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THIS WEEKS POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST
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POSTS FROM CANADA

TORONTO POLICE REQUEST \$300 TO PREPARE 'CRIME GUN' STATS FOR 2018

FOIP Request filed May 20, 2019 - Toronto Police Service Letter dated Sept. 04, 2019 - Received Sept. 13, 2019 by Dennis R. Young **EXCERPT:** *"If we do not hear from you by September 24, 2019, I will assume you are no longer interested in pursuing this request and close the file."* Mr. P.McGee, Coordinator, Access & Privacy Section, Toronto Police Service. <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/09/13/toronto-police-request-300-to-prepare-crime-gun-stats-for-2018/>

THE STAR - DON'T IGNORE GUN CONTROL IN PREVENTING SUICIDES

The public can report an unsafe individual to a chief firearms officer, but it is unclear how often this is actually done and in the immediacy of the physician-patient encounter is impractical. If we are going to reduce the number of firearm deaths in Canada, we need a renewed focus on firearm suicides, and we need to consider Red Flag laws. In Canada, this is where the debate should be. By Alan Drummond, Contributor, Toronto Star - Fri., Sept. 13, 2019. Alan Drummond is an emergency physician in Perth, Ont., and co-chair of public affairs for the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians. <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2019/09/13/dont-ignore-gun-control-in-preventing-suicides.html>

CANADA ALREADY HAS 'RED FLAG LAWS'

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

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

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

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

LIBERAL RESPONSE TO Q-2321: Benefits of Firearms Ownership

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

JANUARY 9, 2019 - ONTARIO CFO DOES NOT TRACK FIREARMS INTEREST POLICE (FIP) STATISTICS

Important statistics about firearms license holders who are 'involved in an event involving violence or other offences' are not tracked. Ontario CFO FOIP Response dated December 31, 2018 – Received January 9, 2019 by Dennis R. Young.

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/09/ontario-cfo-does-not-track-firearms-interest-police-fip-statistics/>

JANUARY 18, 2019 - RCMP: NO STATISTICS ON FIREARMS INTEREST POLICE (FIP) EVENTS

RCMP response to Access to Information Act Request dated January 11, 2019 - Received January 18, 2019

Important statistics about firearms license holders who are 'involved in an event involving violence or other offences' are not tracked. <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/18/rcmp-has-no-statistics-on-firearms-interest-police-fip-events/>

- No Statistics on the average time it took to initiate an investigation of a FIP event;
- No Statistics on the average time it took to complete the investigation of a FIP event;
- No Statistics on the number of FIP events that resulted in firearms being removed from possession of the licensed gun owner; and
- No Statistics on the average time it took from reporting of the FIP event to the firearms being removed from the possession of the licensed gun owner.

CBC - GUN CRIME SPIKES AS FIREARMS BECOME EASIER TO GET, WINNIPEG POLICE CHIEF SAYS

Homemade 'zip guns' and firearm 'straw purchases' contributing to increase in gun violence: Smyth

CBC News · Posted: Sep 13, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/gun-crime-up-police-1.5283766>

WINNIPEG POLICE DEMAND \$2,400 FEE FOR 'CRIME GUN' STATS

This despite their admission that they can't answer three very important questions about crime guns

Winnipeg Police Service Letter dated August 23, 2019 in response to my FOIP request dated August 13, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/08/30/winnipeg-police-demand-2400-fee-for-crime-gun-stats/>

NEW ZEALAND'S PM ARDERN ACTS TO TIGHTEN GUN LAWS FURTHER, SIX MONTHS AFTER

ATTACK - WELLINGTON — New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern introduced a new bill to parliament on Friday that aims to further tighten gun laws. "Owning a firearm is a privilege not a right," Ardern said in a statement announcing the new bill on Friday. "That attack exposed weaknesses in legislation which we have the power to fix. We would not be a responsible government if we didn't address them," she said. The new bill, details of which have already been made public and that will have its first reading on Sept. 24, will include the creation of a registry to monitor and track every firearm legally held in New Zealand. It also tightens other rules for gun dealers and for individuals to get and keep a firearm license. License renewal for individuals was also reduced to five years from ten years. Financial Post - By Praveen Menon, Reuters - September 12, 2019 <https://business.financialpost.com/pmn/business-pmn/new-zealands-pm-ardern-acts-to-tighten-gun-laws-further-six-months-after-attack>

CBC - ALGONQUIN COMMUNITY CALLS FOR MOOSE HUNTING MORATORIUM IN QUEBEC

WILDLIFE RESERVE - Algonquins of Barriere Lake say the moose population in the La Vérendrye Wildlife Reserve is in decline By Jessica Deer · CBC News · Posted: Sep 12, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/algonquins-barriere-lake-la-verendrye-moose-hunting-1.5279529>

SURREY CRIME BY THE NUMBERS: 15 HOMICIDES, 251 SEXUAL ASSAULTS

The violent crime rate in B.C.'s second most populous city is the lowest it's been in a decade, local Mounties say.

By Kendra Mangione, Producer - Digital Content, CTV News Vancouver Tuesday, September 10, 2019

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/surrey-crime-by-the-numbers-15-homicides-251-sexual-assaults-1.4587163>

FULLY AUTOMATIC PISTOL SEIZED AT JANE AND FINCH HOME: POLICE

Fully-automatic firearms are strictly prohibited in Canada, only used by the military and police tactical teams. A suspect identified as Tyrell Mingo and a 16-year-old boy who cannot be identified per the terms of the Youth Criminal Justice Act were arrested. Both face 14 charges including careless use of a firearm, possession of a loaded prohibited firearm and making an automatic firearm. By Chris Herhalt, CP24.com - Wednesday, September 11, 2019

<https://www.cp24.com/news/fully-automatic-pistol-seized-at-jane-and-finch-home-police-1.4588175>

TRAFFICKING TRIAL HEARS IT'S 'REALLY EASY TO BUY GUNS ... REALLY CHEAP' IN WINDSOR

The last trial connected to Project Kirby, which saw 10 people charged with 111 offences after raids and arrests were simultaneously carried out in Windsor, Lakeshore and London, began Wednesday in Superior Court in Windsor. The year-long operation netted eight illegal guns, two kilograms of cocaine, C\$67,000 and US\$10,500 in cash and three seized vehicles. Curtis Elliott, 33, is charged with 30 conspiracy, firearms, gun trafficking and other offences. The first witness at a trial expected to last four weeks painted a disturbing picture of the Windsor drugs and guns scene. "Guns are really easy to buy here, and really cheap — that's the fact," said Mark Dobrowski, who, before becoming a paid covert police agent, was himself deeply involved in Windsor's drugs and firearms trade.

By Doug Schmidt, Windsor Star Updated: September 11, 2019 <https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/trafficking-trial-hears-its-really-easy-to-buy-guns-really-cheap-in-windsor>

WHY GUN-RIGHTS ADVOCATES PARTNER WITH ISLAMOPHOBIC GROUPS

Canada's most prominent gun lobby has made a new friend: the far-right. By A. J. Somerset, The Walrus - Sep. 11, 2019 <https://thewalrus.ca/why-gun-rights-advocates-partner-with-islamophobic-groups/>

EXCERPT: In 2018, the CCFR held two press conferences in Centre Block, the main building of Parliament. It has also expanded its activities to include directly lobbying the government, and claims to employ the country's only full-time, in-house gun lobbyist, Tracey Wilson. Wilson—who is also Saunders' fiancé—meets with members of Parliament, testifies before House and Senate committees, and speaks to media, all to protect the interests of Canadian gun owners. But the small crowd of about forty gathered that July day to protest Justin Trudeau's government wasn't there on behalf of gun owners. The "proud, real" Canadians who organized this rally and offer Saunders occasional ragged cheers are members and supporters of the Canadian Combat Coalition (or "C3"), which experts consider an anti-Muslim hate group. According to its Facebook page, C3 opposes "mass immigration, open borders, New World Order and Sharia Law."

READY, AIM, FIRE: TOP-RANKED SKEET SHOOTERS COMING TO OKANAGAN FOR

CHAMPIONSHIPS - The Central Okanagan Shotgun Sports Club will host the Western Championships in 2020

By Mackenzie Britton, Revelstoke Review - Sep. 11, 2019 <https://www.revelstokereview.com/sports/ready-aim-fire-top-ranked-skeet-shooters-coming-to-okanagan-for-championships/>

IT'S TIME TO FIGHT BACK!

The election has started. What will you do to help stop the Trudeau Liberals? Do nothing and they return to power and impose new restrictions and ban more guns. Trudeau is following the New Zealand model of blaming scary-looking semi-auto firearms for terrorism. The Liberals promise sweeping confiscations if re-elected. The RCMP even removed their post about Bill C-71 from their website. Check it out. The Conservatives reject Trudeau's gun ban. Justice for Gun Owners - September 11, 2019 <https://mailchi.mp/448ab3c0b6bc/nows-the-time-to-stand-up-for-gun-owners?e=bc1823b8e2>

CSSA ALERT! SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

GAME ON? NO, IT'S THE BATTLE FOR OUR FUTURE

We have 315 election ads booked and they are filmed, edited and ready to go – all designed to get out the vote. Some are airing already. Maybe you've seen them on CityTV, Wild TV and other networks. As great as those ads are, they're just a beginning. We have a lot more work to do in the coming days. Will you help us?

<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/09/election-2019-our-battle-for-the-future-september-11-2019/>

MEXICO SAYS WILL FOCUS ON ARMS SMUGGLING AT U.S. MEETING ON MIGRANT FLOWS

Successive Mexican governments have argued that illicit arms sales and gun-running from the United States into Mexico have fueled turf wars between drug gangs and clashes with security forces, exacerbating social problems and adding to migratory pressures. Financial Post - Reuters - September 10, 2019 <https://business.financialpost.com/pmn/business-pmn/mexico-says-will-focus-on-arms-smuggling-at-u-s-meeting-on-migrant-flows>

FEDERAL CANDIDATES TALK GUNS

The three announced candidates for the Medicine Hat-Cardston-Warner riding explained their platforms on the issue of gun laws. By Alex McCuaig - Sep 09, 2019 <https://chatnewstoday.ca/2019/09/09/federal-candidates-talk-guns/>

QUEBEC THREATENS HUNTERS WITH GUN SEIZURES, THEN ASKS FOR HELP

Shooters' rights advocate urges hunters to refuse the call. THEGUNBLOG.CA - SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/09/09/quebec-threatens-hunters-with-gun-seizures-then-asks-for-help/>

EXCERPT: The Quebec government is asking hunters to help stop an animal disease while threatening to confiscate their rifles and shotguns. An advocate for shooters' rights urged hunters to refuse the call. The Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks asked hunters to target males, females and fawns of white-tailed deer in specific areas to halt chronic wasting disease. It lifted hunting restrictions to make that legal. Government officials across Canada rely on hunters for their expertise and skill.

CBC - PROVINCE NEEDS TO STEP UP FUNDING TO FIGHT CRIME, POLICE CHIEF SAYS

Waterloo Regional Police Service, Chief Bryan Larkin says, "I do not believe, and I do not think, that our region and our police service is getting its fair share of provincial funding. He made the comments Friday during a press conference for Project Piece, a four-month investigation into drugs and violent crime in Cambridge. The investigation resulted in 30 arrests and 115 charges, as well as the seizure of weapons, \$140,000 worth of drugs as well as fake and real money. Larkin said violent crime has gone up 15 per cent in the region this year compared to last year. The three homicides in Waterloo region this year have all been shootings. The federal government has promised funding for guns and gangs but that money's not expected to flow until April 2020. By Kate Bueckert · CBC News · Posted: Sep 09, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/provincial-funding-police-not-enough-chief-larkin-1.5273703>

TACCOM CANADA GOES BEYOND TACTICAL, SEEKS TO ENGAGE "DIVERSE SHOOTING

LANDSCAPE" - All the big—and medium, small, even virtual—guns were out this past weekend in Mississauga, Ont. for TACCOM, heralded as Canada's largest firearms show. Organized by Firearms Outlet Canada Inc., TACCOM is credited as a mini version of the popular Shot Show, the world's biggest tradeshow for the shooting, hunting and firearms industry. Fred Pellegrino, president of TACCOM Canada Inc., said 18,778 people walked through the show doors between Sept. 6-8. Blue Line Magazine - September 9, 2019 By Staff <https://www.blueline.ca/taccom-canada-goes-beyond-tactical-seeks-to-engage-diverse-shooting-landscape/>

DENIED: MY REQUEST TO WAIVE FOIP FEES FOR OPP CRIME GUN STATISTICS

Letter from Ontario Solicitor General's FOIP Office dated September 3, 2019 - Received by Dennis R. Young September 7, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/09/09/denied-my-request-to-waive-foip-fees-for-opp-crime-gun-statistics/>

IN 2006, PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA ADMITTED 6,500 CFRO HITS PER DAY IS 'MISLEADING'

Public Safety Canada website May 17, 2006: *"Whenever police officers access the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) for any reason, such as for a simple address check, an automatic hit is generated with CFRO whether the information is desired or not."* Inadequate Search Complaint to Information Commissioner - RCMP ATIP file: A-2019-05230 - by Dennis R. Young - September 7, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/09/07/public-safety-canada-thousands-of-cfro-hits-per-day-is-misleading/>

EDITORIAL: 'BANNING' HANDGUNS WON'T STOP ILLEGAL GUN SALES

Given this reality, campaigns by politicians to "ban" handguns, even assuming a slight drop in legal guns being sold illegally, would simply mean a simultaneous increase in illegal guns being smuggled across the border from the US. Toronto Sun - Postmedia News - September 7, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-banning-handguns-wont-stop-illegal-gun-sales>

GARY MAUSER: TARGET SPORTS TEACH YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACCEPT PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Instead of the “nanny state,” we should encourage responsible parenting and traditional family values. Schools should encourage routine gun-safety training and marksmanship, so people young and old develop a proper respect for firearms, as Canadian schools used to do. Such an approach would increase opportunity for healthy growth and promote responsible citizenship. By Gary Mauser, Vancouver Province - September 7, 2019. Gary Mauser is a professor emeritus in the Beedie School of Business at Simon Fraser University, a hunter and chair of the firearms committee of the B.C. Wildlife Federation. <https://theprovince.com/opinion/op-ed/comment-target-sports-teach-young-people-to-accept-personal-responsibility>

CTV - U.S. MASS SHOOTERS EXPLOITED GAPS, ERRORS IN BACKGROUND CHECKS

Most mass shooters in the U.S. acquired the weapons they used legally because there was nothing in their backgrounds to disqualify them, according to James Alan Fox, a criminologist with Northeastern University who has studied mass shootings for decades. But in several attacks in recent years gunmen acquired weapons as a result of mistakes, lack of follow-through or gaps in federal and state law. By Lisa Marie Pane, The Associated Press - September 7, 2019 <https://www.ctvnews.ca/world/u-s-mass-shooters-exploited-gaps-errors-in-background-checks-1.4582526>

DO RESEARCHERS FROM DIFFERENT FIELDS HAVE A CONSENSUS ON GUN CONTROL LAWS AND DO REGISTERED VOTERS AGREE WITH ANY OF THEM?

By **Arthur Z. Berg**, MD, Harvard University - Department of Psychiatry, **John R. Lott**, Crime Prevention Research Center and **Gary A. Mauser**, Simon Fraser University (SFU) - Beedie School of Business Date Written: August 20, 2019 40 Pages Posted: 7 Sep 2019 https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3443290

ABSTRACT: Hundreds of millions of dollars go to firearms research on crime, suicides, and accidental deaths, but the vast majority of the money, particularly government money, is being spent on public health research. We got a response rate of over 43%, or 120, from the 277 researchers we approached, and we found large statistically significant differences in the views of academic researchers in criminology, economics, and public health on 33 different gun control policies for both mass public shootings and murder will reduce crime and save lives. Our sample is much larger than two surveys of 32 researchers by the New York Times as well as larger than surveys done by others. While none of our groups are quite as supportive of gun control as reported by the Times, public health researchers come closest. We find that Economists and to a lesser extent criminologists rank order the efficacy of gun control policies in the opposite order that public health researcher do. If one believes that any group of the experts have properly ranked the effectiveness of different gun control regulations, registered voters have essentially ordered the effectiveness of regulations entirely randomly.

MAN ARRESTED AFTER SHOOTING HANDGUN AT ISLAND VIEW BEACH

Central Saanich police are considering charges against a man arrested for firing what turned out to be a starter pistol in Island View Regional Park. Times Colonist - September 6, 2019 <https://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/man-arrested-after-shooting-handgun-at-island-view-beach-1.23938588>

CBSA DETAILS GUN SEIZURES AT SOUTHERN ONTARIO BORDER CROSSINGS SO FAR THIS YEAR

In total, 231 guns were seized by CBSA Southern Ontario Region from Jan. 1 to Aug. 30 of this year. Last year, CBSA SOR seized 305 firearms. In 2017, the total was 235. By Dalson Chen, Windsor Star Updated: September 6, 2019 <https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/cbsa-details-gun-seizures-at-southern-ontario-border-crossings-so-far-this-year>

VISITING CANADA? LEAVE YOUR FIREARMS AT HOME

OTTAWA, Sept. 6, 2019 /CNW/ - The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) is launching a firearms awareness campaign reminding visitors to Canada about Canadian firearm laws. Canadian laws are different than those in the United States - the CBSA suggests you check its requirements and restrictions before arriving at a Canadian port of entry. For

visitors to Canada, we strongly recommend that you leave your firearm at home when travelling to Canada and/or transiting through to reach another US destination. Additionally, you must have all necessary permits and ensure your firearm(s) is stored and transported appropriately. Canadian firearm laws are clear – you must declare any firearm to the CBSA. Additionally, you must have all necessary permits and ensure your firearm(s) is stored and transported appropriately. Failure to declare your firearms may lead to seizure, criminal charges and may make you inadmissible to Canada. We look forward to your visit to Canada and take this opportunity to remind you to declare all goods with you.

NEWS PROVIDED BY: Canada Border Services Agency - Sep 06, 2019 <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/visiting-canada-leave-your-firearms-at-home-816320923.html>
<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/warning-for-americans-visiting-canada-leave-your-guns-at-home-1.3509767>
http://www.newsminer.com/visiting-canada-leave-your-firearms-at-home/article_329394ba-9d93-5978-a368-767bcedad8f0.html
<http://npcriminallawyer.com/americans-traveling-to-canada-leave-your-guns-at-home/>

RULES FOR BRINGING A FIREARM INTO THE U.S. BRINGING FIREARMS ACROSS THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED STATES.

The United States is very strict about the regulations you must follow to bring a firearm into the country. Be sure to read our page on transporting firearms across the border for additional information that applies to both countries. Generally speaking, it is unlawful for non-U.S. residents to possess or obtain firearms or ammunition while in the U.S. The most common exception to this is when entering the country to hunt or for a shooting competition. The U.S. allows more types of weapons across the border than Canada does, and U.S. border agents typically have more discretion about their response if you break those rules. Certainly you can still be fined, or even jailed, if you fail to declare a weapon. However, if the border officer decides you did not intend to smuggle in the weapon, they may just confiscate it and deny you entry without filing criminal charges. <https://www.ezbordercrossing.com/the-inspection-experience/transporting-firearms/bringing-firearms-into-the-u-s/>

VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPLAINT

On June 10, 2018 police were carrying assault rifles at Italian Days on the Drive festival in Vancouver, BC.

OFFICE OF THE POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSION NOTICE OF CONCLUSION

Pursuant to s.173 of the Police Act, RSBC 1996, c 367 - OPCC File: 2018-14862 February 5, 2019

<https://vancouver.ca/police/policeboard/agenda/2019/0418/SP-7-2-OPCC-SP-Complaint-Conclusion.pdf>

EXCERPT: *"While the presence of military-styled rifles may be concerning to some members of the public who are not used to seeing them, these weapons are now commonly carried and used by police agencies across North America. They have been previously approved for use by the government for use by all police departments in British Columbia and the police officers who are issued with these rifles are required to successfully meet high standards of proficiency on an annual basis."*

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

WHY BANNING "ASSAULT RIFLES" WON'T SAVE ONE LIFE

That said, AR-15s are used in an inordinate percentage of high-profile mass shootings. But believing that outlawing them would reduce these incidents' frequency makes as much sense as believing that banning the BMW 4 Series—which AutoBlog.com lists as the car most likely to be involved in a crash—would reduce the accident rate. By Selwyn Duke, Canada Free Press - September 14, 2019 <https://canadafreepress.com/article/what-ar-15s-and-plastic-straws-share-and-why-banning-assault-rifles-wont-sa>

RED FLAG LAW PROPOSALS RAISE STAKES IN GUN REFORM DEBATE

The latest debate on gun control has raised red flags on both sides of the political aisle. Late Tuesday evening, the House Judiciary Committee passed three bills aimed at quelling the epidemic of gun violence in the United States. Among the bills was a national version of a mandate of extreme risk protection orders (ERPOs), which already is being used in 13 states. Also known as “red flag” laws, ERPOs allow local authorities or family members to take away weapons, through a court order, from any individual who is a potential threat toward themselves or others. While the law was passed by Congress, it will likely stall on the Senate floor. The proposals have ignited a debate about whether red flags laws are effective. By Perry Chiaramonte | Fox News - September 13, 2019 <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/red-flag-law-proposals-raises-stakes-in-gun-reform-debate>

NATIONAL REVIEW - DO GUNS HELP PEOPLE DEFEND THEMSELVES?

Yes, probably hundreds of thousands of times each year. By Robert VerBruggen, National Review - September 12, 2019 <https://www.nationalreview.com/magazine/2019/09/30/do-guns-help-people-defend-themselves/>

THE BENEFITS OF GUN OWNERSHIP IN CANADA

Includes Canadian Data on Self-protective Uses of Firearms

By Lyne Casavant and Antony Jackson, Parliamentary Research Branch - April 2, 2004

<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Library-Study-Benefits-of-Gun-Ownership-April-2-2004.pdf>

THE HILL - 3D-PRINTABLE GUNS WILL REQUIRE US TO RETHINK OUR APPROACH ON GUN SAFETY

But there's a stealth issue, hardly discussed. It's 3D printers that now allow anyone with an internet connection to download a computer-aided design (CAD) file and print a working firearm at home. These guns are untraceable and – depending on the materials used to build them – undetectable by security systems in airports and elsewhere. By Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-Pa.) and former Rep. Steve Israel (D-N.Y.) 09/12/19 <https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/lawmaker-news/461166-3d-printable-guns-will-require-us-to-rethink-our-approach>
<https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/cleveland-metro/authorities-find-3d-printed-handgun-other-firearms-and-ammunition-in-car-at-cleveland-va>

SO-CALLED ‘SWATTING’ IS ON THE RISE; THAT’S A BAD OMEN WHEN IT COMES TO RED FLAG

LAWS - The 15-year history of “swatting” should be borne in mind as several states and the federal government accelerate the push for “red flag laws,” also known as “emergency risk protection orders.” It was in 2004 that a new and potentially deadly phenomenon appeared on the American legal landscape. By Former Rep. Bob Barr, Daily Caller - September 10, 2019 <https://dailycaller.com/2019/09/10/barr-swatting-red-flag/>

USA TODAY - 150 BUSINESS LEADERS CALL ON CONGRESS TO TAKE 'COMMON-SENSE' ACTION ON

GUNS - CEOs of companies like Uber, Lyft, Conde Nast, Gap, Levi Strauss, Royal Caribbean Cruises, Twitter and Dick's Sporting Goods signed a letter exhorting senators to step in, saying it's "simply unacceptable" to do nothing. "We urge the Senate to stand with the American public and take action on gun safety by passing a bill to require background checks on all gun sales and a strong Red Flag law that would allow federal courts to issue life-saving extreme risk protection orders," the business leaders wrote. The letter adds to a growing wave of corporate action on guns. By Nathan Bomey, USA TODAY - Sept. 12, 2019 <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2019/09/12/ceos-letter-universal-background-checks-red-flag-laws/2298024001/>
<https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/12/business/business-leaders-letter-gun-violence/index.html>
<https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/publix-officers-openly-carry-guns-stores-65560846>

NY TIMES: A STRONG BIPARTISAN PATH TO TACKLE GUN VIOLENCE

A red flag law will reduce bloodshed and respect the rights of gun owners.

By Marco Rubio, Republican senator from Florida. Sept. 12, 2019

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/12/opinion/rubio-gun-law.html>

WASH. POST - WHEN TEXAS WAS THE NATIONAL LEADER IN GUN CONTROL

How the land of gunslinger mythology regulated weapons to reduce violence.

By Brennan Gardner Rivas - September 12, 2019

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/09/12/when-texas-was-national-leader-gun-control/>

NBC NEWS - GUN CONTROL COALITION AMPS UP PRESSURE ON CORPORATIONS

A coalition of gun control advocates issues an open letter asking U.S. companies to break all ties with the NRA. Leaders of the coalition include gun safety groups including Guns Down America, March for our Lives and MoveOn, among others. By Heidi Przybyla, Sept 12, 2019 <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/gun-control-coalition-amps-pressure-corporations-n1052541>

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE APPLIED ‘RED FLAG’ LAWS TO OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS?

These laws clearly entail the taking of one’s means of self-defense with a pre-dawn no-knock raid from a SWAT team. If the members of one’s household survive this assault, the owner of said private property can look forward to months of court appearances and legal costs to prove themselves innocent after essentially being deemed guilty. Never mind the irreparable damage to one’s reputation as being the subject of such a raid in the middle of the night. By DParkern - September 12, 2019 <https://noqreport.com/2019/09/12/happen-applied-red-flag-laws-constitutional-rights/>

WASH. POST - JACINDA ARDERN, NEW ZEALAND’S NOBEL CANDIDATE, ON HOW TO RESPOND TO GUN VIOLENCE

- On the eve of her trip to New York for the first U.N. General Assembly meeting since the tragedy catapulted her to global renown, New Zealand’s Ardern chatted in her office with The Washington Post’s Lally Weymouth about gun control, Chinese interference and whether she’d have a second child while in office. Edited excerpts follow. By Lally Weymouth, Senior associate editor for The Washington Post. September 12, 2019

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/jacinda-ardern-new-zealands-nobel-candidate-on-how-to-respond-to-gun-violence/2019/09/12/a42711ca-d501-11e9-86ac-0f250cc91758_story.html

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

FEATURE: WALMART NEVER WAS A GUN STORE

You think Walmart is a gun store? Well, bless your heart. You’ve never been in a real gun store, have you?

By Richard Mann - In addition to a lot of other hats, Richard Mann is editor of The Hunting Wire www.huntingwire.com
<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/634c7085-eb7e-4423-bc6c-4be7505db915>

THE GUN SOLUTION WE’RE NOT TALKING ABOUT

Universal background checks won’t fix America’s gun crisis. But there’s something else that might. Pretty much every American believes in doing this: preventing people with dangerous backgrounds (criminal records, hospitalizations for mental illness, addiction, etc.) from getting firearms. But background checks aren’t actually good at doing this. The FBI’s database of records is missing millions of records. The Charleston massacre shooter and the Texan church shooter were both able to pass background checks, despite having records. Studies have also shown that while background checks do make obtaining guns more difficult, they don’t have any effect on the real crisis in America: gun deaths. After

California expanded background checks in 1991, researchers at Johns Hopkins found the law was “not associated with changes in firearm suicide or homicide.” **What does work is gun licensing.** By Madeline Marshall, VOX - Sep 11, 2019 <https://www.vox.com/2019/9/11/20861019/gun-solution-background-check-licensing>

CCRKBA SAYS DEMS 'JUST DON'T GET IT' WITH RAMPED-UP GUN CONTROL PUSH

BELLEVUE, WA – Congressional Democrats “just don’t get it,” the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said today after the House Judiciary Committee moved three gun control bills on party lines, including one to limit magazine capacity to 10 rounds. In addition to the proposed limit on magazine capacity, Democrats also support a measure to provide incentives to states that pass so-called “red flag” laws that allow family or law enforcement to petition the court to temporarily disarm someone suspected of being “a threat” to themselves or others. CCRKBA has warned repeatedly about due process concerns. By Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Canada Free Press - September 11, 2019 <https://canadafreepress.com/article/ccrkba-says-dems-just-dont-get-it-with-ramped-up-gun-control-push>

CBS NEWS- AS NRA MEMBERSHIP WANES, AMERICA'S LARGEST BLACK GUN GROUP IS THRIVING

The country's largest and best known gun rights association, the NRA, is losing board members amid a spate of deadly mass shootings. But another, lesser-known gun organization is thriving: the National African American Gun Association, the largest minority gun group in the country. The group was founded by Phillip Smith, who fondly remembers the first time he fired his 9 mm pistol at a gun range. "I felt free," Smith said. "I had a chance to kind of have some power in my hands." Smith formed the first chapter of the National African American Gun Association, or NAAGA, in Atlanta. "I didn't think I'd get more than 30 people..." Smith said. But in just five years, NAAGA has started 75 chapters with more than 30,000 members, over 90% of whom are black. CBS News Sept. 11, 2019 <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/gun-control-national-african-american-gun-association-im-not-go-in-down-without-a-fight/>

BEHIND EVERY PROPOSED GUN CONTROL LAW IS A PATHWAY TO CONFISCATIONS, BANS, AND INFRINGEMENT - So, for the sake of not being too repetitive, I’ll keep this short. Here are the three major gun control proposals currently on the table and why they’re so abysmal: Universal background checks. Assault weapons bans. Red flag gun laws. By JD Rucker - September 11, 2019

<https://noqreport.com/2019/09/11/behind-every-proposed-gun-control-law-pathway-confiscations-bans-infringement/>
<https://noqreport.com/2019/09/12/universal-background-checks-arent-slippery-slope-theyre-nosedive-gun-confiscations/>

BILL BANNING GUN SHOWS AT DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS GOES TO GOVERNOR

The state legislature passed a bill that would ban the sale of guns and ammunition at gun shows held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. By California News Wire Services, News Partner - Sep 11, 2019

<https://patch.com/california/delmar-carmelvalley/bill-banning-gun-shows-del-mar-fairgrounds-goes-governor>

GUN SALES SURGE FOLLOWING SPIKE IN ANTI-GUN RHETORIC FROM 2020 DEMS

The number of firearm background checks conducted in August surged 15% over both the previous month and the previous year, meaning Americans are suddenly buying more guns, just as members of the 2020 Democratic field are proposing strict crackdowns on weapons purchases, and even "gun buyback" confiscation programs. "National Shooting Sports Foundation said that the FBI told it that the overall NICS number for August was 2,341,363," according to the Examiner. "That is 310,702 higher than July and 268,067 higher than August 2018. The FBI hasn’t posted the number yet on its NICS page." By Emily Zanotti, The Daily Wire - September 11, 2019

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/51645/gun-sales-surge-following-spike-anti-gun-rhetoric-emily-zanotti>

POLLS SHOW GUN CONTROL SUPPORT TRENDING DOWN

Two new polls show support for most gun control proposals has receded or remained constant despite a spate of mass shootings. Polls from Quinnipiac University and an ABC News/Washington Post partnership asked about the gun control debate in America and specific gun control proposals. Both polls showed a general downward trend in support for new gun control measures even in the immediate aftermath of mass shootings in Texas and Ohio. Neither poll found heightened enthusiasm for any gun control proposal which had been polled more than twice. Instead, they found support for gun control policies either relatively stable or declining, though still substantial.

By Stephen Gutowski, Washington Free Beacon - September 10, 2019

<https://freebeacon.com/issues/polls-show-gun-control-support-trending-down/>

<https://gizmodo.com/survey-finds-nearly-everyone-wants-more-gun-control-in-1837987322>

GUN REGISTRATION IS GUN CONFISCATION – UPDATED 2019 EDITION

U.S.A. —(Ammoland.com)- The holy grail of those who wish us disarmed is gun registration. Once your guns are required to be registered, they are, in effect, already confiscated. A little thought will reveal to you why this is so. The Government will know who has legal possession of each firearm. They will know where the firearm is stored. When physical possession of the gun is desired, they can order you to turn it in. This has happened repeatedly. Ammoland Inc. Posted on September 10, 2019 by Dean Weingarten. This essay was first written 19 years ago, in 2000. I have expanded, edited, and updated it. <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/09/gun-registration-is-gun-confiscation-updated-2019-edition/#axzz5zPpuABhL>

POLLAK: TRADE UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR UNIVERSAL CONCEALED CARRY

Stress is mounting on Congress to “discontinuance something” consistent with newest mass shootings in Texas and Ohio. A poll launched Monday confirms what has been correct for years: namely, that Americans strengthen unusual gun regulations. By Joel B. Pollak, Senior Editor-at-Huge at Breitbart Data - Tuesday, 10 Sep 2019

<https://headlinezpro.com/pollak-trade-universal-background-checks-for-universal-concealed-carry/>

THE TOP 10 GUN LAWS AMERICANS REALLY NEED

These are the changes Republicans should make to federal gun laws, once they again hold the White House and both houses of Congress. By Mark Overstreet, The Federalist - September 10, 2019

<https://thefederalist.com/2019/09/10/top-10-gun-laws-americans-really-need/>

1. Repeal the Gun Control Act’s (GCA, 1968) prohibition on young adults buying handguns.
2. Repeal the GCA’s prohibition on buying a handgun from a firearm dealer outside your home state.
3. Repeal or amend the Gun Free School Zones Act.
4. Pass national right-to-carry reciprocity legislation.
5. Amend the GCA’s firearm importation law.
6. Amend the GCA’s “armor piercing ammunition” law.
7. Repeal the GCA’s prohibition on using imported parts to assemble a semi-automatic rifle.
8. Repeal the National Firearms Act’s (NFA) restrictions on “silencers.”
9. Repeal the NFA’s restrictions on short-barreled rifles and remove shotguns from the NFA’s definition of “destructive device.”
10. Change the NFA’s definition of “machinegun” and repeal the 1986 ban on new “machineguns.”

AFTER ODESSA SHOOTING, SUPPORT FOR GUN CONTROL IS DECLINING

Violent crime is still down. And rifles still commit the smallest share of gun deaths. It’s well below 500. And yes, it’s a numbers game. It shouldn’t be, but the anti-gun Left decided to combine homicides with suicides to inflate the numbers

and manufacture a narrative that the U.S. is a shooting gallery. It's not. Firearms reporter Stephen Gutowski of The Washington Free Beacon wrote today that despite these shootings gun control is trending downward, though expanding background checks remains high (via Free Beacon). By Matt Vespa, Town Hall - Posted: Sep 10, 2019 <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/mattvespa/2019/09/10/after-odessa-shooting-support-for-gun-control-is-declining-n2552874>

NY TIMES - A NOVEL GUN CONTROL STRATEGY: PRESSURE BANKS AND RETAILERS

New Jersey also plans to wield its buying power to force gunmakers to adopt policies like background checks. New Jersey will stop doing business with gun manufacturers and retailers that fail to adopt policies that go beyond federal laws, like conducting expanded background checks, to stop guns from falling into the wrong hands, becoming the first state to take such stringent action against the firearms industry. The state will also apply pressure on major financial institutions, seeking information from banks that do business with New Jersey about their relationships and policies involving gunmakers and sellers. By Nick Corasaniti - Sept. 10, 2019 <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/10/nyregion/nj-gun-control.html>

SWEEPING SURVEY ON GUNS SHOWS LARGE SWATHS OF AGREEMENT, EXCEPT IN ONE AREA

Research published Monday in the journal Health Affairs shows that the ideological split on open-carry policies is in line with national trends, but that gun owners and non-gun owners are in large agreement on other matters, like background checks and licensing. Both segments also agreed to temporary gun removal by police if a person is a risk to themselves or others. Statistically, gun owners are more supportive than non-gun owners of concealed-carry on college campuses, school grounds, and in public without a license. But that doesn't mean there isn't some common ground in the concealed carry debate: The John Hopkins researchers also found that both gun owners and non-gun owners supported the requirement of safety training when applying for a concealed carry license. Overall, 73 percent of gun owners said they would support that requirement, while 83 percent of non-gun owners reported the same. By Sarah Sloat on September 9, 2019 <https://www.inverse.com/article/59115-gun-owner-non-owner-policy-agreements>

GLOBAL HANDGUNS MARKET POTENTIAL TRENDS 2019-2024: GLOCK, COLT, BROWNING

Global Handguns market report figures the below companies: Glock, Colt, Browning, Heckler & Koch AG, FN Herstal, Sig Sauer, Israel Weapon Industries (IWI) LTD, Kalashnikov. September 10, 2019 by Tom McBride <http://topnewsherald.com/2019/09/10/global-handguns-market-potential-trends-2019-2024-glock-colt-browning/>

OUTDOORS: PAIR OF LOCAL SHOOTERS BRING HOME GOLD

Last month a pair of local rifle shooters helped the United States to victory in the Canadian National F-Class team championship. F-Class is a fast growing sport originally promoted by Canadian shooter, George Farquharson, thus the name, in the 1990s. Cody Richardson, left, and Dwayne Draggoo, right, helped the United States to victory in the Canadian National F-Class team championship last month in Canada. By TOBY CHEATHAM Sep 9, 2019 https://www.newsandtribune.com/sports/outdoors-pair-of-local-shooters-bring-home-gold/article_e6484578-d377-11e9-b909-33362cfdaf1.html

TEXAS SHOOTING HIGHLIGHTS DANGERS OF GUNS SOLD WITHOUT BACKGROUND CHECKS

The West Texas shooter, Seth Ator, 36, failed a background check when he tried to purchase a gun in 2014, because he had been deemed "a mental defective" by a judge, according to law enforcement sources. He was later able to buy a gun from a private seller. He killed seven people and wounded 25 others on August 31 before being apprehended and killed by the police in a shootout. The person who sold Ator his gun is being investigated as an unlicensed dealer, according to a law enforcement source. By Drew Griffin, Amanda Katz, and Patricia DiCarlo, CNN Investigates - Mon September 9, 2019 <https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/09/us/universal-background-checks-guns-texas-shooting-invs/index.html>

NY TIMES - RETAILERS WALK THIN LINE BY ASKING, NOT TELLING, SHOPPERS NOT TO CARRY GUNS - David Amad, a gun rights activist and the vice president of Open Carry Texas, is not especially bothered by Walmart's recent announcement that it is "respectfully requesting" that customers not openly carry guns into its stores. Mr. Amad said many of his group's 38,000 members had carried their guns openly into Walmart stores since the retailer made the policy public last Tuesday. None have been asked to leave. "They are ducking the issue," Mr. Amad said of Walmart. "They are trying to get the gun haters to leave them alone, while at the same time leave us alone when we carry in their stores." By Michael Corkery - Sept. 9, 2019

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/09/business/walmart-guns-open-carry.html>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/davidhessekiel/2019/09/10/will-retailers-guns-not-welcome-stands-make-a-difference/#1eb43521dc0c>

GUN GRABBER RHETORIC LOADED WITH MYTHS ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE

The misinformation peddled by the mainstream media on this subject is contradicted by the facts, and largely due to the work of University of Alabama professor Adam Lankford. Lankford doesn't hide his agenda, which is the same agenda nearly everyone in public life appears to have: to limit and eventually outlaw individual gun ownership. By Donald Jeffries, American Free Press - September 9, 2019

<https://americanfreepress.net/gun-grabber-rhetoric-loaded-with-myths-about-gun-violence/>

NY POST - MASS SHOOTERS EXPLOITED GAPS, ERRORS IN BACKGROUND CHECKS

Most mass shooters in the US acquired the weapons they used legally because there was nothing in their backgrounds to disqualify them, according to James Alan Fox, a criminologist with Northeastern University who has studied mass shootings for decades. By Associated Press - September 9, 2019

<https://nypost.com/2019/09/09/mass-shooters-exploited-gaps-errors-in-background-checks/>

- Mistake in data: Charleston, South Carolina, Church
- Data not updated: Sutherland Springs, Texas, Church
- Lack of enforcement: Aurora, Illinois, Workplace
- Private purchase: West Texas rampage
- Took from relatives: Newtown, Connecticut; Marysville, Washington; and Santa Fe, Texas
- Legally acquired: Las Vegas; Aurora, Colorado; Roseburg, Oregon; and Orlando and Parkland, Florida

U.K. TWO SHOT DEAD ON LONDON'S STREETS AMID WARNINGS 'FLUID SUPPLY' OF GUNS IS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO CONTROL

Two people were shot dead in London within eight hours amid police warnings that **gangs are finding increasingly inventive ways to import firearms**. A 25-year-old man is believed to have accidentally shot himself when a bullet ricocheted off the windscreen of a parked car in broad daylight. One eyewitness said the victim "came to shoot someone else, but he ended up shooting himself" on a busy street in Sydenham, south London shortly before 4pm on Sunday. A 56-year-old local resident said: "The bullet bounced off a car window. After it happened, the boy he came to shoot stood there filming him." By Victoria Ward, The Telegraph - 9 September 2019

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/09/09/man-dies-accidentally-shooting-london/>

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF AMERICA BANNED AR-15S?

The left is not serious about banning guns, but they are persistent about winning elections using guns as a campaign issue. This is why we must oppose them even when the emotional "do something!" reflex is strongest. Before I get to the details, let me spoil the ending for you. Those of you who think this experiment is going to end in some glorious, Star Trek future can stop reading now if you like. **The result of this will be mass civil disobedience on a scale not seen since**

Prohibition. People just won't comply. By Steve Berman, The Resurgent - September 9, 2019

<https://theresurgent.com/2019/09/09/what-would-happen-if-america-banned-ar-15s/>

POLL: MAJORITY BACKS BANNING ASSAULT-STYLE RIFLES, OPPOSES FEDERAL GUN-CONFISCATION PROGRAM

About 56 percent of respondents in the Monmouth poll supported banning assault-style weapons, while 38 percent opposed it. Only 43 percent of respondents supported a "mandatory buyback program," in which the federal government would confiscate such weapons from current owners, while 53 percent of respondents opposed such a program. By Mairead McArdle, National Review - September 9, 2019 <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/poll-majority-backs-banning-assault-style-rifles-opposes-federal-gun-confiscation-program/>
<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/national-monmouth-poll-public-divided-assault-weapons-policy/>

WHY CRIMINALS LOOKING TO VICTIMIZE WOMEN LOVE GUN CONTROL

Should women be permitted to protect their own bodies? Or should they be forced to passively endure an attack until an authorized protector from the government can ride to their rescue?

By Adam Mill, The Federalist - September 9, 2019 <https://thefederalist.com/2019/09/09/criminals-looking-victimize-women-love-gun-control/>

BETO ADMITS IT: HE WANTS A NATIONAL GUN REGISTRY

2020 Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke addressed the New Hampshire Democratic Party State convention on Saturday. "This is a country that has produced the leadership that will ensure that we not only have universal background checks and red flag laws and end the sale of those weapons of war, but that we go the necessary steps further as politically difficult as they may be," O'Rourke explained. "A gun registry in this country, licensing for every American who owns a firearm and every single one of those AR15s and AK47s will be bought back so they're not on our streets, not in our homes, do not take the lives of our fellow Americans." By Beth Baumann, Town Hall - Posted: Sep 08, 2019 <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/bethbaumann/2019/09/08/beto-we-will-absolutely-establish-a-national-gun-registry-n2552752>

DO SOMETHING, OR THE GUN GRABBERS WILL DO IT FOR US

The siren call for gun control has once again lured The Washington Post onto the rocks.

In an opinion piece published on-line on the 3rd of September, the Editorial Board calls on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to end his "inertia on gun safety" and do something about what they believe to be daily mass shootings. Admitting that "no single law would end gun violence," they nevertheless insist on a "ban on the sale of military-grade assault weapons. Unneeded by civilians, they are a blight on the nation, their ready availability a national disgrace. Eliminating them would slow the growth of this list [of mass shootings]. It would save lives." Ammoland Inc. Posted on September 7, 2019 by Greg Camp <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/09/do-something-or-the-gun-grabbers-will-do-it-for-us/#axzz5yx8VuiZs>

LIBERALS PROPOSE FIRST GUN GRAB SINCE LEXINGTON AND CONCORD

The "mandatory gun buyback" exemplifies the impracticality and absurdity of do-somethingism. Democrats want to turn millions of otherwise law-abiding citizens into criminals overnight for refusing to adhere to a law that retroactively transforms the exercise of a constitutional right into a crime. And they do it without any evidence that it would curtail rare mass shootings or save lives. By David Harsanyi, The Daily Signal - September 07, 2019. David Harsanyi is a senior editor at The Federalist and the author of "First Freedom: A Ride through America's Enduring History With the Gun, From the Revolution to Today." <https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/09/07/liberals-propose-first-gun-grab-since-lexington-and-concord/>

THE GUN LOBBY'S MOST PERNICIOUS MYTH: THERE IS NO "GOOD GUY WITH A GUN"

It is a shameless lie: Guns will not save the day — they will kill us. By Lucian K. Truscott IV, SALON - September 7, 2019
Lucian K. Truscott IV, a graduate of West Point, has had a 50-year career as a journalist, novelist and screenwriter.
<https://www.salon.com/2019/09/07/the-gun-lobbys-most-pernicious-myth-there-is-no-good-guy-with-a-gun/>

NY TIMES - MORE RETAIL CHAINS ASK CUSTOMERS NOT TO CARRY GUNS OPENLY

CVS, Walgreens and Wegmans joined Walmart and Kroger in asking customers not to openly carry firearms.

By Karen Zraick - Sept. 6, 2019 <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/06/business/open-carry-walmart-cvs-walgreens.html>
<https://www.usatoday.com/picture-gallery/money/2019/09/05/no-guns-allowed-target-starbucks-cvs-have-open-carry-policies/2225163001/>

THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

The last time I clicked a “like” on Facebook post regarding legally carrying weapons, I got a very upsetting private message from someone in Canada about it. First of all, she accused me as a Christian for taking a side on the issue and wondered how could I do such a thing. I hope I never in my lifetime have to use a weapon for anything besides target practice. But I have my Concealed to Carry License and I know how to shoot if my life or the life of a loved one(s) depended on it. I am a peaceful person, but I’m not stupid enough to believe that the political agenda of disarming the American public is going to make the United States a safer place. By Judith Victoria Hensley, Plain Thoughts - September 6, 2019 <https://www.middlesborodailynews.com/2019/09/06/the-right-to-bear-arms-2/>

FORBES EXCLUSIVE: FEDS DEMAND APPLE AND GOOGLE HAND OVER NAMES OF 10,000+ USERS OF A GUN SCOPE APP.

Own a rifle? Got a scope to go with it? The U.S. government might soon know who you are, where you live and how to reach you. According to an application for a court order filed by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on September 5, investigators want information on users of Obsidian 4, a tool used to control rifle scopes made by night-vision specialist American Technologies Network Corp. The app allows gun owners to get a live stream, take video and calibrate their gun scope from an Android or iPhone device. According to the Google Play page for Obsidian 4, it has more than 10,000 downloads. Apple doesn’t provide download numbers, so it’s unclear how many iPhone owners could be swept up in this latest government data grab. By Thomas Brewster, Forbes Staff 6, 2019 - 1,525,876 views
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/thomasbrewster/2019/09/06/exclusive-feds-demand-apple-and-google-hand-over-names-of-10000-users-of-a-gun-scope-app/#a7c575724238>

WATCH: VIDEO DEPICTS EXACTLY HOW HOLLYWOOD TRIES TO BIAS PEOPLE AGAINST GUNS

In a new video that blasts Hollywood for its bias against guns and its purposeful misleading of the public on the issue, John Lott of the Crime Prevention Research Center uses clips from various TV shows to show exactly how deep the bias is and how the animus toward guns is redolent within Hollywood. By Hank Berrien - September 6, 2019
<https://www.dailywire.com/news/51483/watch-video-depicts-exactly-how-hollywood-tries-hank-berrien>

RECALLING THE TRAGIC HISTORY OF GUN CONTROL

Murderers with poisonous ideologies have taken the lives of innocents once again. And the response is the same as it always is: Politicians turn to the proven solution of creating yet more felonies to criminalize law-abiding gun owners. By Stephen P. Halbrook, Independent Institute - September 6, 2019. Stephen P. Halbrook is a Senior Fellow at the Independent Institute and author of the Independent books, Gun Control in Nazi-Occupied France: Tyranny and Resistance, Gun Control in the Third Reich: Disarming the Jews and “Enemies of the State”, and The Founders' Second Amendment. <http://www.independent.org/news/article.asp?id=12912>

THE HILL - WHAT GOD GAVE YOU THE RIGHT TO GUNS?

Texas House Rep. Matt Schaefer responded to the call to “do something” on Twitter by saying he has no plans to support legislation that limits access to deadly weapons because it is a “God-given right.” I don’t know what god House Rep. Schaefer is referring to, but as a pastor, I can say it is not the god of Jesus. By Reverend Deanna Hollas is the Gun Violence Prevention ministry coordinator with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and the co-founder of Retreat House Spirituality Center. September 6, 2019 <https://thehill.com/opinion/civil-rights/460194-what-god-gave-you-the-right-to-guns>

STATE ALLOWS THOSE COPING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS TO OBTAIN FIREARMS, CONCEALED

LICENSES - Law enforcement officers took away gun rights from Shane Kohfield, a local veteran coping with mental illness, after he threatened to slaughter members of Antifa. He wasn’t charged with a crime, but we wanted to know how he was able to get guns and a concealed handgun permit in the first place. by Joe Douglass, KATU News Friday, September 6th 2019 <https://ktvl.com/news/local/state-allows-those-coping-with-mental-illness-to-obtain-firearms-conceal-handgun-permits>

YES, GUN OWNERSHIP IS A GOD-GIVEN RIGHT

Owning a gun is an extension of this law of nature, and has been recognized as such for a long time in Anglo-America. The right to bear arms had deep roots in England, and it predated the Constitution on these shores. Pennsylvania guaranteed the right early on. In his draft of the Virginia Constitution in 1776, Thomas Jefferson wrote, “No freeman shall ever be debarred the use of arms.” (His language wasn’t adopted.) It is out of this historical soil that we got the Second Amendment. Guns would make it possible for Americans to defend themselves, and to defend their liberties. Alexander Hamilton wrote in The Federalist of “the original right of self-defense which is paramount to all positive forms of government.” This right can be used if necessary, per Hamilton, “against the usurpations of the national rulers.” By Rich Lowry, National Review - September 6, 2019 <https://www.nationalreview.com/2019/09/gun-ownership-god-given-right-self-defense/>

CBS - MARYLAND MAN ARRESTED AFTER ALLEGEDLY THREATENING VIOLENCE AT WORKPLACE, 140 GUNS FOUND INSIDE HOME

- According to court records, 54-year-old Mark Edward Rutkowski of Pasadena faces one count of making a threat of mass violence. Anne Arundel County Police served an Extreme Risk Protective Order, allowed under Maryland’s Red Flag law, at Rutkowski’s home on Miramar Road in Pasadena. When they searched his home, they found more than 140 guns, including handguns, rifles, shotguns and assaults rifles. By Rachael Cardin - September 5, 2019 <https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2019/09/05/mark-edward-rutkowski-arrested-red-flag-law-gun-violence-threat-maryland/>

GUN USED IN TEXAS SHOOTING WAS ILLEGALLY MANUFACTURED AND SOLD: REPORT

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is currently investigating a man who they believe illegally manufactured and sold the AR-15-style rifle that Seth Ator used to kill seven people and injure 22 more on Saturday, before he was shot and killed by police. By Jack Crowe, National Review - September 5, 2019 <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/gun-used-in-texas-shooting-illegally-manufactured-sold-report/>

WALMART AND KROGER ARE CHANGING THEIR GUN AND AMMO POLICIES. HERE’S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Both retailers have asked customers to stop open carrying and Walmart will soon pull handgun ammo, .223, and more. By T. Logan Metesh, Field and Stream - September 5, 2019 <https://www.fieldandstream.com/walmart-and-kroger-are-changing-their-gun-and-ammo-policies-heres-what-you-need-to-know/>

OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

RCMP INTEL DIRECTOR CHARGED IN MAJOR CASE WAS TOP ADVISER TO FORMER FORCE HEAD:

SOURCES - The RCMP has arrested and charged a high-level official with the force in a major national security case. Cameron Ortis faces seven charges dating back to 2015 under both the Criminal Code and the Security of Information Act, and Global News has learned the RCMP believe he stole "large quantities of information, which could compromise an untold number of investigations." Other sources referred to the case as "serious spy s-t." A statement from the RCMP said the charges "stem from activities alleged to have occurred during his tenure as an RCMP employee." By Amanda Connolly, Mercedes Stephenson, Stewart Bell, Sam Cooper and Rachel Browne Global News - Posted September 13, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/5899146/senior-rcmp-arrested-charged/>

WHY DID TRUDEAU SKIP THE FIRST LEADERS' DEBATE? THE SNC-LAVALIN SCANDAL LIKELY HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT

- Trudeau knew full well that in Thursday's debate they would dredge up all those inconvenient truths that have emerged over the past few months. By Michael Higgins, National Post - September 12, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/news/why-did-trudeau-skip-the-first-leaders-debate-the-snc-lavalin-scandal-likely-had-something-to-do-with-it>

WITH PARLIAMENT, THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER AND NOW THE RCMP FRUSTRATED, WILSON-RAYBOULD AND PHILPOTT MUST SPEAK THEIR TRUTH

- Mr. Trudeau and his advisers are hiding behind the convention of protecting cabinet confidences. They must not hide any longer. The national interest dictates that Canadians cast their ballots in this election with full knowledge of what happened behind those very closed doors. It is time for everyone to speak their truth. By John Ibbitson, Globe and Mail - UPDATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 - 288 COMMENTS <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-with-parliament-the-ethics-commissioner-and-now-the-rcmp-frustrated/>

LILLEY: RCMP WERE BLOCKED FROM FULLY INVESTIGATING TRUDEAU'S OFFICE ON SNC

OBSTRUCTION CLAIMS - The news was revealed in a bombshell report by the Globe and Mail issued less than 12 hours before Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was to visit Rideau Hall and kick off the 2019 election. The Clerk of the Privy Council has determined that cabinet confidence is more important than a police investigation into obstruction of justice in a case involving corruption. Ian Shugart, the clerk, invoked cabinet confidence to block the Mounties from talking to people. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - September 11, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-rcmp-were-blocked-from-fully-investigating-trudeaus-office-on-snc-obstruction-claims>

'FRIENDS OF SCIENCE' THANKS ELECTIONS CANADA FOR WARNING ON CLIMATE-CHANGE TALK

In an open letter, the Friends of Science Society praises the federal agency that oversees Canadian elections for indicating that the science on climate change has not been settled. "Thank you to Elections Canada for recognizing that climate change has become a political issue," Friends of Science wrote in a letter to Stephane Perrault, Canada's chief electoral officer. By Mia Rabson, National Observer - September 10, 2019 <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2019/09/10/news/friends-science-thanks-elections-canada-warning-climate-change-talk>

GUNTER: LIBERALS' VOTE-BUYING SPREE TAKEN TO UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS

The Liberal government made more than 4,500 spending announcements totalling nearly \$13 billion. While every government engages in a spasm of spending announcements, the ethically challenged Trudeau Liberals have gorged themselves at an unprecedented level. By Lorne Gunter, Edmonton Sun - September 10, 2019 <https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-liberals-vote-buying-spree-taken-to-unprecedented-levels>

2 MUSLIM TEACHERS FIRED FROM CANADIAN SCHOOLS FOR REFUSING TO REMOVE

HEADSCARVES - Catherine Beauvais-St-Pierre, chairman of the Alliance des professeurs et professeurs de Montréal, a professional trade union that represents teachers in the city, told reporters that the two Muslim teachers, whose names were withheld, were told by the school boards to "remove their headscarves or face dismissal." DAILY SABAH - ISTANBUL - Published 10.09.2019 <https://www.dailysabah.com/islamophobia/2019/09/10/2-muslim-teachers-fired-from-canadian-schools-for-refusing-to-remove-headscarves>

LIBERTARIAN STUDENT GROUP RUNNYMEDE SOCIETY SEEKS TO SHAKE UP CANADA'S LEGAL

CULTURE - The Runnymede Society now has a presence on nearly all of the country's 18 law campuses where it is fighting for the hearts and minds of young people who will go on to careers in legal practice, academia, politics and business, and as judges. Similar to the influential Federalist Society in the United States, which also started as a student group, Runnymede has a core view that judges too often are guided by their own political preferences, rather than applying the law. In its first book of essays, published late last month with the provocative title Attacks on the Rule of Law From Within, and in edgy remarks at its events from leading judges, it has sought to spark a debate on some cherished Canadian principles, such as the Charter of Rights and Freedoms being a living tree that changes with the times. By SEAN FINEJUSTICE WRITER - SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 - 124 COMMENTS <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-libertarian-student-group-runnymede-society-seeks-to-shake-up-legal/>

WIND INDUSTRY CRISIS SPREADS: GERMAN & AUSTRALIAN ENVIRONMENTALISTS TURN

AGAINST POINTLESS & DESTRUCTIVE WIND POWER - The inevitable backlash against wind power started in Germany and it's spreading, fast. The fact that chaotically intermittent wind power can't be delivered as and when power consumers need it means the wanton destruction of pristine wilderness, bucolic landscapes, rural communities, and millions of birds and bats (including plenty of species on the brink of extinction) is pretty hard to justify. September 8, 2019 by stopthesethings <https://stopthesethings.com/2019/09/08/wind-industry-crisis-spreads-german-australian-environmentalists-turn-against-pointless-destructive-wind-power/>

GOLDSTEIN: WHY TRUDEAU SHOULD CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRUDEAU

Here are 10 reasons why Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in the last federal election would have been appalled by Trudeau's record in this election. By Lorrie Goldstein, Toronto Sun - September 7, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-why-trudeau-should-campaign-against-trudeau>

LIBERALS HAVE BECOME UNBEARABLE, OKAY? AND I SPEAK AS A LIBERAL

"Populism is rising because liberals have become unbearable, Okay? And I speak as a liberal... Liberals have become utterly, pathetically illiberal and it's a massive problem. What's the point of calling yourself a liberal if you don't allow anyone else to have a different view? You know, this snowflake culture we operate in, this victimhood culture that everyone, has to think in a certain way, behave a certain way. Everyone has to have a bleeding heart... You say a joke 10 years ago that offended somebody you can never host the Oscars... So what's happening around the world? Populism is rising because people are fed up with the PC culture. They're fed up with the snowflake culture. They're fed up with everyone being offended by everything... They just want to tell people, not just how to lead their life but if you don't lead it the way I tell you to, It's a kind of version of fascism. " -- Piers Morgan (1965-) British journalist, television personality Source: Daily Wire interview, Aug 17, 2019 <https://www.dailywire.com/podcasts/50602/sunday-special-ep-64-piers-morgan> <http://libertytree.ca/quotes/Piers.Morgan.Quote.2D87>

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