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POSTS FROM CANADA

CBC - MOM OF BOY KILLED IN COQUITLAM SAYS SHE WARNED RCMP HIS FATHER WAS

DANGEROUS - The boy's mother, Nicole Taitinger, told CBC she filed a police report about Mark in September, just 11 days after leaving him. She alleged he owned guns and she was worried about the safety of their three sons. "Why did the RCMP not do anything? I told them he said he would shoot them.... He had guns and they never removed them," she wrote in a message to CBC. "He is dead now because the RCMP did nothing." Mounties confirm they are reviewing what happened before Oscar Taitinger was killed. By Bethany Lindsay, Eric Rankin · CBC News · Posted: Oct 25, 2019

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/oscar-taitinger-homicide-coquitlam-rcmp-report-1.5336673>

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).*

SMALL ARMS SURVEY: NEW HANDBOOK ON GENDER-RESPONSIVE SMALL ARMS CONTROL

The Handbook outlines gender-related terminology and concepts; describes key global policy instruments and their increasing convergence around gender; highlights the gendered impacts of small arms; applies a gender analysis to the small arms life cycle; and provides a roadmap for mainstreaming gender into the small arms project cycle.

<https://mailchi.mp/smallarmssurvey/gender-handbook?e=79aa66c98e>

A publication of the Gender Lens for Arms Control Support and Sustainability (GLASS) project, with support from the Government of Canada

<http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/fileadmin/docs/Q-Handbooks/HB-07-Gender/SAS-GLASS-Gender-HB.pdf>

WAS THE FEDERAL ELECTION A CASE OF THE RIGHT PRODUCT BUT THE WRONG PACKAGING FOR CONSERVATIVES?

- Was the problem strategy, or tactics? The Tories have to decide if they need a whole new approach — or to do a better job of selling their vision. By Stuart Thomson and Brian Platt, National Post - October 25, 2019 - <https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/election-2019/was-the-federal-election-a-case-of-the-right-product-but-the-wrong-packaging-for-conservatives>

CBC - 'THERE'S GOING TO BE A CONFRONTATION': RURAL RESIDENTS ON EDGE FOLLOWING CRIME SPREE - Businesses, residents say they're ready to take law into their own hands - By Dan McGarvey · CBC News · Posted: Oct 25, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/rural-crime-alberta-bragg-creek-priddis-millarville-1.5333763>

NEW SKI TEAM, NEW LOCATION IN THE DEVON AREA

Just five minutes north of Devon off Highway 60 is the home of the new Parkland Crazy Mare Ski and Biathlon Team, supported by the Bears Adventure Sport Society (BASS). Devon Dispatch - Published on: October 25, 2019 <https://www.devondispatch.ca/news/local-news/new-ski-team-new-location-in-the-devon-area>

WARMINGTON: FORD'S 'THROW-AWAY-THE-KEY' TALK THE RIGHT APPROACH ON GUN CRIME

After weeks of staying out of the politics of the federal election, Ford jumped right back in Thursday by pulling no punches. In an interview on CFRA in Ottawa, he laid a lot of the blame for violence increases and revolving door justice on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberals. And he pushed for tougher bail — not handgun bans. By Joe Warmington, Toronto Sun - October 24, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/news/provincial/warmington-fords-throw-away-the-key-talk-the-right-approach-on-gun-crime>

CBC - 30 MORE CHARGES LAID AGAINST COP ACCUSED OF THEFT FROM GROCERY STORES

Const. Jennifer McPhee, 42, was **already facing seven charges including weapons offences** after being accused of theft from an Atlantic Superstore while carrying her service weapon. Last week, those charges prompted the police force to change its policy and ban officers from taking their guns home in off-duty hours. CBC News · Posted: Oct 24, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/catherine-mcphee-halifax-police-charges-theft-1.5333859>
<https://www.saltwire.com/news/canada/cape-breton-regional-police-service-reviewing-gun-policy-365990/>

TRUDEAU TO UPDATE ON GUN BANS AFTER NOV. 20, BLAIR'S OFFICE SAYS

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will elaborate on his plans for mass gun bans against hunters, farmers and sport shooters after parliament resumes next month, the office of his minister for confiscation said today. THEGUNBLOG.CA - OCTOBER 24, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/10/24/trudeau-to-update-on-gun-bans-after-nov-20-blairs-office-says/>

5 NOTABLE NEW NUMBERS ABOUT HUNTING AND FISHING IN CANADA

From 75 to 38.9 million, these are numbers that Canadian hunters and anglers need to know about Outdoor Canada - October 24, 2019 <https://www.outdoorcanada.ca/5-notable-new-numbers-about-hunting-and-fishing-in-canada/>

ONTARIO PREMIER FORD'S OFFICE COMMENTS ON TRUDEAU GUN BANS

Trudeau and his Liberal Party campaigned on promises to seize 250,000 mainly "Non-restricted" hunting and sporting rifles, and to help municipalities expel or restrict federally licensed handgun owners and stores. Ivana Yelich, the press secretary of Ontario Premier Doug Ford, comments below on the plans. She made the statement to TheGunBlog.ca yesterday by e-mail in response to our questions. THEGUNBLOG.CA - OCTOBER 24, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/10/24/ontario-premier-fords-office-comments-on-trudeau-gun-bans/>

LASALLE HUNTERS LEARNED ABOUT ONTARIO'S SUNDAY HUNTING LAWS THE HARD WAY

Municipalities have the choice to opt out of Ontario's Sunday gun-hunting prohibition, but not all do

By Sameer Chhabra · CBC News · Posted: Oct 24, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/lasalle-hunters-ontario-sunday-gun-hunting-laws-1.5333073>

DANFORTH GROUP HOPES LIBERAL RE-ELECTION LEADS TO NATIONAL HANDGUN BAN

In Beaches-East York, Erskine-Smith said the tragedy “hit the community very close to home” and said public safety for those in his riding and across Canada is one of his top priorities. Erskine-Smith said in the last four years his party has made efforts to strengthen background checks and better track legal gun sales and it has increased funding for border patrols. He also said the Liberals have made long-term investments to reduce poverty and taken steps to decriminalize drugs. “As long as I’m in Ottawa, I’ll push for national action,” vowed Erskine-Smith, who wants to see the storage of handguns restricted to places where they’re used, like firing ranges. He’s also proposing “opt-out” opportunities for cities that don’t want to take part in a national handgun ban. News Oct 23, 2019 by Joanna Lavoie Toronto.com

<https://www.toronto.com/news-story/9656791-danforth-group-hopes-liberal-re-election-leads-to-national-handgun-ban/>

THE STAR - THERE’S A BETTER WAY TO TAKE DOWN STREET GANGS IN TORONTO. HERE’S HOW

Handgun bans. Anti-gang crackdowns. Easy bail. In Toronto, as the number of people killed or injured in shootings continues to surge, such terms are often used by municipal leaders, politicians, police. But what do we really know about guns, gangs, and possible solutions to a growing violence problem? In an ongoing series, the Star is aiming to find answers ... and to find out when we don’t know the answers ... to some life-and-death questions. By Jim Rankin, Staff Reporter; Jennifer Pagliaro, City Hall Bureau; Wendy Gillis, Crime Reporter - Wed., Oct. 23, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2019/10/23/when-police-target-street-gangs-the-methods-make-all-the-difference.html>

TORONTO BACKED THE LIBERALS — SO WHAT COULD THE CITY GET BACK FROM TRUDEAU?

Throughout campaign Liberals made pledges on housing, transit, gun violence By Lauren Pelley - CBC/Radio-Canada - October 23, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/toronto-backed-the-liberals-so-what-could-the-city-get-back-from-trudeau-1.5331171>

PEOPLE'S PARTY HAD MINIMAL IMPACT ON ELECTION RESULTS, BUT SENTIMENTS PERSIST

A riding-by-riding analysis by The Canadian Press shows the upstart PPC may have cost the Conservatives a handful of seats, but not enough to affect the overall results. Assuming every vote cast for the PPC went instead to the Conservatives — and that’s no sure thing — the Tories would have taken six additional seats that went to the Liberals and another won by the New Democrats to increase their overall total to 128 seats instead of 121. The Canadian Press, Lee Berthiaume - October 23, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/pmnn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/upstart-peoples-party-had-little-impact-on-election-results-analysis>

B.C. POLICE COMMISSIONER REPORT HIGHLIGHTS ‘PREDATORY’ BEHAVIOUR, GUN SAFETY

The commissioner also recommended proper training for the use of ceremonial gun holsters and the reconsideration of procedures on the maintenance of firearms. It comes after a Vancouver officer discharged his gun as it was being holstered in a ceremonial holster, grazing the officer’s right thigh, which required 13 stitches. An investigation found the officer’s pistol was poorly serviced and the department hadn’t adhered to its schedule of inspecting the guns every three months. By The Canadian Press - Canada's Occupational Health & Safety Magazine - October 23, 2019

<https://www.ohscanada.com/b-c-police-commissioner-highlights-predatory-behaviour-gun-safety-report/>

<https://nationalpost.com/pmnn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/b-c-police-commissioner-highlights-predatory-behaviour-gun-safety-in-report>

APPEAL COURT ALLOWS TEENAGER'S SELF-DEFENCE CLAIM, DESPITE VICTIM RUNNING AWAY WHEN SHOT - Ontario's highest court has allowed a teenage boy to claim self-defence in the shooting death of a man who was running away from him. The teenager, who cannot be identified, had been carrying a gun for his protection because he had been shot at twice, including once from a car, by someone who called out his name. He feared for his life. The Ontario Court of Appeal's 3-0 ruling acquitting him on Tuesday "reinforces the notion that we really do have to be careful about how we assess extremely stressful and quick-moving events," the teenager's lawyer, Gary Grill, said in an interview. By Sean Fine, Justice Writer, Globe and Mail - October 22, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-appeal-court-allows-teenagers-self-defence-claim-despite-victim/>

GUNS, CROSSBOWS, AMMO SEIZED IN RAID ON LANGLEY HOME

The only real firearms are the two rifles at the bottom of the photo, noted Wright. The handguns and shotgun are replicas. "Taking these weapons off of the streets is significant and will have a direct impact on public safety," said Sgt. Ed Hryciuk, Surrey RCMP CRU District 4, Cloverdale. "This is an example of how a report received from the public can lead to a larger investigation that has a positive outcome for the community." By Matthew Claxton - Oct. 22, 2019

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/guns-crossbows-ammo-seized-in-raid-on-langley-home/>

NO MANDATE FOR GUN BANS

We are still here. Even though the election wasn't what we hoped, we put in a very good effort and we did win the popular vote, even if that didn't translate into seats. Thanks for your donations and support that helped our advertising push in the closing days of the campaign. The firearms vote helped to defeat Ralph Goodale out of Regina – it's quite clear given this divided country that whatever the minority Liberal government looks like, it has no mandate to make sweeping changes of any sort, let alone on disarming Canadians. National Firearms Association Media Release - October 22, 2019 <https://nfa.ca/2019/10/22/no-mandate-for-gun-bans/>

GLOBAL NEWS RADIO: PRIVACY COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE HIGH RIVER GUN GRAB

We spoke with firearms researcher Dennis Young - Afternoons with Rob Breakenridge, 770 CHQR - Oct 21, 2019

<https://omny.fm/shows/afternoons-with-rob-breakenridge/privacy-commissioner-to-investigate-high-river-gun>

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/10/21/global-news-interview-with-dennis-young-on-high-river-rcmp-forced-entries/>

CTV - CHESTERMERE STUDENT CHARGED FOLLOWING AIRSOFT GUN SCARE AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

CALGARY – A Chestermere youth has been charged following an investigation into reports of a firearm at Chestermere Lake Middle School. RCMP members responded to the school on Friday, Oct. 18 after staff had been notified that a student had brought a handgun-style airsoft BB gun to school. Officers located a BB gun hidden in a trash can outside the school and one student was taken into custody. The student, who cannot be named as they are underage, has been charged with: Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and Mischief. By Ryan White, Digital Producer - October 21, 2019

<https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/chestermere-student-charged-following-airsoft-gun-scare-at-middle-school-1.4647957?cache=%3FclipId%3D89530>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

ARE YOU PACKIN'? IF SO, YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF COMPANY!

According to the CPRC, the number of people with concealed carry licenses or permits increased by "about 1.4 million." This spike brought the total estimated number of licensed citizens to 18.66 million, a whopping 304 -percent increase over the past 12 years. Written By Dave Workman, Guns Magazine - October 2019 <https://gunsmagazine.com/discover/are-you-packin-if-so-youve-got-a-lot-of-company/>

SOUTH AFRICA - GUN OWNERS GIVEN CHANCE TO HAND IN WEAPONS IN FIREARM AMNESTY

Durban - SOUTH AFRICA marked the start of global disarmament week (October 24 to 30) with the announcement of a firearms amnesty that would run from December 1 to May 2020. The amnesty period would also give gun owners who were unable to renew their licences, an opportunity to apply for the requisite licence. However, the National Assembly would have to approve the amnesty period. The Portfolio Committee on Police urged South Africans to take advantage of the amnesty by surrendering their firearms to SAPS and to help fight against crime by participating in efforts to remove firearms from the streets. KwaZulu-Natal - 25 October 2019 - thobeka ngema

<https://www.iol.co.za/dailynews/news/kwazulu-natal/gun-owners-given-chance-to-hand-in-weapons-in-firearm-amnesty-35870462>

USA TODAY - TEXAS GUN LAWS: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ‘GOOD GUYS’ HAVE GUNS?

WICHITA FALLS, Texas – Terrance Hopkins Dallas police senior corporal has seen what a bad guy with a gun can do. “Since people can open carry, concealed carry in Texas, how many incidents have you seen in these mass shootings where a 'good guy with a gun' has ended that terror?” Hopkins, president of the Black Police Association of Greater Dallas, said. “It’s been extremely minimal,” the 29-year veteran of the force said. By Trish Choate, Wichita Falls Times Record News - Oct. 24, 2019 <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/10/24/texas-gun-laws-good-guys-with-guns/4083307002/>

DIANNA MULLER: WHY I WILL NOT COMPLY WITH AR-15 BAN

Recently I had the honor of testifying before Congress against a potential ban on assault weapons. It has been apparent for some time there is a well-funded, well-organized effort to undermine the Second Amendment, but it was a sobering experience to sit in the same room with legislators who are advocating banning America’s most popular rifle. By Dianna Muller, 23 Oct 2019 - Dianna Muller is a retired Tulsa, Oklahoma police officer, a competitive shooter, and founder of the DC Project. She is also a guest columnist for Down Range with AWR Hawkins.

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/10/23/dianna-muller-why-i-will-not-comply-with-ar-15-ban/>

KIDS BROUGHT GUNS TO SCHOOL AT LEAST 392 TIMES LAST YEAR.

Here’s What Experts Say We Should Do About It By Erin Corbett - October 23, 2019

<https://fortune.com/2019/10/23/how-many-school-shootings-in-2019-gun-control/>

EDITORIAL: PROPOSING GUN CONTROL MEANS MORE GUNS

Gunmakers have sold millions and millions of firearms in recent decades as crime rates plummeted to historic lows. But one thing is for sure: if you want more guns on the streets, suggest to gun owners that you’re going to take them away. A new study helps explain this. By The Ledger Editorial Board Posted Oct 23, 2019

<https://www.theledger.com/opinion/20191023/editorial-proposing-gun-control-means-more-guns>

GRASSROOTS REVOLT TO REPEAL WA GUN CONTROL INITIATIVE 1639 LAUNCHED

U.S.A. —(Ammoland.com)- Frustration and fury are the two main ingredients of what can best be described as a grassroots revolt in Washington State with the launch of a counter initiative effort to repeal gun control Initiative 1639, the extremist measure passed by about 60 percent of Evergreen State voters last November. This isn’t a case of “sore losers” but legions of law-abiding private citizens who believe their right to bear arms under both the federal and state constitutions is being violated. Ammoland Inc. Posted on October 23, 2019 by Dave Workman

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/10/grassroots-revolt-to-repeal-wa-gun-control-initiative-1639-launched/#axzz63JVOhae4>

NZ - POLICE UNION WARNS MPS GANGS AND CRIMINALS WITH GUNS INCREASING RISK TO PUBLIC

The police union has warned politicians it is time to start cracking down on the increasing risk of criminals and gangs with guns. Police Association president Chris Cahill was submitting on behalf of its 12,500 police members during a Select Committee hearing for a proposed new gun law. By Collette Devlin - Oct 23 2019

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/116805122/police-union-warns-mps-gangs-and-criminals-with-guns-increasing-risk-to-public>

WHY DO SO MANY MIDDLE EAST FACTIONS USE CHINESE GUNS?

All about the money? Key point: Chinese made weapons include affordable originals and knock-offs of other weapon systems. By Charlie Gao - October 23, 2019 <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/why-do-so-many-middle-east-factions-use-chinese-guns-90346>

OPERATION SURGE LEADS TO 95 ARRESTS AND DOZENS OF GUNS CONFISCATED

SARASOTA, Fla. -- Nearly 100 criminals and dozens of guns are off the streets of Sarasota thanks to an undercover operation targeting illegal sales of drugs and firearms. So Sarasota Police partnered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for Operation SURGE (Sarasota Unified Reduction Gun Crime Enforcement). From January to September, officers worked undercover to purchase drugs and guns from suspected dealers. By: Wendi Lane - October 22, 2019 <https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/region-sarasota-manatee/operation-surge-leads-to-95-arrests-and-dozens-of-guns-confiscated>

WHY OWN A COLLECTION OF GUNS? THE REASONS ARE MANY

A 2015 study by the journal Injury Prevention found Alaska ranking number one per capita for firearms ownership. The study showed 61.7% of Alaskans owned firearms. By Steve Meyer | Alaska guns & hunting - October 22, 2019 <https://www.adn.com/outdoors-adventure/2019/10/22/why-own-a-collection-of-guns-the-reasons-are-many/>

7 FACTS ABOUT GUNS IN THE U.S.

By John Gramlich and Katherine Schaeffer, Pew Research Center - October 22, 2019

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/10/22/facts-about-guns-in-united-states/>

1. Three-in-ten American adults (30%) say they personally own a gun, and an additional 11% say they live with someone who does
2. Protection tops the list of reasons why gun owners have a gun
3. A majority of Americans say gun laws should be stricter
4. Many gun policy proposals are politically divisive, but there are some on which Republicans and Democrats agree
5. Americans are divided over whether restricting legal gun ownership would lead to fewer mass shootings.
6. Many Americans say they know someone who has been shot.
7. 2017 saw more gun deaths in the U.S. than any year in decades,

WISCONSIN: GOV. EVERS ORDERS SPECIAL SESSION TO RAM GUN CONTROL THROUGH

LEGISLATURE - Evers previously tried to undermine your Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms through a confiscation scheme devoid of due process and the criminalization of private transfers – and he's hoping you won't notice his stubborn attempt to steal your rights again. Tuesday, October 22, 2019 -

<https://www.nrila.org/articles/20191022/wisconsin-gov-evers-orders-special-session-to-ram-gun-control-through-legislature>

THIS DAY IN HISTORY: GUN CONTROL ACT OF 1968 SIGNED INTO LAW

U.S.A. —(Ammoland.com)- On October 22, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Gun Control Act of 1968 into law. Initially conceived in 1963 after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the idea really gained momentum after the 1968 assassinations of both civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. President Kennedy was killed with a rifle purchased through the mail; King was killed with a rifle purchased by a convicted felon, and Senator Kennedy was killed with a revolver purchased by an alien (non-citizen) of the United States. Ammoland Inc. Posted on October 22, 2019 by Logan Metesh <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/10/this-day-in-history-gun-control-act-of-1968-signed-into-law/#axzz63CiWbBbz>

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE OFFICIAL SLAMS BETO'S 'RIDICULOUS' PLAN TO USE COPS TO ENFORCE GUN BUYBACKS

"It puts our officers in a very dangerous situation where we're showing up to someone's house, we're armed, these people are -- obviously citizens -- are armed. And now you expect us to seize their guns? Give me a break!" he said exasperatedly. By Julia Musto | Fox News - October 22, 2019
<https://www.foxnews.com/media/police-guns-beto-orourke-buyback-fox-friends>

ACTIVISTS SPEAK ON GUN RIGHTS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Women need an equalizer like a firearm, yet most feminists wouldn't think of carrying a gun. However, a couple of speakers connected both gun rights and women's rights recently. By Tom Knighton Posted October 21, 2019
<https://bearingarms.com/tom-k/2019/10/21/activists-speak-gun-rights-womens-rights/>

USA TODAY - GUN CONTROL ADVOCATE: PUSHING MANDATORY BUYBACKS WILL HAND VICTORY TO THE NRA, AGAIN

- We can pass significant gun safety laws but not if the 2020 campaign is about confiscating assault weapons. This is not timidity, it's reality. By Matt Bennett, Opinion contributor - Oct. 21, 2019
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2019/10/21/mandatory-gun-buybacks-hurt-gun-control-progress-2020-democrats-column/4009559002/>

INFRINGED – IS THE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE HALF FULL OR HALF EMPTY?

U.S.A. -(Ammoland.com)- A growing number of us go armed in public. John Lott, Ph.D. added up the number of concealed carry licenses. By his numbers, we've added millions of new people who have a permit to carry concealed. What we've ignored is the tens of millions of law-abiding citizens who were denied the right to keep and bear arms. Judges routinely ignore laws that infringe our rights. Doctor Lott added up the numbers from coast to coast. He found over 18 million people who have concealed carry permits. That is about a million and a half more than last year. On top of that, millions more of us live in states that have constitutional carry. Those states allow law-abiding citizens to carry concealed in public without a permit. Ammoland Inc. Posted on October 21, 2019 by Rob Morse
<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/10/infringed-is-the-right-of-self-defense-half-full-or-half-empty/#axzz63JVOhae4>

MEXICO'S SOARING MURDER RATE PROVES GUN CONTROL IS DEADLY

Its laws are among the world's least permissive. And most criminals don't get weapons from the U.S. Another month, another record number of murders in Mexico. For the first nine months of 2019, Mexico had 25,890 murders—almost six times as many murders per 100,000 people as in the U.S. Does Mexico need stricter gun control? No. Its gun laws are among the least permissive in the world. By John R. Lott Jr. Wall Street Journal - Oct. 21, 2019
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/mexicos-soaring-murder-rate-proves-gun-control-is-deadly-11571696723>
<https://crimeresearch.org/2019/10/new-concealed-carry-report-for-2019-18-66-million-permit-holders-despite-16-constitutional-carry-states-over-1-4-million-more-than-last-year/>
<https://www.mediamatters.org/john-lott/wsj-gives-discredited-researcher-john-lott-platform-falsely-blame-gun-regulation-mexican>

GABBY GIFFORDS IS LAUNCHING A MASSIVE GUN CONTROL CAMPAIGN WITH KEY 2020

CANDIDATES - The big ad buy starts today and features eight top Democrats running in 2020. By Liz Landers - Oct 21 2019 https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/8xwe3v/gabby-giffords-is-launching-a-massive-gun-control-campaign-with-key-2020-candidates

GUARDIAN PROGRAM GIVES RURAL SCHOOL FIGHTING CHANCE

Rural school districts aren't leaving safety up to chance. More and more, they are putting the guns they fear in the teachers' hands. The Edna school district implemented the Guardian program at the beginning of the 2019-2020 academic year after about a year of planning. Through the program, a teacher can volunteer to be a guardian and receive training and evaluations before having their classroom fitted with a handgun locked in a small safe. By Samantha Douty - Updated Oct 21, 2019 https://www.victoriaadvocate.com/counties/jackson/guardian-program-gives-rural-school-fighting-chance/article_98cefcca-ef96-11e9-bc7c-b34995622670.html

WASHINGTON'S RED-FLAG LAW ALLOWS AUTHORITIES TO SEIZE NEO-NAZI'S GUNS

According to court documents, authorities believe Kaleb Cole is a state leader of a small but dangerous extremist group. Still, he has not been charged with a crime or making a specific threat. A controversial law allowed authorities to confiscate his guns anyway. While some decry the Extreme Risk Protection Order, citing concerns of due process, the state law passed through a 2016 ballot initiative with nearly 70 percent of the vote. By Simone Del Rosario - October 21, 2019 <https://q13fox.com/2019/10/21/washingtons-red-flag-law-allows-authorities-to-seize-neo-nazis-guns/>
<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/authorities-use-red-flag-law-to-seize-weapons-from-alleged-neo-nazi-leader-preparing-for-race-war>

AUSTRALIA - QUEENSLAND POLICE GAVE SERVING OFFICER PERMISSION TO RUN RIGHTWING GUN BLOG

- Exclusive: A Queensland senior constable is the operator of the popular Ozzie Reviews site, which often criticises gun laws and posts far-right content. By Ben Smee - Sun 20 Oct 2019 <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2019/oct/21/queensland-police-gave-serving-officer-permission-to-run-rightwing-gun-blog>

NPR - POLL: NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO FAVOR STRICTER GUN LAWS CONTINUES TO GROW

The percentage of Americans who favor stricter gun laws is on the rise, though significant partisan divisions persist. A Pew Research Center survey conducted in September found that 60% of Americans say gun laws should be tougher, up from 57% last year and 52% in 2017. The study, released this week, indicates that while a solid majority of Americans favor stricter gun laws, support remains split down party lines. Eighty-six percent of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents said gun laws should be stricter than they are today, compared with 31% of their Republican counterparts. By Rachel Treisman, National Public Radio - October 20, 2019 <https://www.npr.org/2019/10/20/771278167/poll-number-of-americans-who-favor-stricter-gun-laws-continues-to-grow>

'GHOST GUNS' MADE FROM KITS ARE UNTRACEABLE — AND LEGAL

Using parts from any number of online vendors, a gun hobbyist could build his own Colonial-era flintlock rifle or a Wild West replica six-shooter. And for a couple hundred dollars, anyone can legally buy and build a handgun, or for upward of \$1,000 an assault-style rifle of the type so often used in mass shootings. And unlike already-assembled weapons, kits to build guns, including rifles that are banned in Massachusetts, can be legally purchased online without a license or background check. The reason is simple: Gun parts alone are not legally considered guns, and building a firearm at home is legal. "What makes it interesting is, once again, the failure of the law to keep pace with technology," said Tom Nolan, a visiting associate professor of sociology at Emmanuel College and a former Boston Police lieutenant. By Gal Tziperman

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GUNTER: CONSERVATIVES MUST DUMP SCHEER BEFORE NEXT ELECTION

Compare that to Scheer's vacillating answers when asked about abortion, same-sex marriage, hiring a consulting firm to dig up dirt on People's Party leader Maxime Bernier, his padded resume or his dual Canadian-American citizenship. Then there were Scheer's unremarkable policy planks that in many cases could be called Liberal-lite. By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - October 23, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-ndp-support-of-trudeau-will-come-with-a-big-price-tag>

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MORE BUCKETS OF ICY COLD ENERGY REALITY

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WRECKING THE FEDERATION TO SAVE THE PLANET

As McAdam, the lead lawyer for Saskatchewan, put it: "You don't need to destroy the federation to save the planet." It is not an exaggeration to portray the carbon tax reference as an ideological contest between unrestrained progressivism and central government planning versus conservatism and respect for established organizing principles of government. The federal government has taken the view that it may do whatever it wants in the service of international goals, and Saskatchewan has taken a stand for the ongoing role of the agreed constitutional order in determining which governments make which decisions. By Dwight Newman, QC, is Professor of Law and Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Rights in Constitutional and International Law at the University of Saskatchewan as well as a Munk Senior Fellow of the

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SCREWING THE WEST TO PAY THE REST

“Politics, not economics, have driven the development of federal Equalization from the start. Federal political parties have habitually used Equalization to secure their electoral base in Quebec and/or to mute the siren call of the Separatists with this offer: why leave Canada and give up the generous transfers from the ROC? Of course, what begins as bribery, over time, becomes a form of blackmail, as the recipients learn how to play the game.”

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