



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

**CSSA COMMENTARY: HOW VOTING PPC COULD RE-ELECT A LIBERAL IN CENTRAL NOVA**

In over 50 electoral districts, Election 2019 is a coin-flip. Team CSSA E-News | September 6, 2019

<https://cssa-cila.org/2019/09/team-cssa-e-news-september-6-2019/>

**2019 CANADIAN HUNTING HOT SPOTS FOR DEER, MOOSE, ELK AND MORE**

Attention big-game hunters: Get ready to smile, because most of you have a lot to look forward to this fall. That's the conclusion based on interviews with provincial and territorial wildlife managers across the country. White-tailed deer and elk are doing well, moose and mule deer numbers may be down, but they're recovering, and black bears are abundant everywhere. There are also numerous wolves in most jurisdictions, and the hunting seasons are generous.

By Brian Harris, Outdoor Canada - September 6, 2019 <https://www.outdoorcanada.ca/2019huntinghotspots/>

**IS GUN CONTROL A RELEVANT ELECTION ISSUE?**

Among the bill's proposals were longer background checks. Previously, there was a five-year limit on how long factors could affect someone's ability to hold a license. The bill proposed to eliminate the limit. Such a measure was initially proposed by Conservative MP James Moore, according to Goodale's speech as he introduced the bill.

By Josh Greschner, Staff Reporter / Battlefords News-Optimist - September 6, 2019

<https://www.newsoptimist.ca/opinion/editorial/is-gun-control-a-relevant-election-issue-1.23938443>

**LAWTON: POLICE CHIEFS SAY HANDGUN BAN IS "NAÏVE"**

Left-wing politicians like John Tory and Bill Blair still talk about gun bans as though they will make an impact on gun crime. They're wrong. by Andrew Lawton, True North - September 5, 2019

<https://tnc.news/2019/09/05/lawton-police-chiefs-say-handgun-ban-is-naive/>

**CALGARY MAN FINED \$1,500 FOR WEAPON IN LAKE LOUISE CAMPGROUND, FORFEITS GUN**

Douglas Ochitwa, from Calgary, was camping at the Waterfowl Lakes Campground on July 23 when an interaction with neighbouring campers about their loud generator led to the neighbours calling RCMP over Ochitwa's open firearm. "The accused was carrying a Mossberg International model 715T rifle, out in the open at his campsite," By Jenna Dulewich -

September 5, 2019 <https://www.stalberttoday.ca/beyond-local/calgary-man-fined-1500-for-weapon-in-lake-louise-campground-forfeits-gun-1675431>

**CANADA VOTES 2019 - CBC POLL TRACKER**

38% Probability of the **Liberals** winning a **majority**. Latest polls and projections Updated on Sep 05, 2019

Maintained by CBC poll analyst Éric Grenier, the Poll Tracker aggregates all publicly available polling data.

<https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/elections/poll-tracker/canada/>

## **LETTER: HANDGUN BAN WOULDN'T STOP GUN CRIME**

By Edward White, Chilliwack, Vancouver Sun - Sept 5, 2019

In response to a recent letter suggesting that a viable solution to reducing handgun violence in Canada would be to remove such firearms from law-abiding owners, leaving them solely in the hands of law enforcement. Such a move would, at best, serve as an emotional bromide with no resulting increase in public safety. Licensed firearms owners are statistically less likely to violate the law than the average Canadian. There is nothing to be gained by holding these good people accountable for the acts of criminals, who would get guns despite a ban. It would also detract from pursuing effective anti-violence initiatives. Law enforcement officials agree, including the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, who do not support a handgun ban. <https://vancouversun.com/opinion/letters/letters-sept-5-instead-of-attracting-foreign-university-students-from-other-countries-add-more-canadians>

## **OWNING A GUN IN CANADA IS NOTHING LIKE IT USED TO BE**

**So what is left to do? Anything to fix? Yes. Fix those who break the law.**

By Evan Saugstad / Alaska Highway News - September 5, 2019 Evan Saugstad is a former mayor of Chetwynd, and lives in Fort St. John. <https://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/opinion/columnists/evan-saugstad-owning-a-gun-is-nothing-like-it-used-to-be-1.23936747>

<https://www.princegeorgecitizen.com/opinion/columnists/from-my-cold-dead-hands-1.23937725>

## **COURTENAY SHOOTER WINS CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Courtenay Fish and Game's Cowboy Action group hosted the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) 2019 Canadian National Championships over the Labour Day weekend. One hundred shooters and their families from Canada, the U.S. and Germany enjoyed six days of single-action shooting events as well as long-range rifle, rifle and pistol side matches, Wild Bunch, Cowboy Clays and the wrap-up one-on-one competition. Sep. 5, 2019

<https://www.comoxvalleyrecord.com/sports/courtenay-shooter-wins-canadian-championship/>

## **WHAT WE KNOW — AND WHAT WE THINK WE KNOW — IS IN EACH PARTY PLATFORM AHEAD OF THE ELECTION**

- Only the NDP has released a full platform so far, but the other parties have given plenty of hints and promises. Here's a taste of what voters can expect By Brian Platt, National Post - September 5, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/what-we-know-and-what-we-think-we-know-is-in-each-party-platform-ahead-of-the-election>

**LIBERAL PARTY ON GUN CONTROL:** Last year, Border Security Minister Bill Blair oversaw consultations on banning handguns in Canada. He has now said that such a ban would be ineffective and expensive (given the required buy-back of existing guns). Instead, the Liberals have floated the possibility of banning more assault-style rifles and empowering cities to implement their own gun ban policies.

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY ON GUN CONTROL:** As the Liberals tighten gun control, they'll paint the Conservatives as going in the opposite direction — so the Conservatives have already put out their own plan. It includes a lifetime ban on owning guns for anyone convicted of gang-related activity or certain violent crimes; a task force on preventing guns from being smuggled over the border, and gun seizures for people detained under provincial mental health legislation. The party also plans to repeal Bill C-71, Liberal legislation passed this year that Conservatives say just adds burdens on legal gun owners instead of criminals.

## **CBC - DIVESTING FROM U.S. GUN INDUSTRY IS NOT SO EASY IF YOU PAY INTO CANADA PENSION PLAN**

- Companies that make assault rifles, handguns, bullets among CPP investments

By Dianne Buckner · CBC News · Posted: Sep 04, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/cpp-owns-gun-stocks-1.5264497>

## **CBC - NRA SLAMS WALMART FOR CRACKING DOWN ON GUN AND AMMO SALES**

Rifle association criticizes retail giant for caving to pressure from 'anti-gun elites'

CBC News · Posted: Sep 04, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/nra-walmart-1.5269970>

## **WATCH: HOW EASY IS IT TO GET AN ILLEGAL GUN IN TORONTO?**

Less than five hours after his first phone call, a connection was made and Budd says he was looking at five guns in a stranger's SUV parked at a big box store mall at 2:30 p.m. on a weekday.

By Siobhan Morris, NewsTalk1010 - September 4, 2019

<http://www.iheartradio.ca/newstalk-1010/news/watch-how-easy-is-it-to-get-an-illegal-gun-in-toronto-1.9907076>

<https://www.narcity.com/news/ca/on/toronto/toronto-illegal-handguns-dont-take-very-long-to-find-according-to-this-radio-host>

## **WARMINGTON: ILLEGAL GUNS HAVE BECOME EASY TO BUY IN TORONTO**

Toronto has had 290 shootings so far this year — more than one shooting a day. Of those 290 shootings, Toronto Police report there have been 438 victims. By Joe Warmington, Toronto Sun - September 4, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/warmington-illegal-guns-have-become-easy-to-buy-in-toronto>

## **LEDUC MOM, KIDS SURROUNDED BY ARMED POLICE IN APPARENT CASE OF SWATTING**

A Leduc mother says her children and their friends were badly shaken after police officers surrounded her home with rifles drawn in an apparent case of swatting.

By Jeff Lawrence, CTV News Edmonton - September 4, 2019

<https://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/leduc-mom-kids-surrounded-by-armed-police-in-apparent-case-of-swatting-1.4578176>

## **THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IMPLEMENTS ITS NEW PRECLEARANCE ACT**

The New Preclearance Act grants enhanced powers to United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) officers working at preclearance areas located in Canada. Government of Canada enacted the Preclearance Act, 2016 (New Preclearance Act), which received Royal Assent on December 12, 2017. September 4, 2019

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/the-government-of-canada-implements-its-70867/>

**AUTHORITY TO CARRY FIREARMS IN CANADA IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES:** Under the Old Preclearance Act, US Preclearance Officers could not carry firearms on Canadian soil. However, the New Preclearance Act contains amendments to the Canadian Criminal Code, which will permit US Preclearance Officers to possess, transfer, import and export a firearm, prohibited weapon (which includes a taser but also an automatic weapon), or restricted weapon (for example, a handgun) for the purposes of their duties or employment.<sup>5</sup> Although the Preclearance Agreement describes a US Preclearance Officer's ability to possess the same firearms and other weapons that CBSA officers are authorized to possess in the same environment, the New Preclearance Act does not specifically limit a US Preclearance Officer's authority in this manner. It simply exempts US Preclearance Officers from applicable criminal laws relating to firearms and other weapons.

**AUTHORIZATION TO USE FORCE:** The New Preclearance Act states that US Preclearance Officers are justified in doing what they are required or authorized to do, and in using as much force as is necessary for that purpose, if they act on reasonable grounds.<sup>6</sup> US Preclearance Officers are not justified in using force that is intended or likely to cause death or grievous bodily harm unless they have reasonable grounds to believe that it is necessary for self-preservation or the preservation (from death of grievous bodily harm) of anyone under their protection.<sup>7</sup> However, the authorization to use reasonable force could allow them to temporarily detain travelers in connection with the performance of their duties.

### **FUNDRAISING DINNER SET FOR SPRUCEDALE BIATHLETE**

The congregation at St. Olaf Lutheran Church at Bear Lake thanks everyone for attending their fundraiser roast beef dinner. It was a huge success, with approximately 134 attending. They have come closer to their goal of raising money for a new roof. The fundraising dinner for national biathlete Trevor Kiers is on Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. at the Sprucedale Community Centre. Roast beef dinner tickets are \$15 at the door. This dinner is to help offset Kiers' expenses for the winter Biathlon Canada events. Sep 03, 2019 by Lynda Howse, Almaguin News

<https://www.northbaynipissing.com/opinion-story/9572612-fundraising-dinner-set-for-sprucedale-biathlete/>

### **CANADA.COM - KROGER ASKS CUSTOMERS TO QUIT OPENLY CARRYING GUNS IN STORES**

NEW YORK — U.S. grocer Kroger Co has begun asking customers to stop openly carrying firearms in stores, a change in policy, a spokeswoman said on Tuesday. Kroger previously had followed local and state laws on the matter, she said. Reporting By Melissa Fares; editing by Peter Henderson and Rosalba O'Brien, Reuters Updated: September 3, 2019

<https://o.canada.com/pmn/business-pmn/kroger-asks-customers-to-quit-openly-carrying-guns-in-stores/wcm/15e54119-2545-4cc5-a81f-c9b441259cb1>

<https://o.canada.com/news/retail-marketing/walmart-to-curtailed-ammunition-sales-ask-customers-not-to-openly-carry-guns-in-wake-of-shootings/wcm/26b6ff8a-8ef3-4957-aafc-9fc22a826722>

### **CBC - 6 WEEKS INTO ITS GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAM, NEW ZEALAND ENCOUNTERING SOME CHALLENGES**

- Some New Zealand gun owners are upset they're being compelled to hand over their assault weapons for money. The Associated Press · Posted: Sep 03, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/new-zealand-gun-buyback-1.5269463>

### **CBC - GUN RANGE REJECTS PPC CANDIDATES' SHOOTING COMPETITION**

Saskatoon Wildlife Federation spokesperson says the organization had no prior knowledge of the event

By Ashleigh Mattern · CBC News · Posted: Sep 03, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/saskatoon-wildlife-federation-gun-range-ppc-shootout-1.5269216>

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-shootout-between-political-candidates-not-allowed-at-saskatoon-gun/>

### **GLOBAL NEWS - REPUBLICANS ARE WAITING ON TRUMP TO MAKE A MOVE ON GUN CONTROL: MCCONNELL**

- WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans are waiting for the White House to chart a path forward on gun violence legislation, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday, effectively putting the burden on U.S. President Donald Trump to decide the GOP's legislative response to the spate of mass shootings that included another deadly attack in Texas over the weekend. GLOBAL NEWS - By Matthew Daly The Associated Press -

Posted September 3, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/5850318/donald-trump-gun-control-mcconnell/>

### **NEW ZEALAND GUN BUYBACK EXPOSES EMOTIONS, POSSIBLY HUSTLERS**

Tentative estimates put the total number of guns in New Zealand at about 1.5 million and the number of weapons that are now banned at up to 175,000. If those numbers are correct, it would mean less than 10% of the banned weapons have been handed in so far. Owners have until Dec. 20 to turn them over or potentially face charges. Toronto Star - By Nick Perry, The Associated Press Tues., Sept. 3, 2019 <https://www.thestar.com/news/world/australia/2019/09/03/new-zealand-gun-buyback-exposes-emotions-possibly-hustlers.html>

### **TEXAS SHOOTER WHO KILLED 7 HAD FAILED BACKGROUND CHECK FOR GUNS**

The gunman who killed seven people and wounded 23 others in a rolling rampage across West Texas obtained an assault-style rifle despite failing a background check, state and law enforcement officials said on Monday.

Vancouver Sun - Reuters Updated: September 2, 2019 <https://vancouver.sun.com/news/crime/texas-shooter-who-killed-7-had-failed-background-check-for-guns/wcm/0cc875b7-714a-4cb1-abd6-b50e38f9257c>

**ONTARIO SOLICITOR GENERAL DENIES ACCESS TO FIREARMS INTEREST POLICE (FIP) FILES IN MURDER-SUICIDE CASE** Complaint to Ontario Information Commissioner by Dennis R. Young - September 2, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/09/05/access-denied-to-fip-files-in-ontario-murder-suicide-case/>

**EXCERPT:** The records I have requested from the Solicitor General and the Ontario Provincial Police will help the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee in the conduct of their **review of the Mark Jones murder-suicide and answer questions as to why he was able to retain possession of his firearms after serious reports had been filed with police.** It's clear from information being made available to Parliament and the public that the RCMP and the Ontario Chief Firearms Office do not collect enough information on an ongoing basis nor have they done a sufficient evaluation of the effectiveness of the two 'Red Flag' systems aimed exclusively at licensed gun owners implemented by the Firearms Act passed by the Federal Parliament in 1995, namely; the Firearms Interest Police (FIP) Database and the Canadian Firearms Registry Online (CFRO).

**CBC - PPC CANDIDATES TO DECIDE WHO ATTENDS DEBATE BY HOLDING TARGET SHOOTING COMPETITION** - Candidate with the better score will attend a Saskatoon debate on Sept. 10  
By Ashleigh Mattern · CBC News · Posted: Sep 02, 2019  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/ppc-people-s-party-canada-gun-range-shootout-1.5268078>

**MANITOBA BECOMING AN OUTDOORS-WOMAN PROGRAM CELEBRATES 25 YEARS**  
The MWF's BOW program includes firearms lessons. By Bob Sexton, Outdoor Canada - September 2, 2019  
<https://www.outdoorcanada.ca/manitoba-becoming-an-outdoors-woman-program-celebrates-25-years/>

**OUR GUN CONTROL LAWS NEED TO TARGET BAD GUYS WITH GUNS**  
**Two million licensed gun owners are required to report their addresses to police but NOT the more than 443,000 convicted criminals prohibited from owning firearms by the courts!** By Dennis R. Young – September 1, 2019  
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/09/01/our-gun-control-laws-need-to-target-bad-guys-with-guns/>

**CHAMPIONSHIPS BUILD ON THE LEGACY OF THE PAN AM GAMES**  
The Toronto International Trap and Skeet Club in Innisfil had a total make-over in 2015 when it hosted the Pan American Games shooting competitions. Renamed the TTS/Pan Am Legacy Shooting Centre, the hope was that investment in the facility would create future opportunities to host national and international competitions – a hope that has been realized. This week the shooting range, located on 5 Sideroad near Cookstown, hosted the **2019 Canadian National Olympic Championships, Canadian National Trapshooting Championships and national team selection trials, Aug. 26-Sept. 1.** Between 147 and 157 competitors from across Canada took part in the championships, in small-bore rifle, pistol, and trapshooting. Four members of the Canadian Trapshooting team, just back from the Pan American Games held in Lima, Peru, last month, were among the participants. Curtis Wennberg and Amanda Chudoba-Obrigewitch captured Bronze in Pairs, in Lima; Elizabeth Longley and Matthew Van Harren placed second in the qualifier, and 6th in the Finals. By: Miriam King, Bradford Today - August 31, 2019 <https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/championships-build-on-the-legacy-of-the-pan-am-games-1666253>

**FIVE DEAD, 21 INJURED IN TEXAS SHOOTING**  
ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Five people are dead and at least 21 others are injured in west Texas after a shooting on Saturday in the area of Midland and Odessa. Midland police said the suspect was shot and killed near the Cinergy movie

theater in Odessa. by Winnipeg City News Staff and The Associated Press Posted Aug 31, 2019  
<https://winnipeg.citynews.ca/2019/08/31/police-multiple-gunshot-victims-from-texas-shootings/>

### **TACCOM GUN SHOW COMING TO CANADA ON SEPT 6-8TH**

Largest gun show in Canada with over 100,000 square feet and 450 booths Posted in Shooting by Dickson - August 30, 2019 <https://www.alloutdoor.com/2019/08/30/tacom-gun-show-coming-canada-sept-6-8th/>

### **ONTARIO TRIPLE MURDER-SUICIDE WILL BE REVIEWED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATH REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The mandate of a DVDRC review is similar to that of a coroner's inquest – although the process is less public, and provides only a snapshot of the information that would be publicly available in an inquest. The coroner's office has said it will not be calling an inquest in this case. But under the Coroners Act, relatives have the right to formally request one. The Theoret brothers still believe an inquest in this case would be valuable. Because Mr. Jones also killed himself, there will be no trial. An inquest, they argue, could shine a public light on issues such as firearms policies and violence against women and mental health. In the weeks leading up to the murders, Mr. Jones had confided in another neighbour that he had been diagnosed with dementia, and that his driver's license was revoked. **Thomas and Hans want to know why his firearms licences weren't also taken away. The 58-year-old used both a shotgun and pistol to kill their family members.** Ontario's Chief Firearms Officer Dwight Peer told The Globe previously that his office cannot comment on specific cases, or say whether they are conducting any review into this one. The OPP would not discuss the case with The Globe because the force is mentioned (although not named as defendants) in a lawsuit filed by the brothers against Mr. Jones's estate. By MOLLY HAYES, Globe and Mail - PUBLISHED AUGUST 21, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ontario-triple-murder-suicide-will-be-reviewed-by-domestic-violence/>

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

#### **REPORT: GUN CONTROL SPELLS POLITICAL LOSS FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP**

Data gathered by President Trump's campaign shows he would suffer a loss of support during the 2020 election by supporting gun control. By AWR HAWKINS - 6 Sep 2019

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/09/06/report-gun-control-spells-political-loss-for-president-trumpreport-gun-control-spells-political-loss-for-president-trump/>

#### **'ASSAULT WEAPON' BAN WOULD COST \$26.9 MILLION; ITS REGISTRY MILLIONS MORE TO BUILD, DEFEND IN COURT**

Adopting a constitutional amendment to ban "assault weapons" as proposed in a prospective 2020 ballot measure could annually cost Florida's economy \$26.9 million, including \$12.25 million in reduced sales and corporate income taxes, and another \$3 million a year to maintain a registry of "grandfathered" semi-automatics. By John Haughey | The Center Square - September 6, 2019 [https://www.thecentersquare.com/florida/assault-weapon-ban-would-cost-million-its-registry-millions-more/article\\_edf30b96-d0b6-11e9-bc22-bb1d1ca0f9e0.html](https://www.thecentersquare.com/florida/assault-weapon-ban-would-cost-million-its-registry-millions-more/article_edf30b96-d0b6-11e9-bc22-bb1d1ca0f9e0.html)

#### **HOW ONE OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICT BROUGHT GUNS INTO ITS CLASSROOMS**

By Kyle Swenson The Washington Post - September 6, 2019

[https://www.messenger-inquirer.com/features/perspective/how-one-ohio-school-district-brought-guns-into-its-classrooms/article\\_4191f00c-d0d8-11e9-bcfc-eb408e2d553b.html](https://www.messenger-inquirer.com/features/perspective/how-one-ohio-school-district-brought-guns-into-its-classrooms/article_4191f00c-d0d8-11e9-bcfc-eb408e2d553b.html)

#### **THE SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GUN-TOTING CRIMINALS AND DEMOCRATIC**

**LAWMAKERS** - Democratic lawmakers love gun-toting criminals. They give them the ammunition (pun intended) they need to stir up their base to push for gun control legislation. After every mass shooting, the cries to "do something" are deafening on social media as virtue-signaling politicians pander for effect. Gun-toting criminals love Democratic

lawmakers. They fight to reduce sentences, hamper law enforcement, and most importantly to take guns away from law-abiding citizens. The less the citizenry is armed, the easier it is for criminals to commit their crimes. This is why gun-free zones are often targeted. It's why gun crimes are rampant in cities like Chicago where guns are allegedly controlled. Criminals owe Democrats a debt of gratitude for helping them stay in business.

By JD Rucker - September 6, 2019 <https://noqreport.com/2019/09/06/symbiotic-relationship-gun-toting-criminals-democratic-lawmakers/>

**NY TIMES - TRUMP AIDES' POLL FINDS GUN CONTROL POLITICALLY PROBLEMATIC FOR THE PRESIDENT** - President Trump assured Senator Joe Manchin III, Democrat of West Virginia, on Thursday that he was still considering legislation that could include background checks for gun buyers. But White House aides said they had polling data showing that gun control was politically problematic for the president, according to two people briefed on the meeting. By Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Martin - Sept. 6, 2019

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/06/us/politics/trump-gun-control-manchin.html>

**AR-15 RIFLE PARTS USED IN CHRISTCHURCH MOSQUE ATTACKS RULED ILLEGAL BY POLICE**

Police have decided that key parts of a type of assault rifle used in the Christchurch mosque attacks are illegal, after months of confusion. 6 September 2019 by Jeremy Wilkinson

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/398220/ar-15-rifle-parts-used-in-christchurch-mosque-attacks-ruled-illegal-by-police>

**WALMART'S NEW RULES ON GUNS AND AMMO: ARE THEY HEALTHY?**

This is part of the KHN Morning Briefing, a summary of health policy coverage from major news organizations. September 5, 2019 Headline Health 57 Comments

<https://headlinehealth.com/walmarts-new-rules-on-guns-and-ammo-are-they-healthy/>

<https://www.mediamatters.org/dana-loesch/right-wing-media-lash-out-after-walmart-announces-newest-firearm-policy>

**REPUBLICAN STATES LOOSEN THEIR GUN LAWS FOLLOWING MASS SHOOTINGS**

This is not as counter-intuitive as it seems. The Economist Print edition | United States - Sep 5th 2019

<https://www.economist.com/united-states/2019/09/05/republican-states-loosen-their-gun-laws-following-mass-shootings>

**WHY REPUBLICANS SHOULDN'T CAVE TO DEMOCRATS ON GUNS**

It's not only to prevent a Democrat landslide in 2020. It's because Democrats will settle for nothing less than gun confiscation. By Mark Overstreet, The Federalist - September 5, 2019

<https://thefederalist.com/2019/09/05/republicans-shouldnt-cave-democrats-guns/>

**CANADIAN AUTHORITIES IN ONTARIO HAVE STOPPED 231 GUNS FROM ENTERING COUNTRY SO FAR THIS YEAR** - The guns were seized from multiple ports of entry between Jan. 1 and Aug. 30. Last year, 305 guns were seized, and 235 were seized in 2017. By Amber Ainsworth - September 05, 2019

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/canadian-authorities-in-ontario-have-stopped-231-guns-from-entering-country-so-far-this-year>

**CONSERVATIVES: WE'LL SPILL BLOOD TO KEEP OUR GUNS**

The right-wing commentariat keeps warning America that if lawmakers intercede, gun owners will have no choice but to kill cops. It's debatable whether even the most stringent gun-control measures would prevent mass shootings, and it's doubtful that those measures would survive the Roberts Court's scrutiny. But time and time again, these proposals reveal a troubling window into the mindset of the gun-rights activists who oppose them. That, in turn, only makes the case for enacting such measures much stronger. If the main reason you need an AR-15 is to murder civil servants and elected

officials, you shouldn't have it in the first place. By Matt Ford, The New Republic - September 5, 2019

<https://newrepublic.com/article/154931/conservatives-well-spill-blood-keep-guns>

### **TIME - A BACKGROUND CHECK LOOPHOLE LET THE ODESSA SHOOTER GET A WEAPON.**

**MILLIONS OF GUNS CHANGE HANDS THAT WAY** - Reports say that the gunman who murdered seven people in a mass shooting in Odessa, Texas, on Saturday, legally never should have been able to buy a gun. But after reportedly failing a federal background check, he managed to get ahold of a gun anyway by purchasing it from a private seller. Some experts say that this case shows that private sales are a "gaping loophole" in the background check law, which must be closed to reduce gun violence. About 22 percent of gun owners in the United States report obtaining their most recent firearm in the last two years without a background check—which means millions of guns are exchanged this way each year. By Tara Law - September 4, 2019

<https://time.com/5668471/gun-violence-background-checks-odessa-mass-shooting/>

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/7x58m4/the-us-truly-has-no-idea-how-many-people-buy-guns-without-background-checks](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/7x58m4/the-us-truly-has-no-idea-how-many-people-buy-guns-without-background-checks)

### **WHICH STORES BESIDES WALMART, KROGER WANT YOU TO LEAVE GUNS AT HOME**

By Dalvin Brown and Janna Herron, USA TODAY - Sept. 5, 2019

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2019/09/05/open-carry-these-stores-restaurants-want-you-not-bring-guns/2208651001/>

1. WHATABURGER:
2. SONIC:
3. PANERA BREAD:
4. CHILI'S:
5. STARBUCKS:
6. TARGET:
7. COSTCO:
8. TRADER JOES:
9. CHIPOTLE:
10. HEB:

### **BBC - MAN ADMITS SMUGGLING 60 GUNS INTO THE UK AT DOVER**

Robert Keogh, 37, from Dublin, was stopped by Border Force as he arrived from Calais on 2 August.

After finding a converted blank-firing handgun in his car, officers called the National Crime Agency (NCA), which later found a further 59 pistols hidden around the vehicle. 5 September 2019

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-49594962>

<https://www.rte.ie/news/courts/2019/09/06/1074409-robert-keogh-court/>

### **DUMB ARGUMENTS ABOUT GUN CONTROL**

Here's the deal. No disarmament ever. Buy guns and ammunition, if you are a law-abiding, healthy adult. Train on them. And be ready, because the minute you disarm you will be a serf. Look at England. Look at Hong Kong. Then get yourself the weapons you need to be a complete American citizen. By Kurt Schlichter, Townhall - Posted: Sep 05, 2019

<https://townhall.com/columnists/kurtschlichter/2019/09/05/dumb-arguments-about-gun-control-n2552526>

### **THE HILL - CORPORATIONS STEP INTO GUN CONTROL VOID**

Some of the nation's largest corporations are stepping into the gun control void, adopting new restrictions on sales in the absence of action by Congress and the White House. Walmart, the world's largest retailer, said Tuesday it would no

longer sell certain types of ammunition, end all handgun sales and ask customers not to carry guns openly in its stores. Kroger, another mega-retailer, quickly followed suit, urging its customers to leave their guns at home before shopping. By Scott Wong and Mike Lillis - 09/05/19 <https://thehill.com/homenews/house/459989-corporations-step-into-gun-control-void>

**FOUR YEARS AFTER ALLOWING UNIVERSAL ‘CONCEALED CARRY’ LAW, MAINE RATED THE SAFEST STATE IN THE NATION FOR CRIME** - Since 2015, residents of the state of Maine have been allowed to carry a concealed firearm without any special permit, and now the results are in: crime has fallen to the point where the state is now rated the safest in the nation from the threat of crime. The Maine Examiner reports: When Maine passed a “Constitutional Carry” law allowing Maine residents to carry a concealed firearm without any special permit in 2015, opponents of the law forecast a dangerous future for the state. They said the new law would hurt public safety and put Maine kids at risk. One state representative who opposed the bill went so far as to say it would give Mainers a reason to be afraid every time they went out in public or to work. Another state representative suggested the law would lead to violent criminals with recent arrests and convictions legally carrying handguns. They were wrong.

By Thomas Lifson, American Thinker - September 5, 2019

[https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2019/09/four\\_years\\_after\\_allowing\\_universal\\_concealed\\_carry\\_law\\_maine\\_rated\\_the\\_safest\\_state\\_in\\_the\\_nation\\_for\\_crime.html](https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2019/09/four_years_after_allowing_universal_concealed_carry_law_maine_rated_the_safest_state_in_the_nation_for_crime.html)

### **BETO'S IMPOSSIBLE GUN BAN DREAMS**

Like prohibitionists of the past, O'Rourke has yet to come up with a credible scheme for getting people who oppose restrictive laws to obey them. But in his open call for confiscation of so-called "assault weapons"—semiautomatic rifles classified largely according to cosmetic characteristics—O'Rourke isn't alone. A growing number of prominent Democrats want owners of "assault weapons" to surrender them to the government. History says most people will ignore any such law. By J.D. Tuccille, Reason - 9.4.2019 <https://reason.com/2019/09/04/betos-impossible-gun-ban-dreams/>

### **THE OUTDOOR WIRE - SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

#### **FEATURE: WANT IT BOTH WAYS?**

Yesterday, Walmart- which ostensibly sells about two percent of all firearms and twenty percent of the ammunition sold in the United States- announced it would stop selling handgun and “short-barreled rifle” ammunition. The company said it will also “encourage” customers no longer openly carry guns into any of its 4,700 Walmarts or Sam’s clubs in states that allow for open carry. **Anti-gun groups and follow-along dunderheads who believe that “banning” something protects you (try a “mosquito-free” zone down in the south) are trumpeting the decision.** By Jim Shepherd - September 4, 2019 <https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/e4516dc8-39ad-43b1-ae72-23c135e30248>

### **WASH. TIMES - BEST MARKSMAN WINS: GUN-SUPPORTING CANDIDATES TO SETTLE**

**DIFFERENCES AT SHOOTING RANGE - TORONTO** — **Who says Canadian elections have to be boring?** With a national vote just weeks away, two candidates of the fledgling pro-gun People’s Party of Canada had to decide this week which of them would represent the party at a local Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce debate in the western province of Saskatchewan. The solution: a live-broadcast shooting contest at a local gun range, and may the best marksman win. “They’ll settle their difference at the Rifle Shooting Range,” read a Facebook flyer, which featured side-by-side pictures of the rifle-toting, camo-clad rivals. What could go wrong? By Barry Brown - Special to The Washington Times - - Wednesday, September 4, 2019

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/sep/4/gun-supporting-candidates-use-shooting-range-settl/>

## **CALIBER, CARTRIDGES, AND BUMP STOCKS: GUNS, EXPLAINED FOR NON-GUN PEOPLE**

As new gun control plans fly, here's a guide to the weapons at the heart of the debate. By Dylan Matthews, VOX - Sep 4, 2019 <https://www.vox.com/the-highlight/2019/7/31/17475072/guns-explained-assault-weapons-bans-guide-to-guns>

## **THIS WEEK ON SHOOTING USA – COLLEGE CLAYS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Nashville, TN -(AmmoLand.com)- 900 of the best college athletes meet on the ranges at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio for the Association of College Unions International Clay Target Championships. They're shooting for national titles in skeet, trap, and sporting clays. Ammoland Inc. Posted on September 4, 2019 by Johnnie Scoutten <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/09/this-week-on-shooting-usa-college-clays-championship/#axzz5yeqJaH3p>

## **THE EMOTIONAL CRY TO 'DO SOMETHING' ABOUT GUN CONTROL MAKES FOR HORRIBLE POLICY**

- In Texas, for example, the state's relatively lax gun laws were blamed for the murders, despite the inconvenient fact the Texas murderer's gun was illegally possessed in the first place.

by Adam Kraut, Washington Examiner - September 04, 2019

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/the-emotional-cry-to-do-something-about-gun-control-makes-for-horrible-policy>  
<https://www.salon.com/2019/09/04/the-washington-post-urges-mitch-mcconnell-to-take-action-on-gun-control-do-something/>

## **OCASIO-CORTEZ TO CRENSHAW: 'WHY ON EARTH' WOULD YOU LEND YOUR HANDGUN TO**

**FRIENDS?** - Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) on Wednesday lashed out at Republican colleague Rep. Dan Crenshaw (Texas) after he complained that universal background checks would prevent him from lending his handgun to his friends. "You are a member of Congress. Why are you 'lending' guns to people unsupervised who can't pass a basic background check?" the progressive firebrand wrote on Twitter. "The people you're giving a gun to have likely abused their spouse or have a violent criminal record, & you may not know it. Why on earth would you do that?" By Morgan Gstalter, THE HILL - 09/04/19 - 25,716 Shares <https://thehill.com/homenews/house/459889-ocasio-cortez-slams-crenshaw-for-saying-he-lets-his-friends-borrow-his-handgun>

## **DISABLED SHOOTING: PRACTICAL SHOOTING FROM A WHEELCHAIR**

Luckily there are solutions for people in wheelchairs to compete in target shooting. Of course there's the Paralympic Games but that may not be for everyone. You may not win, but you can participate in local matches and have fun like your fellow competitors. thefirearmblog.com Posted in Editorial by Eric B with 3 Comments - September 4, 2019 <https://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/2019/09/03/practical-shooting-from-a-wheelchair/>

## **CNN - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. I'M CALLING ON HEALTH CARE CEOS TO TAKE A STAND ON GUN**

**CONTROL** - Know a gun buyer's history: A doctor wouldn't prescribe medicine without knowing a patient's background and history as a way of ensuring the medicine will cause no harm. Should we allow for the sale of guns without the same degree of caution? By Michael Dowling for CNN Business Perspectives - September 3, 2019 EDITOR'S NOTE: Michael Dowling is president and chief executive officer of Northwell Health, New York State's largest health care provider and employer. The opinions expressed in this commentary are his own. <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/22/perspectives/gun-control-healthcare-ceo/index.html>

## **FLORIDA ASSAULT WEAPONS REGISTRY WOULD COME AT A \$4 MILLION COST**

A panel of state economists on Tuesday estimated it would cost \$4 million to build a registry to carry out a proposed constitutional amendment that targets possession of assault weapons, if Floridians approve the measure in November 2020. The ballot proposal, backed by the political committee Ban Assault Weapons NOW, would prohibit possession of assault weapons but would provide an exception for people who own the guns at the time the measure takes effect. Those people would be able to keep assault weapons if they register the guns with the state. By Ana Ceballos, News Service of

Florida - Sep 03, 2019 <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/politics/fl-ne-nsf-assault-weapon-registry-cost-20190903-a5ofamou3bftnk66dlny6o5cjq-story.html>  
<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20190905/florida-alert-are-you-ready-for-gun-registration>

**USA TODAY - MEGHAN MCCAIN: 'THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF VIOLENCE' IF ASSAULT WEAPONS ARE BANNED - WASHINGTON** -- Meghan McCain started the 23rd season of ABC's "The View" Tuesday by sparring with her liberal co-hosts on gun control, saying that there would be "a lot of violence" if people's assault weapons were taken from them. By Savannah Behrmann, USA TODAY - Sept. 3, 2019  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2019/09/03/meghan-mccain-a-lot-violence-if-assault-weapons-banned/2204989001/>  
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<https://abcnews.go.com/US/view-debates-gun-control-summers-mass-shootings-texas/story?id=65360703>

**DR. JOHN LOTT, NEW RESEARCH: DO RESEARCHERS FROM DIFFERENT FIELDS HAVE A CONSENSUS ON GUN CONTROL LAWS AND DO REGISTERED VOTERS AGREE WITH ANY OF THEM?**  
By Steve Gruber - September 3, 2019 <https://wjimam.com/dr-john-lott-new-research-do-researchers-from-different-fields-have-a-consensus-on-gun-control-laws-and-do-registered-voters-agree-with-any-of-them/>

**CNN - WALMART ENDS ALL HANDGUN AMMUNITION SALES AND ASKS CUSTOMERS NOT TO CARRY GUNS INTO STORES** - The company, America's largest retailer, said it will stop selling handgun ammunition and ammunition commonly used in assault-style weapons after selling all of its current inventory. Walmart (WMT) will also stop selling handguns in Alaska, the only state where it still sells handguns. And Walmart will request that customers no longer openly carry guns into its 4,700 US stores, or its Sam's Club stores, in states that allow open carry. By Nathaniel Meyersohn, CNN Business - Tue September 3, 2019  
<https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/03/business/walmart-ends-handgun-ammo-sales/index.html>  
<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/walmart-takes-a-meaningless-stand-for-gun-control>

**WASH.TIMES - JOE BIDEN WANTS BAN ON 'MAGAZINES THAT CAN HOLD MULTIPLE BULLETS'**  
Former Vice President Joseph R. Biden either called for the banning of most handguns or displayed basic misunderstanding of the simplest of firearms terminology. Campaigning Monday in Iowa, Mr. Biden demanded the elimination of "magazines that can hold multiple bullets in them," calling such a ban so obvious that only ill motive could explain it. By Victor Morton - The Washington Times - Monday, September 2, 2019  
<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/sep/2/joe-biden-wants-ban-magazines-can-hold-multiple-bu/>

**NEWSEEK - ANN COULTER DEFENDS GUN RIGHTS AFTER WEST TEXAS MASS SHOOTING, SUGGESTS 'SKINNY, DEFENSELESS GIRLS' NEED THE PROTECTION**  
"We'd all be better off had guns never been invented—but they were. They exist," American conservative blogger and activist Brandon Darby tweeted earlier today. "Also, many of us live in areas with 25 min police response times. No way I'm giving up my firearms. Just can't happen." In response, Coulter tweeted: "Skinny, defenseless girls, incapable of defending themselves with their fists are VERY happy guns were invented."  
By Christina Zhao On 9/2/19 <https://www.newsweek.com/ann-coulter-defends-gun-rights-after-west-texas-mass-shooting-suggests-skinny-defenseless-girls-1457141>

**CNN - WEST TEXAS GUNMAN WAS FIRED FROM JOB HOURS BEFORE SHOOTING SPREE, OFFICIALS SAY** - Both Seth Ator and his employer, Journey Oilfield Services, called 911 right after the firing, Odessa Police Chief

Michael Gerke said. By Faith Karimi, Ed Lavandra, Christina Maxouris and Theresa Waldrop, CNN - Mon September 2, 2019 <https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/02/us/west-texas-shooting-monday/index.html>

### **AP FACT CHECK: TRUMP'S BLUSTER ON HURRICANES, GUNS, ECONOMY**

The Associated Press Updated: September 2, 2019 <https://o.canada.com/pmn/business-pmn/ap-fact-check-trumps-bluster-on-hurricanes-guns/wcm/ffafad56-934e-4d6d-9383-84409156021f>

#### **EXCERPT: GUN VIOLENCE:**

**TRUMP**, addressing the mass shooting in Odesa, Texas: “For the most part, sadly, if you look at the last four or five going back ... five or six or seven years for the most part, as strong as you make your background checks, they would not have stopped any of it. So it’s a big problem. It’s a mental problem.” — remarks Sunday.

**TRUMP**: “Our goal must be to identify severely disturbed individuals and disrupt their plans before they strike.” — remarks Sunday at FEMA headquarters.

**THE FACTS:** He’s oversimplifying the role of mental illness in public mass shootings and minimizing the ease with which Americans can get firearms. There was no immediate indication Sunday that mental illness was a factor in shootings in Texas. Most people with mental illness in fact are not violent, and they are far more likely to be victims of violent crime than perpetrators. A country’s rate of gun ownership is a far better predictor of public mass shootings than indicators of mental illness, said Adam Lankford, a University of Alabama criminologist who published a 2016 analysis of data from 171 countries. “The key of what’s going on here is access to guns for people who are dangerous or disturbed,” Lankford said. Red flag laws make it easier to disarm people believed to be a danger to themselves or others, “but sometimes there are not clear warning signs or those signs are not reported to the authorities until after an attack,” he said. Last month, the U.S. Secret Service released a report on mass public attacks in 2018, finding that “no single profile” can be used “to predict who will engage in targeted violence” and “mental illness, alone, is not a risk factor.” Trump has offered contradictory messages in reacting to recent mass shootings. Days after the El Paso shooting last month, he said he was eager to implement “very meaningful background checks” on guns and told reporters there was “tremendous support” for action. He later backed away, saying the current system of background checks was “very, very strong.”

### **BETO O'ROURKE DOUBLES DOWN ON MANDATORY BUYBACK AFTER SHOOTING: 'THIS IS F----D**

**UP'** - Former Rep. Beto O’Rourke of Texas doubled down Sunday on his call for a mandatory buyback of “assault weapons,” including AK-47 and AR-15 firearms, in response to the deadly shooting Saturday in West Texas.

By Valerie Richardson - The Washington Times - Sunday, September 1, 2019

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/sep/1/beto-orourke-doubles-down-on-mandatory-buyback-aft/>

### **LA TIMES: WE ANALYZED 53 YEARS OF MASS SHOOTING DATA. ATTACKS AREN'T JUST INCREASING, THEY'RE GETTING DEADLIER**

We’ve studied every public mass shooting since 1966 for a project funded by the National Institute of Justice, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Justice. Our research spans more than 50 years, yet 20% of the 164 cases in our database occurred in the last five years. More than half of the shootings have occurred since 2000 and 33% since 2010. The deadliest years yet were 2017 and 2018, and this year is shaping up to rival them, with at least 60 killed in mass shootings, 38 of them in the last five weeks. By James Densley and Jillian Peterson - Sep. 1, 2019

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-09-01/mass-shooting-data-odessa-midland-increase>

### **WASH. POST - TO FIX OUR GUN CRISIS, WE SHOULD REVERT TO '60S GUN LAWS**

A return to these basic restrictions on loadings would appeal to most hunters, firing-range shooters and gun collectors who battle the nonstop whirlpool of NRA paranoia. It would give members of Congress, including those from rural, pro-gun states, a sellable policy with a history of limiting mass shootings in public places while protecting the sporting and self-protection practices of law-abiding citizens. And it would reduce the body count from shootings in public places. By Howell Raines September 1, 2019 Howell Raines is a former executive editor of the New York Times.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/09/01/how-split-nra-two/>

**NEWSWEEK - DEADLY TEXAS SHOOTINGS HAPPEN ON THE EVE OF NEW RELAXED TEXAS GUN LAWS TAKING EFFECT SUNDAY IN THE STATE** - On Sunday, sweeping new changes on gun laws take effect in the Lone Star State — making it easier to carry guns in public places, including schools and churches.

By Scott McDonald On 8/31/19 <https://www.newsweek.com/deadly-texas-shootings-happen-eve-new-relaxed-texas-gun-laws-taking-effect-sunday-1457120>

**Here is a list of new gun laws (in laymen's terms) that are set to take effect in Texas:**

- Licensed gun owners can store guns and ammunition in locked places in their vehicles — even on school campuses — as long as the weapon and ammo are out of sight. This includes school employees who are licensed gun owners.
- The state also removed the maximum amount of gun-carrying marshals can be allowed on school campuses.
- Licensed gun owners can carry their weapon(s) into a place of worship unless there are signs that prohibit guns. Just two years ago, there was a massacre where 26 people were killed by a gunman at a Sutherland Springs church in Texas.
- Landlords can no longer prohibit gun owners, who are legally-licensed to carry, the ability to possess weapons or ammunition on the property.
- In a law triggered by the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in 2017, a new law allows gun owners to legally carry concealed weapons without a license for up to 48 hours after the governor orders an evacuation.
- Foster families can now store their guns and ammunition together instead of having to store guns and ammo separately.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/07/us/texas-gun-laws-el-paso-shooting-trnd/index.html>

**“RED FLAG” GUN CONFISCATION LAWS ARE EVEN WORSE THAN YOU THINK**

Yes, Donald Trump is calling for “red flag” gun confiscation laws and universal background checks. Trump said, “I have an appetite for background checks. We’re going to be doing background checks. We’re going to be filling in . . . the loopholes.” By Chuck Baldwin - August 30, 2019 <https://www.lewrockwell.com/2019/08/chuck-baldwin/red-flag-gun-confiscation-laws-are-even-worse-than-you-think/>

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

**JOHN IVISON: ANDREW SCHEER NEEDS TO BE MORE FRANK ABOUT HIS FEELINGS ON ABORTION IN THIS UPCOMING ELECTION** - Experience suggests the allegation that he is an anti-abortion activist will dog him throughout the coming campaign unless he addresses it openly and with conviction. By John Ivison, National Post - September 6, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-andrew-scheer-is-going-to-have-to-be-more-frank-about-his-feelings-on-abortion-in-this-upcoming-election>

**EXCERPT:** Conservatives have already resurrected quotes made by Trudeau in 2011, when he said he is personally opposed to abortion but still believes nobody should tell a woman what she should do with her body. “My own personal faith is an extremely important part of who I am,” he said. That’s not so far from where Scheer appears to be. Persecuting the Conservative leader for also opposing abortion starts to look hypocritical in that light.

**FUREY: THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA IS SPREADING “MISINFORMATION”**

Is the mainstream media bias against Conservatives? By Anthony Furey, True North Wire - September 4, 2019 <https://tnc.news/2019/09/04/furey-the-mainstream-media-is-spreading-misinformation/>

**CHRIS SELLEY: SOMEHOW, THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN INQUIRY JUST GOT WORSE** - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau literally copped to Canada committing genocide under his watch. And then, somehow, nothing happened. By Chris Selley, National Post - September 4, 2019 [https://nationalpost.com/opinion/chris-selley-somehow-the-missing-indigenous-women-inquiry-just-got-worse?video\\_autoplay=true](https://nationalpost.com/opinion/chris-selley-somehow-the-missing-indigenous-women-inquiry-just-got-worse?video_autoplay=true)

**EXCERPT:** The final report alleges “Indigenous women and girls now make up almost 25 per cent of homicide victims,” when of course it’s 25 per cent of female homicide victims. In her preface, commissioner Michèle Audette claims “statistics show ... Indigenous women and girls are 12 times more likely to be murdered or missing than any other women in Canada.” Statistics Canada pegs it at around 2.7 times more likely. This validated widespread concerns that the inquiry was disastrously uninterested in collecting actual data about victims, perpetrators and circumstances, but it gets worse: Corrections made to the report in light of CBC’s inquiries are not annotated, nor have they been included in all versions — including the official one filed with the government.

**JOHN IVISON: TIMELY BOOK WARNS THAT CANADA'S DEMOCRACY IS THREATENED BY**

**POLITICAL ABUSE** - Political power is no longer located in Parliament, political parties, Cabinet or the bureaucracy. It is held by the PM, his advisers, lobbyists and the rich. By John Ivison, National Post - September 3, 2019

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/john-ivison-timely-book-warns-that-canadas-democracy-is-threatened-by-political-abuse>

**MALCOLM: IT'S TRUDEAU, NOT BERNIER, WHO'S THE OUTLIER ON IMMIGRATION**

The billboard had a simple message: “say no to mass immigration,” and reflects Bernier’s policy position. In contrast to the other major parties, Bernier wants to lower immigration levels. Not drastically, but down to 250,000 new permanent residents per year. For reference, Canada admitted 240,000 newcomers in 2015. Prime Minister Trudeau has ramped up immigration levels, with plans to increase the number to 350,000 new permanent residents per year next year. In its 2018 immigration proposal, the Trudeau government admitted these were “the most ambitious immigration levels in recent history.” Keep in mind that Canada also admits hundreds of thousands of other newcomers each year: students, temporary workers, asylum seekers and long-term visitors. The real number of immigrants coming to Canada each year is closer to one million. By Candice Malcolm, Toronto Sun - August 31, 2019

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/malcolm-its-trudeau-not-bernier-whos-the-outlier-on-immigration>

**EXCERPT:** Bernier’s proposal, like the supposedly controversial billboards, is modest. He says, “we propose less immigration, better integration of immigrants in our society, and a sharper focus on Canada’s economic needs.” This is a policy statement that the overwhelming majority of Canadians agree with. Last summer, pollsters from Angus Reid found that Canadians by and large wanted lower immigration levels. One poll found that only 6% of Canadians wanted increased immigration numbers, while more than half wanted lower numbers. Another poll found that two-thirds of Canadians believe that we accept too many asylum seekers.

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