans-wont-work-lets-deal-with-the-real-issues>

## **TORONTO IS BASICALLY BEGGING OTTAWA FOR A HANDGUN BAN BUT IT'S NOT LOOKING GOOD**

Three handgun ban requests later and the government is still hesitating. By Anja Kundacina - Updated on August 07, 2019 <https://www.narcity.com/news/ca/on/toronto/toronto-handgun-ban-requested-three-times-by-mayor-tory-but-ottawa-remains-unsure>

## **TOUGHER GUN MEASURES ON ELECTION AGENDA IN WAKE OF TORONTO SHOOTINGS**

Gun control poised to be an issue in the coming fall election as Liberals get ready to unveil new measures that could include a crack down on assault-style weapons, perhaps even handguns. News Aug 07, 2019 by Bruce Campion-Smith Toronto Star <https://www.thespec.com/news-story/9539499-tougher-gun-measures-on-election-agenda-in-wake-of-toronto-shootings/>

## **CBC - 'IS IT GOING FAST ENOUGH? HELL NO.' THE SLOW MARCH TOWARD GUN CONTROL IN THE**

**U.S.** Recent shootings a step toward better U.S. gun control, some advocates say, but don't expect quick action

By Steven D'Souza · CBC News · Posted: Aug 07, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/gun-control-debate-us-dayton-el-paso-shootings-1.5238148>

## **ELLSON SENTENCED FOR DRUG AND FIREARM CHARGES**

Marion Ellson was sentenced Aug. 6 to 11 years in prison on the possession of carfentanil for the purpose of trafficking charge. A six-year sentence for possession of methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking, a one-year sentence for possession of a firearm without a licence and a **two-year sentence of possession of a firearm while prohibited will be served concurrently**. Estevan Mercury - August 7, 2019

<https://www.estevanmercury.ca/news/law-enforcement/ellson-sentenced-for-drug-and-firearm-charges-1.23908903>

## **AUGUST 7th POLL RESULTS**

**DO YOU AGREE WITH TORONTO MAYOR JOHN TORY THAT A HANDGUN BAN IS NEEDED IN**

**CANADA?** <https://www.baytoday.ca/polls/do-you-agree-with-toronto-mayor-john-tory-that-a-handgun-ban-is-needed-in-canada-12857>

Yes - 756 votes 23.54 %

No - 2426 votes 75.53 %

Unsure - 30 votes 0.93 %

Total votes: 3212

## **GLOBE EDITORIAL: EASY TO CONCEAL AND NO LEGIT PURPOSE – WHY IT’S TIME TO BAN HANDGUNS**

- In 1961, only one in six murders was carried out with a handgun. But handgun murders spiked in the 1990s. In each year over the past two decades, at least half of all firearm murders were carried out with a handgun. And whereas rifles and shotguns were the most common firearms used in rural murders, a handgun – easy to carry, easy to hide, easy to whip out when needed – is the preferred weapon in city violence, used in 63 per cent of urban firearm homicides.

- Canadian gun control has been a story of reasonable compromises, aimed at protecting legitimate users and weapons, while restricting and banning what is beyond those categories. Handguns should be placed in the beyond, because they have no legitimate purpose outside of policing. There is no reason for civilians to own them, particularly in cities and suburbs, where the vast majority of Canadians now live.

Editorial - Published August 6, 2019 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-easy-to-conceal-and-no-legit-purpose-why-its-time-to-ban-handguns/>

## **ON GUN CONTROL, THE LIBERALS ARE ALL TALK, NO ACTION**

As Toronto Mayor John Tory reiterated his call for a handgun ban in the wake of a weekend that had seen 14 shootings rock his city, Mr. Blair continued to play coy. “There is no option we will not consider, and if we are to take additional measures to address the threats posed by gun violence, we will need a mandate to do so,” the minister said on Tuesday. No one could accuse the ever-cagey Mr. Blair of shooting from the hip.



By Konrad Yakabuski, Globe and Mail - UPDATED AUGUST 7, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-on-gun-control-the-liberals-are-all-talk-no-action/>

### **RCI - GUN VIOLENCE ERUPTS ON HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN CANADA'S BIGGEST CITY**

Seventeen persons wound up shot in 14 incidents over Canada's August three-day holiday weekend.

By Terry Haig, Radio Canada International - Last Updated: Wednesday, August 7, 2019

<https://www.rcinet.ca/en/2019/08/06/gun-violence-erupts-on-holiday-weekend-in-canadas-biggest-city/>

### **RCMP SEIZE 100 GUNS DURING RESPONSE TO MISDIALED 911 CALL AT N.S. HOME**

While there was no emergency, police say they found 100 firearms in the home including 94 long guns and six handguns.

The Mounties say none of the weapons were properly secured, so they arrested the homeowner for unsafe storage of a firearm and seized all of the guns. By Staff The Canadian Press - August 7, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5735573/gun-seizure-911-misdial/>

### **CBC - WHY OTTAWA IS HEDGING WHEN IT COMES TO HANDGUNS**

In an interview Tuesday with CBC's Power & Politics, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said the government is weighing the results of last year's public consultations on tougher gun control measures and will put forward its proposals as part of the upcoming campaign. By Jonathon Gatehouse · CBC News · Posted: Aug 07, 2019 - 3,912 COMMENTS

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/handgun-ban-election-promise-1.5238111>

### **THE HILL TIMES - IT'S TIME TO TAKE AIM AT THE POLITICAL INACTION ON GUN CONTROL**

Every time there's a mass shooting in the United States, Canadians quickly jump on their high horses to crow about how much better we are than our dysfunctional American cousins. By Editorial - Aug. 7, 2019

<https://www.hilltimes.com/2019/08/07/its-time-to-take-aim-at-the-political-inaction-on-gun-control/210828>

### **PERSPECTIVES ON U.S. MASS SHOOTINGS FROM A CANADIAN IN MONTREAL**

At least we have measures in place to prevent this from happening again, unlike this one country...

By Teddy Elliot - Updated on August 06, 2019

<https://www.mtlblog.com/opinions/canada/qc/perspectives-on-us-mass-shootings-from-a-canadian-in-montreal>

### **THE STAR - VIOLENT WEEKEND IN TORONTO DRAWS ATTENTION TO MISSED OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE CITY SAFER - Wendy Cukier, the Coalition for Gun Control president, said that legal gun owners tend**

**to be more effective in killing people because they spend time at target practice, or hunting.**

By Jennifer Pagliaro, City Hall Bureau AND Wendy Gillis, Crime Reporter - Tues., Aug. 6, 2019 - 9 min. read

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/08/06/violent-weekend-in-toronto-draws-attention-to-missed-opportunities-to-make-city-safer.html>

### **ONTARIO PREMIER FORD REJECTS GUN BANS, TORONTO SUN REPORTS**

TheGunBlog.ca — Ontario Premier Doug Ford is standing up for the millions of hunters, farmers and sport shooters across Canada by opposing proposals from the prime minister and the mayor of Toronto to criminalize gun owners or seize their gear. Ford reiterated his opposition to Toronto Mayor John Tory today, the Toronto Sun reported. The paper said Sylvia Jones, the solicitor general, backed him up. THEGUNBLOG.CA - AUGUST 6, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/08/06/ontario-premier-ford-rejects-gun-bans-toronto-sun-reports/>

## MAN CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH MARLBOROUGH SHOOTING

A man has been charged with seven firearm-related offences after a shooting outside a convenience store in Calgary's northeast last week. Ahmed Hassan Rakka is charged with one count each of discharging a firearm with intent to wound, possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle, possession of a firearm without a licence, possession of a firearm without a registration certificate, possession of a prohibited/restricted firearm with ammunition, **possession of a firearm contrary to a prohibition order and breach of a recognizance order**. By SAMMY HUDES, Calgary Sun & Herald - Updated: August 6, 2019 <https://calgarysun.com/news/crime/man-charged-in-connection-with-marlborough-shooting>

## BRIAN LILLEY: CHANGING CANADIAN GUN LAWS AFTER AMERICAN MASS SHOOTINGS IS

**FOOLISH** - The gun problem in Canada is one of crime, not target shooters or hunters. Criminals using smuggled guns that they buy on the black market and that already violate countless other gun laws. Those people will not abide by any of the bans discussed above. If there are sensible steps that can be made to make Canadians safer then I'm all for having that conversation but copying the cries of American activists won't do anything in this country. Let's have a discussion based on facts. Let's focus on the real problem, criminals and not law abiding gun owners. August 6, 2019 Brian Lilley Canadian Politics <http://brianlilley.com/changing-canadian-gun-laws-after-american-mass-shootings-is-foolish/>

## TORY, FORD DISAGREE ON NEED FOR HANDGUN BAN

Ivana Yelich, a spokesperson for Ford, said Tuesday the Premier was last asked about a handgun ban in 2018 and his position has not changed. Such a ban will have no impact on those who don't obey the law, Yelich said. "We don't believe it's an effective way to combat guns and gangs," she said. By Antonella Artuso - August 6, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/tory-ford-disagree-on-need-for-handgun-ban>

## GOODALE: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOT IGNORING SPATE OF GUN VIOLENCE IN TORONTO

Speaking to reporters in Ottawa Tuesday, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale outlined the steps his government was already undertaking to address gun violence both in Toronto, ON and across Canada. August 6, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/video/5731906/goodale-federal-government-not-ignoring-spate-of-gun-violence-in-toro>

## ALBERTA GOV'T SAYS BROKEN TRUST IN HIGH RIVER IS AN RCMP RESPONSIBILITY

Municipal Affairs FOIP Response - Missing Information Complaint by Dennis R. Young - August 5, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/08/05/alberta-govt-says-broken-trust-in-high-river-is-an-rcmp-responsibility/>

**EXCERPT #1:** *"In addressing the following part of your scope: "whether or not the corrective action restored trust in the RCMP among the High River residents who suffered the consequences of those mistakes", the ministry did not locate any responsive records in their custody and/or control as the ministry would not undertake an assessment of the relationship between the RCMP and residents of High River. **The actions taken by the RCMP in High River during the flood response and any resulting corrective actions that the RCMP may have taken in response to those actions would be under their jurisdiction and records relating to this matter should be requested from the RCMP.**"*

**EXCERPT #2:** Below is the link to the response I received from the Commissioner of the RCMP stating the Force is not interested in taking the steps necessary to rebuild trust in the RCMP among High River residents. <https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/05/20/high-river-luckis-letter-shows-lack-concern-rebuilding-trust-rcmp/>

## FIVE REALITIES TO STOP IGNORING IF WE AIM TO STOP MASS ATTACKERS

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian and U.S. politicians and mass media are acting out their usual routine following the weekend massacres in the U.S. and a few attacks across Toronto.

- Politicians exploit the events to win votes.
- Media exploit the events to win eyeballs.

- Everyone blames everyone except the person who pulled the trigger. (Blame: Trump, Scheer, NRA, video games, the Internet, YouTube, masculinity, racism, ...)
- Gun haters like Toronto Mayor John Tory enter their trance of mass hysteria. “Ban guns! Ban guns! Ban guns!” Society can follow this playbook for the next thousand years, but it won’t stop a single attacker. Here are five realities that we need to stop ignoring if we do want to stop the people who might kill us. THEGUNBLOG.CA - AUGUST 5, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/08/05/five-realities-to-stop-ignoring-if-we-aim-to-stop-mass-attackers/>

### **CTV - CLASSMATES: OHIO SHOOTER KEPT A 'HIT LIST' AND A 'RAPE LIST'**

DAYTON, Ohio -- High school classmates of the gunman who killed nine people early Sunday in Dayton, Ohio, say he was suspended for compiling a "hit list" of those he wanted to kill and a "rape list" of girls he wanted to sexually assault. CTV National News - By Michael Biesecker and Julie Carr Smyth, The Associated Press - Published Monday, August 5, 2019 <https://www.ctvnews.ca/world/classmates-ohio-shooter-kept-a-hit-list-and-a-rape-list-1.4536880>

### **GLOBAL - TRUMP PUSHES FOR ‘STRONG BACKGROUND CHECKS’ AFTER 2 MASS SHOOTINGS**

**CLAIM 29 LIVES** - President Donald Trump claimed Monday he wanted Washington to “come together” after two weekend mass shootings on legislation providing “strong background checks” for gun users, but he provided no details and has reneged on previous promises to strengthen gun laws. GLOBAL NEWS - By Zeke Miller, The Associated Press - August 5, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/5727471/trump-background-checks-mass-shootings/>  
<https://www.newyorker.com/news/our-columnists/some-reasons-to-be-skeptical-about-trumps-embrace-of-gun-control>

### **CANADA ONCE SOLD THE IDEA THAT GUNS TURNED BOYS INTO MEN**

Generations of men grew up hunting and using firearms in rural areas. However, as I've shown in my book *Arming and Disarming: A History of Gun Control in Canada*, the connection between young men and guns was also shaped and encouraged in the past by governments and businesses with the result that the relationship became ingrained and difficult to break. By R. Blake Brown - MENAFN Date - 8/5/2019 <https://menafn.com/1098847228/Canada-once-sold-the-idea-that-guns-turned-boys-into-men>

**ANDREW SCHEER MANAGES TO PISS OFF TRUDEAU, THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY & GUN CONTROL ADVOCATES ALL IN ONE WEEKEND** I've never accomplished this much in a weekend. By Stefanie Hanrahan - Updated on August 05, 2019 <https://www.mtlblog.com/news/canada/qc/montreal/andrew-scheer-manages-to-piss-off-trudeau-the-lgbtq-community-and-gun-control-lobbyists-all-in-one-weekend>

### **EXPERTS: MENTAL ILLNESS NOT MAIN DRIVER OF MASS SHOOTINGS**

by Carla K. Johnson, The Associated Press - Posted Aug 5, 2019 <https://montreal.citynews.ca/2019/08/05/experts-mental-illness-not-main-driver-of-mass-shootings/>

### **CBC - 5 INJURED AFTER SHOOTING IN 'PACKED' NORTH YORK NIGHTCLUB**

Officer Stacey Davis of the Toronto Police Service says police believe the suspects took off before they arrived, and that police are appealing to any witnesses to come forward. CBC News · Posted: Aug 05, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/north-york-club-shooting-1.5236497>

### **PAN AM GAMES LIMA 2019: USA CONTINUES AT TOP WHILE FIGHT FOR SECOND SPOT**

**INTENSIFIES** - Kimberly Rhode wins gold in her seven Pan Am Games. The morning was cold, but the sun shone in the afternoon, just as the incredible performance of the three-time Pan American skeet champion Kimberly Rhode, who



showed her talent again at Las Palmas Shooting Range. Canada has 64 medals but it's gold count is lower than that of Mexico. It has 16. By Rajan Nath - August 4, 2019

<https://www.ptcnews.tv/pan-am-games-lima-2019-usa-continues-at-top-while-fight-for-second-spot-intensifies/>

### **9 KILLED, 27 INJURED IN OHIO DURING SECOND MASS SHOOTING IN U.S. WITHIN 24 HOURS**

WATCH: Dayton, Ohio mayor Nan Whaley says the shooting suspect, who killed nine people and injured dozens of others, was wearing body armor while using an assault rifle with additional magazines.

By Jessica Vomiero, National Online Journalist, Global News - August 4, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5725445/mass-shooting-ohio-9-killed/>

### **D'AMATO: OUR DRUG ADDICTIONS ARE BEHIND MOST OF THE GUNFIRE**

Waterloo Region's surge in gun violence is fuelled by a flourishing drug trade. We can only overcome it if we put a stop to drug addictions here, Luisa D'Amato writes

Opinion Aug 03, 2019 by Luisa D'Amato Waterloo Region Record

<https://www.therecord.com/opinion-story/9533884-d-amato-our-drug-addictions-are-behind-most-of-the-gunfire/>

### **CANADA'S ROUTLEDGE REACHES FIRST PAN AM SHOOTING FINAL BEFORE FADING**

The 23-year-old from Calgary was fourth in the 28-man field after shooting without a miss over three of five 25-shot qualification rounds. Routledge hit 11 of 20 targets in the final.

By Gregory Strong / The Canadian Press - August 3, 2019

<https://www.thompsoncitizen.net/canada-s-routledge-reaches-first-pan-am-shooting-final-before-fading-1.23905316>

### **CBC - FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE FROM ACROSS COUNTRY ARE ALLOWED TO HUNT IN SASK. WITHOUT LICENCE, JUDGE RULES**

Before the ruling, the province only allowed hunters from treaties within Saskatchewan (Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10) to hunt for food on Crown land in the province. Any member of a First Nation outside of that area needed to have a licence.

However, in the decision, Judge D. John Kovach said that the Saskatchewan Natural Resources Transfer Agreement (NRTA) allows any Canadian treaty Indian to hunt on unoccupied Crown land. FSIN calls decision a 'vindication' of treaty rights. CBC News · Posted: Aug 01, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/sask-first-nations-hunting-1.5233289>

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

#### **WHAT ARE "RED FLAG" LAWS, AND WHICH STATES HAVE IMPLEMENTED THEM?**

There is one gun control measure that is garnering bipartisan support: extreme risk protection orders (ERPO), more commonly referred to as "red flag" laws. Sen. Lindsey Graham, Republican of South Carolina, says he's introducing a bipartisan red flag proposal with Connecticut Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal. Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have already implemented such laws. By Grace Segers - Updated on: August 9, 2019 CBS News

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/what-are-red-flag-laws-and-which-states-have-implemented-them/>

#### **TRUMP'S OWN AIDES DOUBT HIS LATEST PUSH ON GUNS**

And Democrats do, too. By Russell Berman, Peter Nicholas, Elaina Plott, The Atlantic - Aug 9, 2019

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/08/trump-gun-legislation/595828/>

## **NO ONE NEEDS A HANDGUN**

I'm up for the argument: tell me, why should handguns even be sold in this country? More to the point, instead of arguing, I'm more than willing to listen to a side of the debate that, right now, I just can't seem to figure out.

Anyone up for it? (And, for ease in contacting me, here's my email, even though it's also at the bottom of the column —

[russell.wangersky@thetelegram.com](mailto:russell.wangersky@thetelegram.com) ) By Russell Wangersky , The Guardian - August 9, 2019

<https://www.theguardian.pe.ca/opinion/columnists/russell-wangersky-no-one-needs-a-handgun-339727/>

## **GOOD GUY WITH A GUN APPEARS TO HAVE STOPPED A WOULD-BE SHOOTER AT A MISSOURI**

**WALMART** - An off-duty fireman with a concealed carry permit was credited with stopping the suspect, holding him at gunpoint until police arrived. By Matt Vespa, Town Hall - Posted: Aug 08, 2019

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/mattvespa/2019/08/08/close-call-missouri-police-arrested-man-armed-with-rifle-at-local-walmart-n2551435>

**DR. LOTT: DEMOCRAT GUN RESTRICTIONS NOT MAKING AMERICANS SAFER** - As Democrats call for more restrictions on gun rights, a leading scholar on the relationship between firearms and crime says none of the proposed restrictions will make Americans safer. One America's John Hines has more from Washington - OAN

Newsroom - Thursday, August 8, 2019 <https://www.oann.com/dr-lott-democrat-gun-restrictions-not-making-americans-safer/>

<https://www.thechestnutpost.com/news/crime-prevention-research-center-president-john-lott-on-the-politics-of-mass-shootings/>

## **MASS SHOOTINGS AREN'T BECOMING MORE COMMON—AND EVIDENCE CONTRADICTS**

**STEREOTYPES ABOUT THE SHOOTERS** - Here are four common misconceptions about mass homicides and who commits them. By Christopher J. Ferguson, Foundation for Economic Education - Thursday, August 8, 2019

<https://fee.org/articles/mass-shootings-arent-becoming-more-common-and-evidence-contradicts-stereotypes-about-the-shooters/>

## **WSJ - GOING TO EXTREMES AGAINST GUNS**

**Threatening to take voters' firearms away isn't the way to beat Donald Trump.**

By Kimberley A. Strassel, Wall Street Journal - Aug. 8, 2019

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/going-to-extremes-against-guns-11565302002>

## **GUN-CONTROL POLICIES LIKE UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS HAVE DIFFERENT IMPACTS IN CITIES AND RURAL AREAS, NEW STUDY SAYS**

- The latest research, published in the Journal of Rural Health, linked universal background checks required at the point of sale with 13% lower firearm homicide rates in big cities — but found no such relationship for smaller localities. By Meera Jagannathan Published: Aug 8, 2019

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/gun-control-policies-like-universal-background-checks-dont-have-the-same-effect-in-cities-as-rural-areas-2019-08-08>

## **NPR - HOW THE CDC'S RELUCTANCE TO USE THE 'F-WORD' — FIREARMS — HINDERS SUICIDE**

**PREVENTION** - Almost 40,000 people died from guns in 2017 alone — 60% of those deaths were suicides. Guns are the most common method used for suicide. By Nell Greenfieldboyce - August 8, 2019 - Heard on All Things Considered

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/08/08/738533533/how-the-cdcs-reluctance-to-use-the-f-word-firearms-hinders-suicide-prevention>

## **RAMPANT GUN VIOLENCE: US TRAVEL WARNING ISSUED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL**

Amnesty International is urging visitors to US to be cautious amid a “human rights crisis” they blame on “ubiquity of firearms” and government reluctance to confiscate them. Travelers to the US “cannot reasonably expect to be free from harm,” Amnesty International USA’s Ernest Coverson said in a statement, advising people that “the country does not

adequately protect people's right to be safe.” By Chief Assignment Editor - August 8, 2019 Chief Assignment Duty Editor based in Honolulu <https://www.eturbonews.com/260092/rampant-gun-violence-us-travel-warning-issued-by-amnesty-international/>

**BERNIE SANDERS SAYS PRIVATE CITIZENS HAVE UP TO 10 MILLION ASSAULT WEAPONS, MORE THAN US MILITARY** - Sanders' claim suffers a bit from comparing private and military weapons, which are different. Plus, he has to rely on wildly varying estimates, although his seems on the lower end. We'll sort out the facts for you. By Tom Kertscher on Thursday, August 8th, 2019 <https://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2019/aug/08/bernie-sanders/do-private-citizens-have-5-10-million-assault-weapon/>

### **THE DARK SIDE OF THE UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECK BILL HR8**

USA – -(AmmoLand.com)- H.R. 8 is sold as a “background check bill” to keep guns away from bad people, but we know from 50 years experience that less than 1% of the bad people who fail the background checks are prosecuted. Six Items not mentioned by most critics of H.R. 8. Ammoland Inc. Posted on August 8, 2019 by Utah Shooting Sports Council <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/08/the-dark-side-of-the-universal-background-check-bill-hr8/#axzz5w7C0S8Qz>

**BURGLARS DRIVE TRUCK THROUGH ARMORY, STEAL 'UNDETERMINED' NUMBER OF HANDGUNS, RIFLES** - Just after 5 a.m. on Wednesday, deputies with the Troup County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to FMJ Armory in LaGrange, regarding a burglar alarm activation. Seven minutes later, when deputies arrived, they discovered a large hole in the side of the building "where it appeared a vehicle had rammed through the wall," Sgt. Stewart Smith said. Smith said the unidentified group entered the building after driving the truck through the wall and began smashing cases, "taking an undetermined number of handguns and rifles and fleeing the location in the stolen truck." By Jason Braverman - Updated August 8, 2019 <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/burglars-drive-truck-through-armory-steal-undetermined-number-of-handguns-rifles/ar-AAFtNYA>  
<https://www.ajc.com/news/crime--law/burglars-drive-truck-into-georgia-gun-shop-steal-rifles-and-handguns/R5WXb2SziZ1oITPdejVzzI/>

### **THE OUTDOOR WIRE - AUGUST 8, 2019 NRA CONTROVERSY HEATS UP...AGAIN**

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/082f2db6-d505-4ddc-88ed-50bc5b03251d>

After being pushed off the front pages of the outdoor media by the shootings in Texas and Ohio, the internal affairs of the National Rifle Association are, unfortunately, back in the news. Yesterday morning, the Washington Post reopened the saga with a report detailing discussions regarding the proposed purchase of a \$6 million mansion in a gated Dallas, Texas-area golf community for CEO Wayne LaPierre. According to that report, LaPierre, concerned that he would be targeted following the shootings at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, wanted to move from his current home to something “more secure”.

### **CONSERVATIVES MOBILIZE AGAINST REPUBLICANS SUPPORTING ‘RED FLAG’ GUN**

**CONFISCATION LAW** - Pro-gun activists pressure Republican senators, claim ‘Red Flag’ laws violate rights and don't work. By Patrick Howley - August 7, 2019 [https://m.theepochtimes.com/conservatives-mobilize-against-republicans-supporting-red-flag-gun-confiscation-law\\_3033422.html](https://m.theepochtimes.com/conservatives-mobilize-against-republicans-supporting-red-flag-gun-confiscation-law_3033422.html)

### **POLL: AMERICANS WANT ACTION ON GUN CONTROL, BUT MIXED ON SOLUTIONS**

John Lott, PhD, is the president of the Crime Prevention Research Center. He cautions Congress to be careful with any legislation they might pass. I think the irony is we pass gun control regulations and they make it so that the victims, rather

than the killers obey the laws,” said Lott, who has a doctorate in economics. by ANGELICA ALVAREZ, Sinclair Broadcast Group - Wednesday, August 7, 2019 <https://wjla.com/news/nation-world/rasmussen-poll-shows-where-americans-stand-on-gun-control>

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER UNLOADS ON SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON OVER GUN DATABASE**

Cook County Public Defender Amy Campanelli unloaded on Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson. Johnson said the **"Gun Offenders Dashboard"** also tracks whether those accused of gun offenses were able to post bail. Johnson said the public needs to know about gun offenders released on bond who commit violent offenses. Campanelli is demanding Johnson take down the website. “Even sex offenders don’t go on a registry until they’ve been convicted,” Campanelli said. “He has now put out all these people’s names on a dashboard who have not been convicted of the offense they are charged with and made them wear a Scarlett Letter.” Posted August 7, 2019, by Tahman Bradley <https://wgntv.com/2019/08/07/public-defender-unloads-on-superintendent-johnson-over-gun-database/>

**U.K. - DOZENS OF ILLEGAL SHOTGUNS, RIFLES AND HANDGUNS HANDED TO WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE IN FIREARMS AMNESTY** - West Yorkshire Police allowed the public to surrender their firearms without fear of prosecution. By Ben Abbiss, Multimedia Journalist - 7 AUG 2019

<https://www.examinerlive.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/dozens-illegal-shotguns-rifles-handguns-16715232>  
<https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/hampshire-news/machine-gun-handguns-rifles-among-16706743>

### **GUN CONTROL ADVOCATES WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DUMPSTER FIRE AT THE NRA**

The Dumpster Fire at the NRA Could Be Gun Control Advocates' Big Chance. Gun-control advocates are hoping to use the turmoil that’s engulfed the National Rifle Association this summer to make gains in their cause from coast to coast, but they know it won’t be a quick — or easy — legislative brawl. Just last week three NRA board members resigned after complaining the pro-gun group’s administrators weren’t being honest with them about the group’s plummeting finances, which watchdog group Open Secrets has shown dropped from more than \$163 million in 2016 to \$128 million in 2017. Now it's coping with revelations that CEO Wayne LaPierre wanted the nonprofit to buy him a \$6 million French-style mansion on a Dallas golf course. By Matt Laslo - Aug 7, 2019 [https://news.vice.com/en\\_us/article/pa7yyn/gun-control-advocates-want-to-take-advantage-of-the-dumpster-fire-at-the-nra](https://news.vice.com/en_us/article/pa7yyn/gun-control-advocates-want-to-take-advantage-of-the-dumpster-fire-at-the-nra)

### **BIPARTISAN 'RED FLAG' GUN LAWS PLAN HAS SUPPORT IN CONGRESS**

The emerging plan would create a federal grant program to encourage states to adopt “red flag” laws to take guns away from people believed to be dangers to themselves or others. A similar bill never came up for a vote in the GOP-controlled Senate last year, but both parties express hope that this year will be different. President Donald Trump has signalled support for the plan. By The Associated Press - August 7, 2019 <https://beta.canada.com/pmn/news-pmn/bipartisan-red-flag-gun-laws-plan-has-support-in-congress/wcm/86913fb0-2fea-4288-b43a-52f255f121eb/amp/>

### **ARMING THE CARTELS: THE INSIDE STORY OF A TEXAS GUN-SMUGGLING RING**

Selling weapons south of the border is big business — and America’s loose gun laws are also devastating for Mexico. By Seth Harp, Rolling Stone - August 7, 2019 <https://www.rollingstone.com/culture/culture-features/arming-mexican-cartels-inside-story-of-a-texas-gun-smuggling-ring-866836/>

## **RED FLAG LAWS SET DANGEROUS PRECEDENT**

Harvard Law Professor Emeritus Alan Dershowitz argues red flag laws, though well-intentioned, will infringe on a citizen's constitutional rights and set a dangerous precedent, as the U.S. government is not very good at predicting who will commit violent acts. By Solange Reyner, Newsmax - Wednesday, 07 August 2019

<https://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/alan-dershowitz-red-flag-law-government-constitution/2019/08/07/id/927730/>

## **NATIONAL REVIEW - MASS MURDER WITHOUT GUNS**

There is much focus this week on the role of guns in mass murders. But the history of such atrocities teaches us that other methods can be just as effective. **I am currently creating an encyclopedia of mass murder in America and have catalogued 504 incidents so far.** Common methods used throughout our history include axes, hatchets, blunt objects, knives, hanging, drowning, poison gas, poison, fire, and aircraft (and not just on 9/11). Some of the rarer weapons demonstrate that where there is an evil will, there is a way. Scythes. Blowtorches. By Clayton E. Cramer, National Review - August 7, 2019 <https://www.nationalreview.com/2019/08/mass-murder-without-guns/>

## **THE OUTDOOR WIRE - AUGUST 7, 2019**

### **DOMESTIC THREATS DON'T GET INTERNATIONAL ASSETS**

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/4a7b18dd-2e90-4663-ab18-e4b93b4e77>

EXCERPT: But the Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center says it's not accurate to label mental illness as the primary motivation for violence. In fact, their research says grievances -personal, domestic or workplace-related ones, were the "triggers" in more than half (52%) of cases in 2018. Only nineteen percent were attributed to mental health issues. Unfortunately, the second largest cited statistical trigger (22%) was "Unknown". Sometimes, there are no obvious answers. However, the Secret Service NTAC study identified key behaviors which should have elicited concern. They included:

- Social media posts with "alarming content"
- Escalating anger or aggressive behavior
- Changes in behavior and appearance
- Expressions of suicidal thoughts
- Writing about violence or weapons
- Cutting off communications with others
- Inappropriate behavior toward women

## **TRUMP 'ALL IN FAVOR' OF EXPANDED BACKGROUND CHECKS AFTER MASS SHOOTINGS**

President Trump traveled to hospitals in Texas and Ohio Wednesday to console victims recovering from mass shootings that left 31 dead, and he pledged to advance gun control legislation, declaring himself "all in favor" of expanded background checks. Mr. Trump told reporters earlier in the day that he is working with congressional leaders in both parties on legislation focusing on more background checks for firearms purchases. By Dave Boyer - The Washington Times - Wednesday, August 7, 2019 <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/aug/7/donald-trump-backs-expanded-background-checks-aft/>

## **BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT RENEWS CALL FOR GUN CRIME REGISTRY IN CITY COUNCIL**

Black Star News - August 7, 2019

<http://www.blackstarnews.com/ny-watch/news/bronx-borough-president-diaz-jr-renews-call-for-gun-crime-registry-in>  
<https://www.ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/news/2019/08/09/bronx-bp--treat-gun-criminals-like-sex-offenders>

Borough President Diaz's public registry, which he first proposed in 2013, would be available online and would allow members of the public to search for information about gun offenders who live in their areas. Information about gun crime



offenders, under this proposal, would be publicly available so long as they are required to remain on the registry. The NYPD would publish this information on their website in a searchable database. Members of the public would be able to:

- (1) Access information about offenders including their names, partial addresses and photographs.
- (2) Search for offenders living in their communities.
- (3) Sign up for email updates whenever a gun offender moves into their neighborhood.

### **THESE ARE THE MOST POPULAR GUNS MADE IN THE US, AND HOW MANY AMERICANS OWN THEM**

- In 2016, US manufacturers made 11,497,441 firearms, including 4,239,335 rifles, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. That's an increase of more than 2 million weapons from the previous year. Gun manufacturers made 4,720,075 pistols in 2017, the largest portion of US gun manufacturing. Check out the slides below for insight into American gun ownership and manufacturing. BY Ellen Loanes, Business Insider- August 7, 2019 <https://www.businessinsider.com/how-many-people-have-most-popular-guns-in-the-us-2019-8>

### **ILLEGAL GUNS LEADING TO RISE IN MURDERS IN THE WESTERN CAPE**

The proliferation of illegal guns have seen a spike in gun murders on the Cape Flats, but on Tuesday Premier Alan Winde and Minister of Community Safety Albert Fritz released a joint statement celebrating the decline in deaths by gun violence this past weekend as a result of the deployment of the army. Of the 41 murders over the weekend, 16 were caused by gun violence, the lowest number in 10 weeks. The Western Cape has faced major problems in the past with gun violence. According to Lizette Lancaster of the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), firearms contribute to 41% of murders in South Africa, a number which is even higher in Gauteng and the Western Cape. News / 7 August 2019, 3:07pm / Madelyn Winchester <https://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/news/illegal-guns-leading-to-rise-in-murders-in-the-western-cape-30443334>

### **RUSSIAN MAN FACES 20 YEARS IN U.S. PRISON ON ARMS SMUGGLING CHARGES**

U.S. authorities have arrested a Russian immigrant on suspicion of illegally smuggling restricted firearms parts inside packages of jeans and sneakers into Russia. Vladimir Kuznetsov, 58, is alleged to have exported parts to assemble sniper rifles and other firearms without licenses “by methodically mislabeling the packages” for two and a half years. The Moscow Times - August 7, 2019 <https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2019/08/07/russian-man-faces-20-years-in-us-prison-on-arms-smuggling-charges-a66747>  
[https://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2019/08/07/Russian-charged-with-smuggling-gun-parts-out-of-US/1791565188545/](https://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2019/08/07/Russian-charged-with-smuggling-gun-parts-out-of-US/1791565188545/)

### **THE MIND OF A MASS SHOOTER OR WHY GUN CONTROL WON'T WORK**

Let's use statistics and psychological profiles, not inflamed rhetoric, to craft meaningful violence-control legislation.

By: Leesa K. Donner - August 06, 2019

<https://www.libertynation.com/the-mind-of-a-mass-shooter-or-why-gun-control-wont-work/>

### **MASS SHOOTINGS SPUR CALL FOR PROACTIVE 'DOMESTIC TERRORISM' CHARGES**

President Trump, senior members of Congress and others labeled this weekend's mass shootings as domestic terrorism. Yet there is no official crime by that name. There is, however, a growing consensus that it's time for change. Supporters of the designation say it would give federal investigators a tool to try to stop attacks such as the El Paso shooting rather than having to respond afterward. It would also open the door to stiffer federal penalties for those who plot attacks but are stopped or give up before they carry them out. The approach is better than having to shoehorn a clear terrorism case into other criminal laws, say those who have been involved with investigations. By Jeff Mordock - The Washington Times - Tuesday, August 6, 2019 <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/aug/6/dayton-el-paso-mass-shootings-spur-call-proactive-/>

## **WSJ - YES, MASS SHOOTINGS ARE TERRORISM**

But focusing on white nationalism or even politics would miss most of them.

By Holman W. Jenkins, Jr., Wall Street Journal - Aug. 6, 2019

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/yes-mass-shootings-are-terrorism-11565132452>

## **NPR - MASS SHOOTINGS CAN BE CONTAGIOUS, RESEARCH SHOWS**

The lead researcher, Sherry Towers, a faculty research associate at Arizona State University, had spent most of her career modeling the spread of infectious diseases — like Ebola, influenza and sexually transmitted diseases. She wanted to know whether cases of mass violence spread contagiously, like in a disease outbreak. So, she plugged each data set into a mathematical model. What we found was that for the mass killings — so these are high-profile mass killings where there's at least four people killed — there was significant evidence of contagion," says Towers. "We also found significant evidence of contagion in the school shootings. National Public Radio - Heard on All Things Considered August 6, 2019

<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/08/06/748767807/mass-shootings-can-be-contagious-research-shows>

## **HOW DOES EUROPE COMPARE WITH THE US ON GUN OWNERSHIP?**

Around 46% of all 857 million guns in civilian hands around the world belonged to people living in the United States in 2017, a survey has found. The SAS found that gun ownership among civilians (84.6%) dwarfed state militaries (13.1%) and law enforcements' (2.2%) stockpiles, and that number had grown by more than 200 million since 2006. In total, it is thought that there are more than 1 billion firearms in possession across 230 countries and autonomous territories around the world. By Sallyann Nicholls & Alice Tidey, Emma Beswick • last updated: 06/08/2019

<https://www.euronews.com/2019/08/05/which-european-country-boasts-the-most-guns->

## **TIME - 37 YEARS OF MASS SHOOTINGS IN THE U.S. IN ONE CHART**

A database of mass shootings compiled by Mother Jones going back to 1982 counts 114 such incidents in which at least three people were killed, not including the gunman. In that time, 932 people have been killed and 1,406 wounded, including the numbers from the El Paso and Dayton incidents. The following chart visualizes each mass shooting in terms of deaths and injuries. TIME has examined each incident and slightly adjusted some values as the death toll and number of injured has been clarified over time. By Chris Wilson -Updated: August 6, 2019 <https://time.com/4965022/deadliest-mass-shooting-us-history/>

<https://time.com/5643553/2019-mass-shootings-list/>

## **CNN - BUY-BACK SCHEMES AND STRICTER GUN LAWS: HOW OTHER COUNTRIES RESPONDED TO MASS SHOOTINGS**

- The US is far from the only country to have suffered mass shootings. However, several other countries have taken far greater steps to change national gun laws following such incidents. Here's a look at how other nations have responded. By Bianca Britton, CNN - Updated August 6, 2019

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/06/world/countries-response-mass-shooting-intl/index.html>

## **GALLUP: 71% OF AMERICANS SAY NO TO BANNING POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS**

By Michael W. Chapman | August 6, 2019

<https://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/michael-w-chapman/gallup-71-americans-say-no-banning-possession-handguns>

## **WE HAVE STUDIED EVERY MASS SHOOTING SINCE 1966. HERE'S WHAT WE'VE LEARNED ABOUT THE SHOOTERS**

- Instead of simply rehearsing for the inevitable, we need to use that data to drive effective prevention strategies. For two years, we've been studying the life histories of mass shooters in the United States for a project funded by the National Institute of Justice, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Justice. We've built a database dating back to 1966 of every mass shooter who shot and killed four or more people in a public place, and every shooting incident at

schools, workplaces, and places of worship since 1999. We've interviewed incarcerated perpetrators and their families, shooting survivors and first responders. We've read media and social media, manifestos, suicide notes, trial transcripts and medical records. By Jillian Peterson, James Densley, Published on Monday, August 05, 2019 by Los Angeles Times <https://www.commondreams.org/views/2019/08/05/we-have-studied-every-mass-shooting-1966-heres-what-weve-learned-about-shooters>

- First, the vast majority of mass shooters in our study experienced early childhood trauma and exposure to violence at a young age.
  - Second, practically every mass shooter we studied had reached an identifiable crisis point in the weeks or months leading up to the shooting.
  - Third, most of the shooters had studied the actions of other shooters and sought validation for their motives.
  - Fourth, the shooters all had the means to carry out their plans. Once someone decides life is no longer worth living and that murdering others would be a proper revenge, only means and opportunity stand in the way of another mass shooting.
- So what do these commonalities tell us about how to prevent future shootings?**

### **IT'S NOT GUNS OR MENTAL ILLNESS. THE PROBLEM IS DEEPER THAN THAT.**

It is indeed an epidemic. Mass shootings are still exceedingly rare, but the fact remains that 20 of the 27 deadliest mass shootings in American history have happened in the last 15 years. By Matt Walsh, The Daily Wire - August 5, 2019 <https://www.dailywire.com/news/50253/walsh-mass-shootings-matt-walsh>

### **USA TODAY - GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA: GUNS SAVE LIVES EVERY DAY**

Nearly 90% of police agree that mass shootings would be 'reduced' or 'avoided altogether' by the presence of legally armed citizens: Opposing view By Erich Pratt, Published Aug. 5, 2019 Erich Pratt is senior vice president for Gun Owners of America. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2019/08/05/gun-owners-america-guns-save-lives-every-day-editorials-debates/1916643001/>

**TIME - POLITICIANS KEEP BLAMING MASS SHOOTINGS ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. DOCTORS SAY THEY'RE WRONG** - "It's really just scapegoating people with mental health issues," says Dr. Seth Trueger, an assistant professor of emergency medicine at Northwestern University. And while rates of mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety and suicidal behavior are on the rise in the U.S., Trueger says other nations have similar problems and experience far fewer mass shootings. "Other countries have the same kind of mental health issues we have, the same kind of violent video games we have, the same religiosity that we have. All that stuff is just a distraction" from the need for better gun control, he says. By Jamie Ducharme - August 5, 2019

<https://time.com/5644147/mass-shootings-mental-health/>  
<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/aee82fe3-6d88-4d4d-a2ae-e55a3bea08a7>

### **AMERICA'S GUN PROBLEM, EXPLAINED**

The public and research support gun control. Here's how it could help — and why it doesn't pass. By German Lopez Updated Aug 5, 2019 <https://www.vox.com/2015/10/3/9444417/gun-violence-mass-shootings-us-america>

**EXCERPT:** Americans make up less than 5 percent of the world's population, yet they own roughly 45 percent of all the world's privately held firearms. That does not, however, mean that every American adult actually owns guns. In fact, gun ownership is concentrated among a minority of the US population — as surveys from the Pew Research Center and General Social Survey suggest. <https://www.vox.com/2019/8/5/20753797/gun-violence-el-paso-dayton-mass-shootings>

**THE HILL - RESTRICT ACCESS TO HANDGUNS AND ASSAULT WEAPONS — THEY ARE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION** By Gabriel Collins, opinion contributor — 08/05/19 <https://thehill.com/opinion/civil-rights/456268-restrict-access-to-handguns-and-assault-weapons-they-are-weapons-of-mass>

**SHOOTING AT A PACKED NIGHTCLUB IN CANADA, WHERE GUN CONTROL IS ALREADY WAY STRICTER THAN THE U.S.** As I pointed out for a different story earlier this year (which was also about circumventing Canada's firearm laws), Canada's gun control situation looks much like what the gun control lobby says it wants right now, By Nate Madden, Conservative Review · August 5, 2019  
<https://www.conservativereview.com/news/shooting-packed-nightclub-canada-gun-control-already-way-stricter-u-s/>

**WHY ARE WE HEARING ABOUT THE WHITE SUPREMACIST IN EL PASO AND NOT THE LIZ WARREN SUPPORTER IN DAYTON?** I'm sure you heard about him, and you heard that he was a "white supremacist." Repeatedly. Over and over. The other one was in Dayton. He was — well, Heavy.com tracked down his social media, which they summarized: He wrote on Twitter that he would happily vote for Democrat Elizabeth Warren, praised Satan, was upset about the 2016 presidential election results, and added, "I want socialism, and i'll not wait for the idiots to finally come round to understanding." The Greene County Board of Elections lists his party as "Dem. By Charlie Martin August 5, 2019 <https://pjmedia.com/news-and-politics/dayton-did-something-happen-in-dayton/>

**CNN - IN THE WAKE OF LATEST MASSACRES, WALMART IS PRESSURED TO STOP SELLING GUNS** Walmart (WMT), despite a history as a seller of hunting weapons that goes back to its origins, has also shifted its gun sales policies in response to high profile shootings. It stopped selling assault rifles in 2015 and raised its minimum gun purchasing age to 21 last year after the Parkland shooting. By Clare Duffy, CNN Business - Mon August 5, 2019  
<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/04/business/walmart-gun-safety/index.html>  
<https://www.rappler.com/world/regions/us-canada/237076-walmart-keep-selling-guns-despite-store-shootings>

#### **THE NEW YORK POST'S 'ASSAULT WEAPONS' EDITORIAL IS NONSENSICAL**

The New York Post's editorial board has written a fawning open letter to President Trump in which it asks him to "ban assault weapons now." It is, from start to finish, a profoundly lazy, impressively ignorant, and doggedly cliché-ridden piece of work that at no point even attempts to deal seriously with the arguments that it believes it is refuting. By Charles C. W. Cooke, National Review - August 5, 2019  
<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/the-new-york-posts-assault-weapons-editorial-is-nonsensical/>

**OHIO GUNMAN DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS PRO-SATAN 'LEFTIST' WHO SUPPORTED ELIZABETH WARREN** - The Ohio gunman described himself on social media as a pro-Satan "leftist" who wanted Joe Biden's generation to die off, hated President Trump and law enforcement, and hoped to vote for Sen. Elizabeth Warren for president. By Victor Morton - The Washington Times - Sunday, August 4, 2019  
<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/aug/4/connor-betts-ohio-gunman-was-elizabeth-warren-supp/>

**GUN VIOLENCE RESEARCHER: MASS SHOOTERS WOULD 'THINK TWICE' IF VICTIMS WERE ARMED** - Dr. John Lott, founder of the Crime Prevention Research Center and author of "More Guns, Less Crime," said mass shooting incidents, like this weekend's shootings in El Paso, Texas or Dayton, Ohio, would be less likely if victims were allowed to carry guns to protect themselves. Lott argued that in each case, the shooters select their targets because they are unlikely to defend themselves. by Sinclair Broadcast Group - Sunday, August 4th 2019  
<https://news4sanantonio.com/news/nation-world/gun-violence-researcher-mass-shooters-would-think-twice-if-victims-were-armed>

### **COULD A NATIONAL BUYBACK PROGRAM REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA?**

Cost alone may be a prohibiting factor. Assuming a \$50 per firearm incentive, reducing the U.S. gun stock by 1% would cost \$196.5 million. Inevitably, only some of the guns purchased would have been used in future crimes.

By Lacey Wallace, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Pennsylvania State University - August 4, 2019

<https://theconversation.com/could-a-national-buyback-program-reduce-gun-violence-in-america-120060>

### **U.K. - SIXTY GUNS FOUND HIDDEN IN CAR AT DOVER IS 'LARGEST SEIZURE AT UK PORT'**

'These weapons would have gone into the hands of seriously dangerous individuals,' says NCA

By Peter Stubley - August 4, 2019 [https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/guns-seized-border-force-uk-port-](https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/guns-seized-border-force-uk-port-dover-robert-keogh-a9038946.html)

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### **DAYTON AND ALL OTHER OHIO CITIES ARE PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM ENACTING GUN-CONTROL LEGISLATION**

- Mass shootings often result in a politically-charged debate over gun laws in the U.S. But a 2008 law limits Ohio cities' ability to make their own gun ordinances. By Evan MacDonald, cleveland.com - Posted Aug 4, 2019

<https://www.cleveland.com/crime/2019/08/dayton-and-all-other-ohio-cities-are-prohibited-by-state-law-from-enacting-gun-control-legislation.html>

### **DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES CALL FOR GUN CONTROL IN WAKE OF EL PASO, DAYTON SHOOTINGS**

By Mark Osborne and Elizabeth Thomas - Aug 4, 2019

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/el-paso-native-beto-orourke-fellow-democratic-candidates/story?id=64762694>

### **'DO SOMETHING': 2020 DEMOCRATS ARE STUCK AFTER MASS SHOOTINGS**

With Congress on August recess, the candidates running to take on Donald Trump can call for action on guns, but they can't take any themselves. By Russell Berman, The Atlantic - Aug 4, 2019

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2019/08/el-paso-shooting-2020-responses/595432/>

### **GUN CONTROL GROUP MARCHES THROUGH WASHINGTON TO THE WHITE HOUSE AFTER TEXAS MASS SHOOTING**

- Gun control group Moms Demand Action reportedly marched through Washington, D.C. late Saturday night to both the White House and the U.S. Capitol, partly in response to Saturday's mass shooting in El Paso, Texas. By Owen Daugherty, THE HILL - 08/04/19

<https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/456085-gun-control-group-marches-through-washington-to-the-white-house>

### **WHAT BOTH SIDES DON'T GET ABOUT AMERICAN GUN CULTURE**

Amid the horrors of a mass shooting, it's easy to forget that guns are social glue—and gun control efforts that don't account for that will fail. By AUSTIN SARAT and JONATHAN OBERT August 04, 2019

<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2019/08/04/mass-shooting-gun-culture-227502>

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### **LEFT TRIES DISHONESTY IN BID TO TURN EL PASO SHOOTER INTO A REPUBLICAN**

The El Paso killer, in a meandering, inchoate "manifesto" with a mix of pro- and anti-Trump ravings and negative words for Democrats, based a strange combination of hate for migrant surgers and weird obsessions with automation, was



essentially rooted in greenie ideology, as John Lott notes here. Easy enough for leftists to pin on Trump, and most did. As Thomas Lifson noted earlier today, one of the worst of them was here. By Monica Showalter - August 4, 2019  
[https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2019/08/left\\_tries\\_dishonesty\\_in\\_bid\\_to\\_turn\\_el\\_paso\\_shooter\\_into\\_a\\_republican.html](https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2019/08/left_tries_dishonesty_in_bid_to_turn_el_paso_shooter_into_a_republican.html)

### **'SENSELESS AND HORRIFIC': CELEBRITIES CALL FOR GUN CONTROL, DECRY POLITICAL INACTION AFTER EL PASO SHOOTING**

- Many reacted by grieving over the incident and calling on politicians -- in particular, Republicans -- to act in response to the latest mass shooting in the United States.

By Sam Dorman | Fox News - August 3, 2019

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<https://www.axios.com/el-paso-shooting-2020-democrats-slam-trump-nra-a4b697ce-1b7d-4e4b-9f78-40577ff57638.html>

### **BETO O'ROURKE CALLS FOR GUN CONTROL, SAYS WE NEED TO CONFRONT HATE AFTER EL PASO SHOOTING**

- Beto O'Rourke returned to his former congressional district and decried what he described as President Trump's attempts to stoke racism among Americans after a fatal mass shooting in El Paso. He said victims asked him for not only tighter gun safety laws, but to confront hate. Aug. 3, 2019 <https://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/watch/beto-o-rourke-calls-for-gun-control-says-we-need-to-confront-hate-after-el-paso-shooting-65271365903>

### **'GUN RIGHTS' FAN TEXAS GOV. GREG ABBOTT TURNS FOCUS TO MENTAL HEALTH AFTER EL PASO ATTACK**

- Abbott once tweeted that he was "embarrassed" California was buying more guns than Texas. "Pick up the pace, Texans," he urged. By Mary Papenfuss, HuffPost US - August 3, 2019

[https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/texas-governor-greg-abbott-gun-rights-advocate-el-paso-mental-health\\_n\\_5d460b30e4b0ca604e330770](https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/texas-governor-greg-abbott-gun-rights-advocate-el-paso-mental-health_n_5d460b30e4b0ca604e330770)

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

**"Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river."**

-- Nikita Khrushchev (1894-1971) Premier of the Soviet Union

<http://libertytree.ca/quotes/Nikita.Khrushchev.Quote.0880>

**"I once said cynically of a politician, 'He'll doublecross that bridge when he comes to it.'"**

-- Oscar Levant (1906-1972)

<http://libertytree.ca/quotes/Oscar.Levant.Quote.0884>

### **FORMER CNN HOST: TRUMP SUPPORTERS MUST BE "ERADICATED"**

Reza Aslan, the former CNN star who ate human flesh and two days ago tweeted that a presidential advisor should be "eradicated," escalated his rhetoric on Sunday and called for the eradication of Trump supporters. Aslan, a Sufi Muslim, has expressed a desire to harm others on Twitter for some time, yet the social-media giant has not banned or suspended the leftist Iranian immigrant. Written by R. Cort Kirkwood, The New American - Tuesday, 06 August 2019

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/politics/item/33038-former-cnn-host-trump-supporters-must-be-eradicated>

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