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POSTS FROM CANADA

LIBERAL GUN PROPOSALS OFFER LITTLE MORE THAN SYMBOLISM AND PLATITUDES

If the Liberals — or anyone else — wish to argue that all semi-automatic weapons should be banned, and that Canadians simply cannot be trusted with them, then let's have that conversation. The Liberals, however, are not promising to ban all semi-automatic weapons, but rather a small subset of them, based on some yet-undisclosed criteria. The Liberals have not linked the AR-15 or any one semi-automatic rifle to any sort of gang or crime problem in Canada, yet they have the audacity to use Toronto's Danforth neighborhood as a backdrop while claiming this will all lead to "safer communities." BY ROB BREAKENRIDGE GLOBAL NEWS - Posted October 5, 2019 https://globalnews.ca/news/5993361/liberal-gun-safety/

EDITORIAL: TIME TO CRACK DOWN ON GUN VIOLENCE

Going after criminals might be more feasible than trying to ban handguns.St. Catharines Standard - October 5, 2019 https://www.wellandtribune.ca/opinion-story/9630404-editorial-time-to-crack-down-on-gun-violence/

TOWHEY: TECH COULD KEEP CANADIANS SAFER FROM VIOLENT OFFENDERS

Friday, Toronto's police chief Mark Saunders said 53 people arrested on firearms charges in August and September were released on bail, then re-arrested on bail for another offence. Of those, 24 were released on bail a second time. Canada's bail laws do a good job protecting the rights of the accused. As they should. But, they do a lousy job protecting Canadians from violent crime. There is a better way. By Mark Towhey, Toronto Sun - October 4, 2019

https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/towhey-tech-could-keep-canadians-safer-from-violent-offenders

LIBERALS TO OFFER \$1,000/RIFLE IN FORCED SURRENDER: IPOLITICS

TheGunBlog.ca — A re-elected Liberal Party government will offer Canadian farmers, hunters and sport shooters \$1,000 on average for each of the 250,000 rifles it will order them to surrender, iPolitics reported yesterday, citing the party. The low-ball offer means people who submit will lose most of the value of their firearms, and all of their investment in gear that becomes worthless without the guns. THEGUNBLOG.CA - OCTOBER 4, 2019 https://thegunblog.ca/2019/10/04/liberals-to-offer-1000-rifle-in-forced-surrender-ipolitics/

DECEMBER 12, 2016 - RCMP: NUMBER OF REGISTERED AR-15s AND VARIANTS BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORY

https://dennisryoung.ca/2016/12/22/rcmp-number-of-registered-ar-15s-and-variants-by-province-and-territory/

VIDEO: A FAMILY'S FIGHT FOR A HANDGUN BAN

Ken Price's teenage daughter was wounded in the Danforth mass shooting. Now, he's taken up the fight for a handgun ban. Price tells Cristina Howorun what he thinks police and politicians need to do to keep guns off our streets.

680 NEWS - Oct 04, 2019 https://www.680news.com/video/2019/10/04/a-familys-fight-for-a-handgun-ban/

THE STAR: WOULD BANNING HANDGUNS HAVE ANY EFFECT ON CRIMINAL GUN VIOLENCE IN

CANADA By Ron Charach, Toronto - Fri., Oct. 4, 2019

https://www.thestar.com/opinion/letters_to_the_editors/2019/10/04/would-banning-handguns-have-any-effect-on-criminal-gun-violence-in-canada.html

LIBERAL CAMPAIGN MATERIALS CLAIM TORIES WANT TO KEEP ASSAULT WEAPONS ON

STREETS - The handout claims in Chinese that "Andrew Scheer's firearms policies were designed by the gun lobby" and that the Conservatives want weaker gun laws. Images of four semi-automatic rifles draw the eye. "Conservatives will keep these assault weapons on the streets," it reads. By Zi-Ann Lum, Huffington Post - October 4, 2019 https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/canada-election-gun-control_ca_5d97ac93e4b0fc935ed9ea5a

SCHEER VOWS TO BRING IN MANDATORY MINIMUMS FOR SMUGGLED GUNS IF ELECTED

The Conservatives, under former prime minister Stephen Harper, established 60 new mandatory-minimum sentences, mostly for crimes related to guns, drugs and sexual offences against children. The Liberals left them largely untouched, but the Supreme Court has ruled that some key provisions, such as a three-year minimum for illegal gun possession, and five years for possession by people with repeat weapons offences, amount to cruel and unusual punishment, and are therefore unconstitutional. Lower courts in several provinces have struck down many mandatory minimums, creating a patchwork of rules, as these decisions apply only in the province where the ruling was written. By KRISTY KIRKUP, JANICE DICKSON, SEAN FINE - OTTAWA AND TORONTO PUBLISHED OCTOBER 4, 2019 https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-scheer-vows-to-bring-in-mandatory-minimums-for-smuggled-guns-if/

GUNTER: TRUDEAU'S AR-15 BAN IS ABOUT PERCEPTION, NOT REALITY

The Liberal policy will do nothing to stop criminals. It will amount to nothing more than virtue signalling that costs taxpayers hundreds of millions and confiscates private property from law-abiding gun owners who are no threat to anyone. By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - October 4, 2019

https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-trudeaus-ar-15-ban-is-about-perception-not-reality

SCHEER RELEASES CONSERVATIVE PLAN FOR 'A SAFER CANADA'

By posted by: Rattan Mall - October 4, 2019

 $\underline{https://www.voiceonline.com/scheer-releases-conservative-plan-for-a-safer-canada/}$

 $\underline{https://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/scheer-plans-border-agency-task-force-to-stop-illegal-guns-coming-in-from-u-s$

AS PRIME MINISTER, SCHEER'S PLAN FOR A SAFER CANADA WILL:

- End automatic bail for gang members awaiting trial and revoke parole for any gang member who associates with their former gang following release.
- Identify known gangs as criminal entities in the Criminal Code, similar to how terrorist organizations are currently listed.
- Bring in tougher sentences, including a five-year minimum mandatory prison sentence for violent gang crime, with a new five-year minimum mandatory prison sentence for possession of a smuggled firearm.
- Create a Canada Border Services Agency firearms smuggling task force to intercept illegal firearms at the Canada-US border.
- Strengthen background checks for gun licenses and make it a crime to provide a firearm to anyone who has been prohibited from owning them.
- Revise the Canadian drugs and substance strategy to focus on helping Canadians recover from addiction.

• Strengthen human trafficking laws, including consecutive sentences for those who are convicted on multiple counts of human trafficking and ensuring Canada meets our commitments under the Palermo Protocol.

CBC - WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE INSPECTOR SAYS LOCAL HANDGUN BAN WOULDN'T HELP

Insp. Max Waddell believes Trudeau's plan for local jurisdictions would be ill-suited here. Waddell believes a gun ban wouldn't really affect Winnipeg positively because he says there is little handgun-related crime that involves legally owned guns. He says sawed-off long-guns — which people use because they are easier to conceal and utilize — are primarily what are seized by police. CBC News · Posted: Oct 04, 2019 https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/wps-against-gun-ban-winnipeg-1.5308392

LETTER: LETTER WRITER TRIES TO SHOOT HOLES IN LANGLEY COLUMNIST'S GUN CONTROL

OPINIONS - Conceal and carry laws in the United States have helped lower crime rate, one man argues.

By Dennis Robinson, Burnaby - Oct. 4, 2019 https://www.aldergrovestar.com/opinion/letter-letter-writer-tries-to-shoot-holes-in-langley-columnists-gun-control-opinions/

CSSA OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA AND TO ALL THOSE RUNNING FOR ELECTED

OFFICE - The CSSA is compelled to write this open letter to all of you because your lack of firearms knowledge is so bad you're embarrassing yourselves. The following facts are presented for your edification.

TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | OCTOBER 3, 2019 https://cssa-cila.org/team-cssa-e-news-october-3-2019/

BARRIE GUN CLUB AIMS TO SHOOT DOWN LIBERAL GUN-CONTROL PLAN

'Do you think by banning the guns that the people in cities like Toronto are going to then just stop using them? It is ridiculous,' says Barrie Gun Club's Doug Bailey. By Shawn Gibson - October 2, 2019

https://www.barrietoday.com/canadavotes/barrie-gun-club-aims-to-shoot-down-liberal-gun-control-plan-1726816

LOCAL GUN CLUB AIMS TO SHOOT DOWN LIBERAL GUN-CONTROL PLAN

'There is no logic to this and it is wrong to do this to those who are responsible gun owners,' says official of Liberal proposal By Shawn Gibson - October 3, 2019 https://www.orilliamatters.com/canadavotes/local-gun-club-aims-to-shoot-down-liberal-gun-control-plan-1727943

\$1.5M IN FUNDING APPROVED FOR POLICE EFFORTS TO CURB GUN VIOLENCE IN TORONTO

During a council meeting on Wednesday, councillors approved a \$1.5 million contribution that will go toward the Toronto Police Service's budget to fund a program aimed at curbing gun violence in the city. The money is the city's share of a \$4.5 million program entitled Project Community Space. By Ainsley Smith - Oct 3 2019 https://dailyhive.com/toronto/council-approved-increased-funding-gun-violence

COUNCILLOR GEORGE CHAHAL WANTS TO LOOK AT POSSIBLE MOTION TO BAN HANDGUNS IN

CALGARY - A Calgary city councillor who has been outspoken about gun violence in the past says he might bring forward a motion to ban handguns in the city. His announcement at a news conference Thursday follows an announcement from the federal Liberals in September, who said they would implement a ban on assault rifles across the country as well as bolster background checks and allow municipalities to ban handguns. By Amy Tucker, Star Calgary - Thu., Oct. 3, 2019 https://www.thestar.com/calgary/2019/10/03/councillor-george-chahal-wants-to-look-at-possible-motion-to-ban-handguns-in-calgary.html

EXCERPT FROM CALGARY HERALD STORY: While Chahal said he supports a ban on handguns — a measure municipalities would be allowed to introduce under a proposal by the federal Liberal party — he also realizes that many

gun owners are law-abiding citizens. "There's responsible gun owners in rural communities who have guns on their family farms, they're hunters, nobody is talking about taking away their guns and we shouldn't be," he said. "We're talking about handguns that are in our communities, in urban centres like the City of Calgary, in northeast Calgary, in downtown Toronto or in Montreal. "We also have to go after the criminals who smuggle these guns, the manufacturers who are producing them and getting them into our cities and the distribution of them, (we) need tougher penalties . . . and ensure that nobody gets off to the slap on the wrist." "We have to target criminals, we have to change the Criminal Code, we have to have stronger, more effective prosecutions, but we have to go against the wholesalers and the retailers — the ones who are bringing these (weapons) into our lives." https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/amid-rising-gun-violence-especially-in-his-ward-coun-chahal-calls-for-action

LIBERALS DEDICATE \$250 MILLION FOR ASSAULT RIFLE BUYOUT

Confirming the budget target for buying back military styled semi-automatic rifles, including the notorious AR-15 civilian rifles adapted from an assault rifle built for the U.S. military during the Vietnam War, a Liberal party spokesperson said the amount is an estimate. "The \$250 million is our very best estimate," said party spokesperson Carlene Variyan. "We will be doing the buy-back at a fair market value. By Tim Naumetz., iPolitics - Published on Oct 3, 2019 https://ipolitics.ca/2019/10/03/liberals-dedicate-250-million-for-assault-rifle-buyout/

DECEMBER 12, 2016 - RCMP: NUMBER OF REGISTERED AR-15s AND VARIANTS BY PROVINCE AND TERRITORY https://dennisryoung.ca/2016/12/22/rcmp-number-of-registered-ar-15s-and-variants-by-province-and-territory/

GOODALE ENVISIONS "GI JOE" ADVERT EMBARGO ON TOP OF LIBERAL ASSAULT RIFLE BAN

"There are sometimes advertisements and videos that appear (on social media)... to imply that we can be GI Joe on our main street," minister Ralph Goodale said of the Liberal platform's vague reference to "limit the glorification of violence by changing the way firearms are advertised, marketed and sold in Canada." During a Q&A with reporters in Ottawa on Sunday, Goodale fielded questions about their incumbent government's election promises, and was describing the sort of promotional material that could be targeted. "(It) depicts a kind of behaviour that is simply inappropriate and some people would find it quite threatening ... and it leads to the impression of military assault weapons is something you just do, every day," explained Goodale. "It's really quite a distorted kind of advertising and it does glorify violence with a certain kind of weapon, that has only one purpose and that is to kill people, the largest number of people, as fast as you possibly can." by Jason Unrau, The Post Millennial - October 3, 2019 https://www.thepostmillennial.com/goodale-envisions-gi-joe-advert-embargo-on-top-of-liberal-assault-rifle-ban/

GUN LOBBY GROUP TAKES ITS CONCERNS WITH LIBERAL GUN CONTROL PROMISES ON THE

ROAD - The Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights (CCFR) spent the first half of their press conference poking holes in the Liberal commitments, mainly the decision not to implement a national handgun ban but to instead prohibit "military-style" assault rifles, if re-elected. "The Liberals have laid out a plan to take extreme action against Canadians who are responsible and legal firearm owners," said Rod Giltaca, the organization's CEO. "They've marched out a one-sided narrative, and excluded stakeholders and experts on the firearm file." By Sarah Turnbull, CTVNews.ca Producer - Published Wednesday, October 2, 2019 https://election.ctvnews.ca/gun-lobby-group-takes-its-concerns-with-liberal-gun-control-promises-on-the-road-1.4620391

OUTDOOR CANADA: WE ASKED CANADA'S FEDERAL PARTY LEADERS ABOUT HUNTING AND FISHING ISSUES. HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID - Where do our major federal political parties stand when it comes to issues affecting fishing and hunting? With Canadians soon heading to the ballot box, we asked the leaders themselves to find out. Outdoor Canada -October 2, 2019 https://www.outdoorcanada.ca/2019election/

SCHEER: Conservatives believe that sport shooting, hunting and fishing are proud parts of our shared Canadian heritage. hey are also a multi-billion-dollar industry that employees numerous Canadians. But more than that, they are a way for Canadians to connect back with nature and their families. Hunters and anglers are unsurpassed in their knowledge of the natural world and do some of the best work to protect our environment and keep our water, land and air clean. We absolutely must support the good work that they do and not put needless regulatory barriers in the way.

CROSSIRON SHOOTING SCARY DEAL

Here in Canada let's hope our government officials, no matter who wins the current election, keep our gun laws strong and keep everyone safe. I know you won't completely eliminate shootings – but without easy access to guns it's much rarer, thank goodness. By Craig Lindsay, Mountain View Gazette - October 2, 2019 https://www.mountainviewgazette.ca/article/crossiron-shooting-scary-deal-20191002

HOW ARE THE FEDERAL PARTIES TACKLING PUBLIC SAFETY AND GUN VIOLENCE?

Toronto has seen 342 shootings involving 505 victims this year according to Toronto police data and the numbers continue to rise almost daily. With 2018 being one of the most violent years in Toronto's history and 2019 almost on par, public safety and specifically gun violence, is top-of-mind for voters heading to the polls this month. Below is a list of party promises made in relation to public safety and gun violence. by Dilshad Burman, City News - Posted Oct 2, 2019 https://toronto.citynews.ca/2019/10/02/how-are-the-federal-parties-tackling-public-safety-and-gun-violence/

TRUDEAU IS PROMISING MASS GUN CONFISCATIONS HE ONCE MOCKED

TheGunBlog.ca — For Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, yesterday's totalitarian dystopia is today's campaign promise. In a 2011 interview with The Hill Times newspaper, the Liberal Party politician dismissed Conservative Party concerns that a future government might use its registry of federally licensed firearm owners to order mass gun confiscations. Two weeks ago, that's what Trudeau promised to do if he's re-elected on Oct. 21. He is threatening hundreds of thousands of men and women with jail unless they surrender their hunting and sporting guns, including AR-15 target rifles and handguns. The plans aim at the owners of 250,000 mainly "Non-restricted" rifles, and handgun shooters in cities. THEGUNBLOG.CA - OCTOBER 2, 2019 https://thegunblog.ca/2019/10/02/trudeau-is-promising-mass-gun-confiscations-he-once-mocked/

CBC - TRUDEAU'S MUNICIPAL HANDGUN BAN PROMISE LEAVES KEY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

Liberal proposal would create a patchwork of handgun prohibitions. Potential political hurdles aside, Mathen said it is certain that giving municipalities the option of outlawing handguns would, at the very least, require amendments to the federal Firearms Act and likely require changes to the Criminal Code as well.

By Lucas Powers \cdot CBC News \cdot Posted: Oct 02, 2019 https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/liberals-trudeau-handgun-ban-questions-1.5304684

PUBLIC SAFETY DELAYS ATIP RESPONSE ON SOURCES OF CRIME GUNS UNTIL AFTER ELECTION

"The revised date for responding to your request is December 30, 2019. The Department will endeavour to respond to you before this date if possible." Public Safety Canada ATIP File: A-2019-00184 -Letter dated September 25, 2019 received October 2, 2019 by Dennis R. Young https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/10/02/public-safety-delays-atip-response-on-the-sources-of-crime-guns-until-after-election/

LILLEY: POLL SHOWS TRUDEAU GUN CONTROL PROMISES FIRING BLANKS

When asked about the source of shootings, 80% of Canadians agreed with the statement that "gun violence and shootings are mainly committed by gangs or criminals with handguns smuggled into the country from across the border." That

compares to just 20% who believed "gun violence comes mainly from guns that have been stolen from or used by vetted and licensed handgun owners." The findings are part of the DART & Maru/Blue Voice Canada Poll conducted for the Toronto Sun. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - October 2, 2019 https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-poll-shows-trudeau-gun-control-promises-firing-blanks

MATT GURNEY: THE LIBERAL HANDGUN PROPOSAL IS BREATHTAKINGLY STUPID

For political reasons, they felt like they had to do something. 'Do something' are the two scariest words in politics. The national ban won't work. How will the lesser version of it somehow do better? By Matt Gurney, National Post - October 2, 2019 https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/election-2019/matt-gurney-the-liberal-handgun-proposal-is-breathtakingly-stupid

FOUR GUNS STOLEN DURING PRINCE GEORGE BREAK AND ENTER

Mounties in Prince George are investigating a break and enter that saw a gun safe stolen with multiple firearms inside. Three handguns, one long gun were in a safe when stolen By: Jess Fedigan - October 2, 2019 https://www.princegeorgematters.com/local-news/four-guns-stolen-after-prince-george-break-and-enter-1726242

NIAGARA GUN CRIMES ON PAR WITH RECENT YEARS: NRP

2019 data shows numbers will match or exceed 2018 incidents

News Oct 01, 2019 by Grant LaFleche The St. Catharines Standard https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news-story/9625299-niagara-gun-crimes-on-par-with-recent-years-nrp/

CBC - AT TRUDEAU EVENT, TORONTO-AREA MAYORS SAY LIBERAL FIREARMS POLICY DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH - Trudeau touts 'assault' firearms ban — even though handguns account for more homicides By John Paul Tasker \cdot CBC News \cdot Posted: Oct 01, 2019

https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/gta-mayors-trudeau-gun-control-handgun-ban-1.5304553 https://election.ctvnews.ca/mayors-say-liberal-gun-control-plan-fails-to-fix-problem-call-for-handgun-ban-1.4618617 https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/british-columbia/article-vancouver-mayors-willingness-to-ban-handguns-is-the-right-move/

VIDEO: ASKED TO EXPLAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RIFLES HE PLANS TO BAN & THOSE HE DOESN'T, TRUDEAU DELIVERS WORD SALAD INSTEAD - As noted by Tracey Wilson of the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights, Trudeau wants to confiscate the legal property of Canadians, yet clearly has no idea what that property entails: By Spencer Fernando - October 1, 2019 https://www.spencerfernando.com/2019/10/01/video-asked-to-explain-difference-between-rifles-he-plans-to-ban-those-he-doesnt-trudeau-delivers-word-salad-instead/

CBC - AIMING FOR SOME MIDDLE GROUND IN THE GUN CONTROL DEBATE

Polarizing election issue actually less entrenched, more nuanced than it may appear By Julie Ireton · CBC News · Posted: Oct 01, 2019

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/gun-control-federal-election-2019-nuanced-voices-add-to-debate-1.5302859

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 - STATSCAN: VIOLATIONS OF WEAPONS PROHIBITION ORDERS, 2014-2018

https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/09/26/statscan-violations-of-weapons-prohibition-orders-2014-2018/

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 - 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/

LIBERAL PLATFORM ON GUN CONTROL RUBBING GUN OWNERS THE WRONG WAY

Both want a safer Canada, but gun owners are adamant gun bans and a buyback program won't help curb gang violence . By Phi Doan, Kitchener Today - October 1, 2019 https://www.kitchenertoday.com/local-news/liberal-platform-on-gun-control-rubbing-gun-owners-the-wrong-way-1722831

TRUDEAU SUGGESTS CZ 858, RUGER MINI-14 AMONG MASS CONFISCATIONS

Trudeau didn't name the models in a media briefing today on his campaign plans for mass seizures, expulsions or incarcerations targeting federally licensed firearm owners. The Liberal Party leader cited the January 2017 mosque attack in the Sainte-Foy neighbourhood of Quebec City, where the assailant had a CZ 858. He also referred to the Ecole Polytechnique massacre in Montreal in December 1989, where the mass murderer used a Mini-14. The only design Trudeau referred to by name was the AR-15 target rifle. THEGUNBLOG.CA - 1 Oct 2019 https://thegunblog.ca/2019/10/01/trudeau-suggests-cz-858-ruger-mini-14-among-mass-confiscations/

APRIL 9, 2018 - RCMP WON'T SAY HOW CZ858 IS 'EASILY CONVERTED TO FULL AUTO'

RCMP Response to Access to Information Request dated April 3, 2018 - Received April 9, 2018 (14 months to process) RCMP ATIP response fails to answer 5 out of 5 questions to justify their claim: "CZ858 Tactical-2P firearm proofed 2007 can be converted to a fully automatic firearm in a relatively short period of time with relative ease". January 9, 2017 Brian News 35 https://canadianfirearmsblog.ca/cz858-spartan-declared-prohibited/ SEE THE RCMP'S 28-PAGES OF NON-ANSWERS TO MY FIVE QUESTIONS HERE:

https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/04/10/rcmp-wont-say-cz858-easily-converted-full-auto/

- (1) NOT ANSWERED: the number and types of equipment used to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto;
- (2) NOT ANSWERED: the parts required to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto;
- (3) NOT ANSWERED: the person-minutes required to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto;
- (4) NOT ANSWERED: the qualifications of the gunsmith(s) that easily converted the CZ858 to full auto; and
- (5) NOT ANSWERED: the estimated cost to easily convert the CZ858 to full auto.

LILLEY: TRUDEAU GOES FOR FEAR OVER FACTS ONCE AGAIN ON GUN VIOLENCE

If Trudeau wanted to deal with the concerns raised by the doctors he was sitting with, he would be focussed on solutions that deal with crime guns and not the people shooting lawfully at the range on the weekend. By making the choices that he has, Trudeau shows he wants easy votes rather than real solutions. By Brian Lilley. Toronto Sun - September 30, 2019 https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-trudeau-goes-for-fear-over-facts-once-again-on-gun-violence

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS CALL FOR MORE GUN CONTROL AT TRUDEAU CAMPAIGN EVENT IN

TORONTO - Doctors dealing with the bloody fallout from rising gun violence in Toronto called on Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau to ban handguns at a campaign event Monday — a move he and his party are not making. The Liberal guncontrol plan includes outlawing the semi-automatic AR-15 — a variety of gun used in many recent U.S. mass shootings — as well a buy-back program for legally purchased assault rifles. But it stops short of a prohibition on pistols. By Staff The Canadian Press September 30, 2019 https://globalnews.ca/news/5969749/medical-professionals-call-for-more-guncontrol-at-trudeau-campaign-event-in-toronto/

THE NORTHERN B.C. MURDERERS USED THE EXACT TYPE OF RIFLES TRUDEAU IS HOPING TO

BAN - As I said in my column last week, every semi-automatic weapon in this country is just as dangerous as the "military-style" ones that the Trudeau government is looking to ban. And very rarely have they been used in mass shootings. Undeterred by that fact, this week the Liberal party seems to have ramped up their election-time rhetoric around banning "military-style" weapons in Canada. They just want to ban the scary looking ones. By Bob Kronbauer - September 30, 2019 https://www.vancouverisawesome.com/2019/09/30/schmegelsky-mcleod-assault-rifles-liberals/

LETTERS: KEEP THE AR-15S ON THE GUN RANGE

At the least, let's keep them restricted to the gun range and limit the probability of AR-15s falling into the hands of criminals and deranged mass shooters (as often happens in the U.S.). By Brian Shaw, resident, PRRD - Alaska Highway News - September 30, 2019 https://www.alaskahighwaynews.ca/opinion/letters/letters-keep-the-ar-15s-on-the-gun-range-1.23961771

NEW EDMONTON POLICE UNIT AIMS TO TRACK HISTORY OF GUNS USED IN CRIMES

Officers can currently seize firearms they find during arrests, but Blais said the police service doesn't currently dedicate resources to investigating those weapons further. "Firearm investigations are very unique and very different from drug investigations," he said. "There's that whole followup piece in relation to firearm investigations to identify how are these firearms ending up in the hands of criminals." By Dylan Short Updated: September 29, 2019 https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/new-edmonton-police-unit-aims-to-track-history-of-guns-used-in-crimes

LIBERALS PLEDGING MORE NEW MONEY TO CAMPING THAN COMBATTING GUN CRIMES

In the platform, released on Sunday, the Liberals say they would spend \$525-million more over four years for a proposed learn-to-camp program and an extra \$400-million over four years for initiatives aimed at reducing gun violence. By Marieke Walsh and Bill Curry, Mississauga and Ottawa - Globe and Mail - September 29, 2019 https://origin.tgam.arcpublishing.com/politics/article-liberals-pledging-more-new-money-to-camping-than-combatting-gun-crimes/

CONSERVATIVES PROMISE TO RE-ESTABLISH HUNTING AND ANGLING ADVISORY PANEL

"The Trudeau Liberals cut the Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel and chose to lose touch with what is happening in our local communities," said Conservative Candidate for Calgary Nose Hill Michelle Rempel. "Canada's hunters and anglers make significant contributions to the preservation of species and habitats and can offer valuable advice on the stewardship of Canada's wildlife. By NetNewsLedger - September 29, 2019

http://www.netnewsledger.com/2019/09/29/conservatives-promise-to-re-establish-hunting-and-angling-advisory-panel/

VANCOUVER MAYOR'S WILLINGNESS TO BAN HANDGUNS IS THE RIGHT MOVE

In Vancouver, there were three shootings over a 15-hour period this week. In Toronto, 14 people were shot during the August long weekend. And although it is likely most of those guns entered Canada illegally, it doesn't take more studies to see a ban would remove some handguns from the street. By ADRIENNE TANNER, VANCOUVER, SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL - PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 Adrienne Tanner is a Vancouver journalist who writes about civic affairs https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/british-columbia/article-vancouver-mayors-willingness-to-ban-handguns-is-the-right-move/

LIBERALS PLEDGE ADDITIONAL \$250 MILLION TO FIGHT GUN VIOLENCE

By Bruce Campion-Smith AND Tonda MacCharles, Ottawa Bureau - Toronto Star - Sun., Sept. 29, 2019 https://www.thestar.com/politics/federal/2019/09/28/liberals-pledge-additional-250-million-to-fight-gun-violence.html

LIBERALS PUT AN \$800 PRICE TAG ON YOUR LEGAL RIFLES

If there are 250 000 rifles to confiscate from good hard working Canadians, and \$200M to split among them, that's an estimate of \$800 per rifle. Hardly a "fair market" price for rifles that always end up in the thousands of dollars. By Tracey Wilson, Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights - September 29, 2019 https://firearmrights.ca/en/liberals-put-an-800-price-tag-on-your-legal-rifles/

FEDERAL PARTIES TARGET GUNS AND GANGS

Conservative candidate Tom Dingwall is a career police officer in Durham — where he was born and raised. Dingwall says there are two issues here: "We have gun control, and we have gun and gang violence. I say two issues because legal gun owners are not the cause of gun and gang violence, as much as ... the Liberals are trying to blend the two." By Liz Braun, Toronto Sun - September 29, 2019 https://torontosun.com/news/national/election-2019/braun-parties-put-spotlight-on-guns-and-gangs

AUSTRALIA'S GUN BUYBACK EXPERIENCE HAS LESSONS FOR CANADA

Australian firearm policy had changed very little in the decades prior to 1996. In April of that year, 35 people were killed when a gunman opened fire in Port Arthur, Tasmania with a military-style semi-automatic rifle. The massacre elicited a swift and dramatic policy response. Within 12 days, all state, territory and federal governments agreed to upgrade their gun laws to a new national standard and to commence a mandatory buyback of prohibited firearms. Within a year, a total of 659,940 semi-automatic rifles and shotguns were purchased and destroyed at a cost of 500-million Australian dollars. Funds for the buyback were raised by a one-off levy, which cost the average taxpayer 15 Australian dollars. In addition, thousands of gun owners voluntarily relinquished non-prohibited firearms without compensation. It took a horrific massacre that claimed the lives of 35 people for Australia to act – we can only hope it does not come to that for Canada. By JOEL NEGIN, THE GLOBE AND MAIL - UPDATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 - Joel Negin is head of the School of Public Health at the University of Sydney. https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-canada-should-learn-from-australias-gun-buyback-experience/

'WHERE DOES THIS STOP?' PISTOL CHAMP HARDING RESPONDS TO TRUDEAU

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian National Pistol Champion Allan Harding is speaking out against Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's election-campaign threats to jail hundreds of thousands of sport shooters, farmers and hunters unless they surrender their guns. "More than anything, my concern is: Where does this stop?" Harding, a two-time national gold medalist in 50-metre pistol, told TheGunBlog.ca on Sept. 27 from his home near Vancouver. The top shooter also pushed back against Trudeau on Twitter in a reply that has 80,000 views. THEGUNBLOG.CA - SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 https://thegunblog.ca/2019/09/28/where-does-this-stop-pistol-champ-harding-responds-to-trudeau/

ONTARIO POLICE JUST FOUND A SHOTGUN ON THE HIGHWAY & EVERYONE IS CONFUSED

Ontario Provincial Police officers certainly did have a shock on Friday afternoon, when they came across a **huge**, abandoned shotgun by the side of an Ontario highway! Nobody knows how it ended up there! By Helena Hanson - September 28, 2019 https://www.narcity.com/news/ca/on/shotgun-found-on-an-ontario-highway-is-confusing-everyone

IT'S TIME TO STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS

Your community needs you to stand up and defend your rights to own and use firearms Justice for Gun Owners - 28 September 2019 https://mailchi.mp/d3b69ad1aeb6/dont-swallow-tv-propaganda?e=bc1823b8e2

TRUTH TRACKER: LIBERAL PARTY'S GUN CONTROL AD SHOWS CONSERVATIVES HOLDING FIREARMS, BUT LIBERALS HAVE, TOO - But what the ad doesn't show are the many Liberal candidates who have also posed with guns or promoted their use. By Sarah Turnbull, CTVNews.ca Producer, Nicole Bogart, CTVNews.ca Writer - Last Updated Saturday, September 28, 2019 https://election.ctvnews.ca/truth-tracker-liberal-party-s-gun-control-ad-shows-conservatives-holding-firearms-but-liberals-have-too-1.4613735

NEW CLUB AT ALGONQUIN SEEKS TO CLEAR MISINFORMATION SURROUNDING GUNS AND GUN

OWNERSHIP - The Algonquin Firearms Club is set to receive official club status after a similar club has been successfully launched at Carleton University. The club's founders, Patrick Gauthier, an electrical engineering technology student, and Kelvin Jiang, a business marketing student, want the club to teach students about firearm ownership in Canada as well as provide a hands-on experience. "The goal of the club is to demystify firearm ownership in Canada, and promote new experiences to people," Gauthier said. The club hopes to organize trips to a gun range for students to practice safe firearm use. "People really sign up for the experience, not all the boring talk." September 28, 2019 By Qadeer Popal http://algonquintimes.com/news/new-club-at-algonquin-seeks-to-clear-misinformation-surrounding-guns-and-gun-ownership/

20 CHARGES LAID AFTER MAN AND CHILDREN CHASED, THREATENED WITH GUNS

Two men are in custody following a frightening incident earlier this week north of Winnipeg. Manitoba RCMP say that on September 22, at approximately 5:15 a.m., Gypsumville RCMP received a report that a vehicle, being driven by a 21-year-old male with two young children as passengers, was being chased by another vehicle around the community of Fairford. Police say the suspect pulled out a rifle, pointed it directly at the victim and made a threat. After the threat was made, both suspects turned around and returned back to their vehicle and sped away. Written by Staff Published: 28 September 2019 https://chynradio.com/news/20-charges-laid-after-man-and-children-chased-threatened-with-guns

VAN ATTACK MURDER WEAPON: ANATOMY OF A DEADLY RENTAL

It was early in April of 2018 when Alek Minassian began planning his deadly attack. "I was at Seneca College and I decided to phone Ryder and book either a truck or van with them and they had a 10-foot van available so I figured this is perfect," he told Toronto Police Det. Rob Thomas. "It's big enough to have an effect, not too big that I can't manoeuvre it. So the van was perfect, medium size to use as my weapon." By Michele Mandel, Toronto Sun - September 27, 2019 https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/van-attack-murder-weapon-anatomy-of-a-deadly-rental

RANT: ON COPS, CROWN, COURTS AND CRIMINALTY - A WAKE-UP CALL IS REQUIRED

I just published an article about prolific offenders that is going to have many locals feeling furious, and justly so. It's about two local prolific offenders who, between the two of them, are facing 40 separate charges for crimes committed within a two-week span. Both have been arrested – within that time frame – at least three times. So how do they continue committing crimes post-arrest? The court keeps letting them out on conditions (although thankfully, the 24-year-old woman has finally been remanded in custody pending her next court date). by Kyra Hoggan, The Castlegar Source on Friday Sep 27 2019 https://castlegarsource.com/news/rant-cops-crown-courts-and-criminalty-wake-call-required **EXCERPT:** It's impossible to get hard statistics on the recidivism rate in Canada – no one can even agree on how to define the word (does it mean re-arrest or re-conviction, does it refer only to adults or youth as well, the argument rages on and on ad naseum), much less how to collect the data, and it's a politic quagmire I don't want to wade into, except to say that I think it's a number many agencies would prefer not to pin down, so as to avoid the public outrage that would surely ensue.

APRIL 10, 2019 - CORRECTIONAL SERVICE CANADA DOES NOT REPORT ON RECIDIVISM

Response to Access to Access to Information Act Request dated April 10, 2019 https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/04/10/how-bad-is-canadas-recidivism-problem/

EXCERPT: "Please note that our Office of Primary Interest has advised that Correctional Service Canada (CSC) does not report on recidivism because there is no universally agreed upon definition of recidivism and that CSC does not have ready access to all of the data needed to properly attempt to measure recidivism."

NUNAVUT APPEAL COURT TO RULE ON MANDATORY SENTENCES FOR FIRST-TIME FIREARMS

OFFENDERS - Judges had said four-year minimums amount to cruel and unusual punishment. More than 30 people packed into the gallery of a courtoom inside of the Nunavut Court of Justice in Iqaluit on Tuesday, Sept. 17, for a hearing on two potentially precedent-setting cases. (File photo) By Thomas Rohner, Special to Nunatsiaq News - September 25, 2019 https://nunatsiaq.com/stories/article/nunavut-appeal-court-to-rule-on-mandatory-sentences-for-first-time-firearms-offenders/

GUNS BANS, FORCED CONFISCATIONS, NOTHING ON ACTUAL CRIME – LIBERAL POLICY

There is something you can do to stop this, and you must. You can vote for a firearms-friendly candidate and remove the Liberals from power. It's the only option. By Tracey Wilson, Canadian Coalition on Firearm Rights - September 24, 2019 https://firearmrights.ca/en/guns-bans-forced-confiscations-nothing-on-actual-crime-liberal-policy/

MONTREAL, CALGARY LEAD FIVE BIGGEST CITIES IN NUMBER OF SHOOTERS

Montreal has the highest number of licensed shooters among Canada's five-biggest cities, but you're most likely to bump into a gun lover in Calgary. THEGUNBLOG.CA - 24 Sep 2016 https://thegunblog.ca/2016/09/24/montreal-calgary-lead-five-biggest-cities-in-number-of-shooters/

HOW THE GLOBE TRIED – AND FAILED – TO FIND THE SOURCE OF CANADA'S CRIME GUNS

Firearms tracing data was requested from 36 police forces across the country. None were able to provide it By Tom Cardoso and Patrick White, Globe and Mail - Published September 20, 2019 https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-how-the-globe-tried-and-failed-to-find-the-source-of-canada/

75 PER CENT OF ILLEGAL HANDGUNS SEIZED IN PEEL SMUGGLED FROM THE U.S., POLICE CHIEF

SAYS - Last year, Peel police dealt with 1,143 incidents involving guns; of those, 579 were violent crimes, including robberies and assaults, with another 253 "non-criminal" reports in which a gun was reportedly seen, McCord said. Other criminal code offences involving guns totalled 214. In more than 950 of those 1,143 incidents, a gun was involved but not fired, he said. Guns were fired four times during domestic disputes last year, three times during a mental health incident, and guns were used in four deaths by suicide, McCord said. News Apr 01, 2019 by Pam Douglas Brampton Guardian https://www.bramptonguardian.com/news-story/9243446-75-per-cent-of-illegal-handguns-seized-in-peel-smuggled-from-the-u-s-police-chief-says/

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

JOE BIDEN'S GUN CONTROL PLAN TARGETS THE FIREARMS INDUSTRY AND LAW-ABIDING

CITIZENS - Let's be honest. This isn't a serious plan. It's a gun control wish list to placate gun control groups. The only thing that separates this is that it takes a half-step back from the disastrous confiscation calls by Robert Francis O'Rourke. By Larry Keane. Daily Caller - October 04, 2019 Larry Keane is Senior Vice President of Government and Public Affairs and General Counsel for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the firearms industry trade association. https://dailycaller.com/2019/10/04/joe-bidens-gun-control-plan-targets-the-firearms-industry-and-law-abiding-citizens/

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - OCTOBER 4, 2019

MICHIGAN: CULTIVATING THE NEXT CROP OF HUNTERS

During 2018, 18,800 students received a hunter safety certificate, which allows them the opportunity to hunt for a lifetime. "Conservation officers are involved with the program, but there aren't enough officers available to teach recreational safety classes in every community throughout the state in addition to their other responsibilities," said Lt. Tom Wanless, conservation officer and hunter education administrator for the state of Michigan. "We heavily rely on a strong network of devoted volunteer instructors to make our program successful." Editor's Note: Hunting seasons are

getting underway almost daily across the country. Today, a look at what Michigan's Department of Natural Resources is doing to make certain we have hunters for the next generation. https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/32816e2f-50ec-44db-bdaa-6e5e1282bba9

THE FAKE NEWS OF GUN-CONTROL "STUDIES"

The study is farcical. Participants were shown photos of criminals, soldiers, police in military gear or police in regular gear with guns. Researchers then measured aggressive thoughts with a test. Participants could fill in two blank spaces after the letters "Ki" as "Kill" or "Kiss." (Whatever a person's views, "kiss" is a weird and uncomfortable word to have to fill in when looking at someone with a gun.) So surprise, surprise, the photos of individuals with guns—tools often bought for self-defense—elicited aggressive thoughts, according to this test. by Frank Miniter - Thursday, October 3, 2019 https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2019/10/3/the-fake-news-of-gun-control-studies/

ICELAND'S PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS, BY THE NUMBERS

The following tables are from the Icelandic Police website. For those that don't speak fluent Icelandic (myself included), haglabyssur means shotgun, skammbyssur means pistols, and rifflar means rifle. The first table reflects the registrations by firearm type. 2019's registrations are from July of this year, and may not fully reflect the entire year's registration. The next table shows the number of "A licenses" applied for by year. These numbers don't reflect licenses already in existance, only licenses newly-applied for. As of July, the total number of "A licenses" equal 14,997. The final table shows the total number of registered firearms by type currently on record (as of July, 2019). Posted in Daily News by Doug E, THEFIREARMBLOG.COM - October 3, 2019 https://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/2019/10/01/icelands-privately-owned-firearms-by-the-numbers/

CONFISCATION BY ANY OTHER NAME

There's just one problem: The National Firearms Act doesn't provide for a national gun registry. Indeed, the law expressly prohibits the federal government from establishing a "system of registration of firearms, firearms owners, or firearms transactions or disposition." Joe Biden disappoints all sides of the issue of guns. October 2, 2019 by Noah Rothman https://www.commentarymagazine.com/politics-ideas/confiscation-by-any-other-name-joe-biden/ https://www.nationalreview.com/2019/10/joe-biden-gun-control-plan-constitutional-moral-disaster/

BIDEN TOUTS NATIONAL GUN REGISTRY

The former vice president and top-tier 2020 Democratic White House hopeful's ideas are familiar from his time as President Barack Obama's understudy and his 36 years as a senator from Delaware. Biden would, among other things, strip liability protection from gun manufacturers if their products are used in mass shootings. The former vice president also proposes banning "the manufacture and sale of assault weapons and high capacity magazines." Biden is further calling on Congress to pass legislation that would prohibit an individual from buying a weapon if he or she "has been convicted of a misdemeanor hate crime, or received an enhanced sentence for a misdemeanor because of hate or bias in its commission," as well as passing universal background checks and ending the so-called gun show loophole. Under his plan, the online purchasing of firearms and ammunition would also be illegal.

by Joseph Simonson, Washington Examiner - October 02, 2019 https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/biden-touts-national-gun-registry

BIDEN CONFIRMS WHAT GUN OWNERS KNEW ALL ALONG: THE END GOAL IS A NATIONAL

FIREARMS REGISTRY - "Now, there's a third thing we need to do. Under the Firearms Act of 1934, there's a situation where when they outlawed machine guns, they said, 'Okay, you can continue to have a machine gun if you own it but guess what? You gotta let us know you have one. You gotta let us know you have one."

"The National Firearms Act?" the interviewer asked. "You got it," Biden replied. "I want that for all assault weapons. I want that for magazines because what happens is if we know you have one the likelihood of that ever being used in a commission of a crime, after a voluntary buyback, is highly unlikely."

By Beth Baumann, Town Hall - Posted: Oct 02, 2019 https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/editorials/beto-was-honest-about-taking-guns-and-thats-why-joe-bidens-gun-plan-is-dead-on-arrival

WHERE DOES MEXICO REALLY GET ITS GUNS?

The most recent available data compiled by the National Tracing Center for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) indicated that a total of 67,295 firearms recovered in Mexico between January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2018, were determined to have been either manufactured in the U.S. or legally imported into the U.S., an average of 11,216 per year. Moreover, a total of 28,741 recovered weapons – an average of 4,790 annually – were classified as having an "undetermined" source. Of all the recovered weapons, ATF documented that 51.1 percent were pistols, 13.6 percent were revolvers, 27.4 percent were rifles, 5.4 percent were shotguns and 2.5 percent were a combination of machine guns, destructive devices, derringers, tear-gas launchers, combination guns, flare guns, receivers/frames, silencers or any other "unknown" type. By Hollie McKay | Fox News - October 2, 2019 https://www.foxnews.com/world/mexico-guns-black-market-tepito

CNN - SOME TEACHERS IN FLORIDA CAN CARRY GUNS INSIDE CLASSROOMS NOW

The bill authorizes school districts to implement at least one school-safety officer per public school. The definition is broad and could include a school resource officer, law enforcement official employed by the district, a school security guard or a school guardian. Before the bill was passed, teachers were prohibited from serving as "guardians" in schools, according to the bill's text. By Scottie Andrew, CNN - Updated Tue October 1, 2019 https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/01/us/florida-teachers-carry-guns-classrooms-bill-trnd/index.html

NZ PM JACINDA ARDERN RESPONDS TO 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL'S PLEA OVER AR-15 RIFLE BAN

A 13-year-old Waikato girl has sent an open letter to the prime minister passionately defending her rights to use an AR15 rifle for sport shooting. Oct 01 2019 https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/116223947/pm-jacinda-ardern-responds-to-13yearold-girls-plea-over-ar15-rifle-ban

NZ - NATIONAL'S SHAMELESS PANDERING TO THE GUN NUT LOBBY

National's police spokesperson Brett Hudson said the reforms shouldn't unduly impact law-abiding citizens. By Martyn Bradbury - September 30, 2019 https://thedailyblog.co.nz/2019/09/30/nationals-shameless-pandering-to-the-gun-nut-lobby/

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

HOW TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND AMERICA'S GUN OWNERS

If America's gun owners can be seen as the part of the solution they are, then we can keep our freedom, our right to life, as our government focuses its resources on those who would do us harm. By - Frank Miniter. Editor's Note: Today, we offer you an insight into how one well-known writer is helping people understand America's gun owners. https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/1a29e9e1-9f59-4dd2-a802-7cfd7e654a56

FBI'S 2018 CRIME REPORT: HANDGUNS, KNIVES, AND BLUNT OBJECTS KILLED MORE PEOPLE THAN RIFLES - The FBI released their Uniform Crime Report for 2018 and it shows that of the known types of

firearms that were used in homicides, handguns were used to kill more people than any kind of rifles. People using knives and blunt objects also killed more people than rifles. In 2018, of the known types of firearms that were used in homicides, 6,603 people were killed with handguns. Rifles only accounted for 297 murders, with shotguns killing 235. Knives or other cutting instruments were used to kill 1,515 people. Blunt objects, such as clubs and hammers, were used to kill 443 people. Hands, fists, and feet killed 672 people. It is important to note of the 2,963 people who were killed with guns, it was not known what type of firearm that was used. By Julio Rosas, Town Hall - Posted: Sep 30, 2019 https://townhall.com/tipsheet/juliorosas/2019/09/30/fbis-2018-crime-report-handguns-knives-and-blunt-objects-killed-more-people-than-rifles-n2553914

CONSERVATIVE LEADERS TELL CONGRESS NO RED FLAG LAWS

On September 27, 2019 the Conservative leaders of the Conservative Action Project (CAP) issued the following statement expressing their opposition to the enactment of so-called Red Flag laws at the state or federal level: Conservatives oppose efforts to pass red flag laws at the state or federal level. These laws reverse the burden of proof, assuming people are guilty and must be proven innocent. They trample on the constitutional rights of Americans. And they do nothing to prevent mass shootings. Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have passed forms of red flag laws, which allow police, family members, neighbors, romantic partners, teachers, or therapists who fear that a gun owner has become dangerous to file a seizure warrant for that person's weapons with a judge. CHQ Staff | 9/30/19 http://www.conservativehg.com/article/31101-conservative-leaders-tell-congress-no-red-flag-laws

EXCERPT: Red flag laws don't reduce shootings. Two Yale-trained researchers reviewed 22 unique mental health reporting laws around the country, and found "no correlation with homicide rates." John Lott and Carlisle Moody found similar results in a fixed regression model for all 50 states, showing "red flag laws had no significant effect on murder, suicide, the number of people killed in mass public shootings, robbery, aggravated assault, or burglary."

FBI SAY VIOLENT CRIME DOWN, CCRKBA ASKS DEMS "WHAT GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC?"

"Let's have this discussion, and let's stick to the facts. Let's leave the emotions and theatrics outside" By Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms CANADA FREE PRESS -September 30, 2019 https://canadafreepress.com/article/fbi-say-violent-crime-down-ccrkba-asks-dems-what-gun-violence-epidemic

TAIWAN: CABINET TO PROPOSE INCREASING JAIL TERM FOR ILLEGAL AIR GUNS

The Executive Yuan is soon to propose a bill to raise the minimum sentence for **making illegal air guns** to seven years in prison, a source said yesterday. In the past several years, criminals have increasingly favored air guns modified to shoot pellets with lethal force, the source cited Premier Su Tseng-chang as saying in a Cabinet meeting on Thursday. By Lee Hsin-feng and Jonathan Chin, Taipei Times - September 29, 2019 http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/taiwan/archives/2019/09/29/2003723095

NASSAU GUN BUYBACK PAYS OUT \$63,400 FOR FIREARMS

Nassau County held a gun buyback on Saturday and doled out \$63,400 for the firearms, officials said. The buyback—held in Hempstead at Union Baptist Church — netted 188 handguns, 154 rifles and 26 assault rifles, officials said. By Khristopher J. Brooks - Updated September 29, 2019 https://www.newsday.com/long-island/nassau/gun-buyback-nassau-county-1.36956864

SHORTGRASS RANGERS SHOW OFF OLD WESTERN GUNS

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (TNN) - A cowboy action shooting club called the Shortgrass Rangers were at the High Caliber Gun Range on Saturday, Sept. 28 to show off some antique western guns. By Dakota Mize - Updated September 29, 2019 - https://www.newschannel6now.com/2019/09/28/shortgrass-rangers-show-off-old-western-guns/

NEWSWEEK - AS TRUMP DOUBLES DOWN ON NRA'S AGENDA, WHAT HAPPENS TO SUBURBAN

WOMEN CRITICAL FOR RE-ELECTION? - The prospect of new gun legislation came to a screeching halt on Friday in a stunning development reported by The New York Times. The paper documented National Rifle Association CEO Wayne LaPierre's visit to the White House, in which the notion of supporting President Donald Trump's impeachment defense was proffered alongside a presidential firewall against any new gun control measures. By Asher Stockler On 9/28/19 https://www.newsweek.com/trump-gun-control-women-2020-election-nra-1461927

A GUNMAN IN TEXAS WAS TARGETING DRIVERS NEEDING ROADSIDE HELP, POLICE SAID

A person suspected of shooting two people and killing one in Ector County, Texas, is in custody as of Friday evening, according to the Ector County Sheriff's Department. "This individual apparently pulled up there, and offered to help but it turned bad," Ector County Sheriff Mike Griffis said in a press conference Friday. Officials believe the string of shootings have been done by the same person, according to Griffis. While the vehicle descriptions have been similar, the sheriff said the suspect descriptions have varied. "I hate that this is happening," Griffis said. "In our hometown again ... we're going to get them." Posted By: By Alisha Ebrahimji, CNN - September 28, 2019

https://www.actionnewsnow.com/content/national/561576512.html

CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT HOLDERS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES: 2019

By John R. Lott, Crime Prevention Research Center Date Written: September 27, 2019 - 62 Pages

ABSTRACT: The number of concealed handgun permits has increased for the third year in a row. The figure now stands at over 18.66 million – a 304% increase since 2007. It's also an 8% increase over the number of permits we counted a year ago in 2018. Unlike gun ownership surveys that may be affected by people's unwillingness to answer personal questions, concealed handgun permit data is the only really "hard data" that we have. Sixteen states are missing from the data because people there don't even need a permit to carry. Among the findings of our report:

- Last year, the number of permit holders continued to grow by about 1.4 million. Despite expectations that increases in permits were primarily driven by fears of Democratic presidencies, the growth has continued at a similar pace after the November 2016 election.
- 7.3% of American adults have permits. Outside of the restrictive states of California and New York, about 8.75% of the adult population has a permit.
- In thirteen states, more than 10% of adults have permits, down from just fifteen last year. Arkansas, Oklahoma, and West Virginia fell below 10%, but they are now all Constitutional Carry states, meaning that people no longer need a permit to carry. South Carolina's concealed carry rate has now risen to above 10%.
- Alabama has the highest concealed carry rate 26.3%. Indiana is second with 17.9%, and South Dakota -- another Constitutional Carry state -- saw its percentage decline to 16.02%.
- Four states now have over 1 million permit holders: Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Florida is the first state to have over 2 million permits.
- Sixteen states have adopted constitutional carry, meaning that a permit is no longer required. Because of these constitutional carry states, the nationwide growth in permits does not paint a full picture of the overall increase in concealed carry. But some residents still choose to obtain permits so that they can carry in other states that have reciprocity agreements. Lott, John R., Concealed Carry Permit Holders Across the United States: 2019 (September 27, 2019). https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3463357

TIME - WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THE MOVIE JOKER

Critics who saw Joker during its run at the Venice and Toronto film festivals in late August and early September, respectively, have called it "dangerous", "deeply troubling" and "a toxic rallying cry for self-pitying incels." In a review

that prompted a flood of angry reactions from the movie's defenders, TIME's film critic Stephanie Zacharek wrote: "In America, there's a mass shooting or attempted act of violence by a guy like Arthur practically every other week. And yet we're supposed to feel some sympathy for Arthur, the troubled lamb; he just hasn't had enough love." BY MAHITA GAJANAN - UPDATED: SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 https://time.com/5684823/joker-movie-controversy/

EXCERPT: WHY DID THE U.S. MILITARY REACH OUT TO SERVICE MEMBERS ABOUT THE MOVIE? In an email sent Sept. 18, the U.S. military warned service members of potential mass shootings at screenings of Joker. Service members were told to stay aware of their surroundings, "identify two escape routes" and "run, hide, fight" if a shooting were to occur, according to a report from Gizmodo. The warning came after military officials said they had found social media posts referring to "incel" extremists talking about replicating the 2012 mass shooting at the Aurora theater during Joker screenings at theaters across the country. Incels refer to the community of people who say they're "involuntarily celibate," or rejected by potential romantic partners. "This presents a potential risk to DOD personnel and

family members, though there are no known specific credible threats to the opening of the Joker on 4 October," read the

CONGRESSWOMAN MOCKED FOR SAYING AR-15S ARE 'AS HEAVY AS' 10 MOVING BOXES AND FIRE .50 CALIBER BULLETS - Texas Democratic Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee incorrect claims about AR-15 rifles: "It is as heavy as 10 boxes that you might be moving," Jackson Lee, 69, said. "And the bullet that is utilized, a .50 caliber, these kinds of bullets need to be licensed and do not need to be on the street." by Zachary Halaschak, Washingtong Examiner - September 23, 2019 https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/congresswoman-mocked-for-saying-ar-15-is-as-heavy-as-10-moving-boxes-fires-50-caliber-bullets

OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

email from the military, obtained by Gizmodo.

PROMISE TRACKER: WHAT THE PARTIES ARE PITCHING ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

OTTAWA — A running list of specific promises announced by the Liberals, Conservatives, NDP and Green party since the official start of the federal election campaign on Sept. 11.

The Canadian Press - October 4, 2019 https://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/promise-tracker-what-the-parties-are-pitching-on-the-campaign-trail-21

BELL: KENNEY WANTS COPS ENFORCING TOUGH TRESPASS LAWS

The Mounties call back. They're still investigating the invasion of a Hutterite turkey farm a month ago. You know, where dozens of protesters came down for their "liberation lockdown." They trespassed on the property of a southern Alberta Hutterite colony, held a sit-in among the turkeys, got shown around the place by the RCMP and then demanded they wouldn't be charged. They also wanted some live turkeys. They carted off five and took them to a sanctuary. As for the police, I know I quoted this Mountie in the previous column but I have to do it again. You can't make this stuff up. "We allowed the protesters to protest as their legal right, even though they did occupy a turkey farm, which is a trespass and break-and-enter. By the way, what exactly does the Fort Macleod detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police need? Do we bring in CSI: Miami? How about a new edition of Sherlock Holmes, The Mystery of the Jackasses at the Hutterite Turkey Farm? The premier says the invaders aren't activists. They're farm-hating militants. They're trespassers and bullies who act like vigilantes. Kenney speaks of using peace bonds and injunctions. He'll appoint a prosecutor for these kind of beefs "to ensure they are properly pursued." By Rick Bell, Calgary Sun - Published on: October 4, 2019 https://calgarysun.com/opinion/columnists/bell-kenney-wants-cops-to-enforce-tough-new-laws

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