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

POLYTECHNIQUE SHOOTINGS 30 YEARS ON: REARMING AFTER GUN-CONTROL WINS AND LOSSES

24 years after the families of Polytechnique massacre victims applauded the Firearms Act, exhausted gun control advocates are fighting to regain lost ground. By René Bruemmer, Montreal Gazette Updated: December 7, 2019
<https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/polytechnique-shootings-30-years-on-rearming-after-gun-control-wins-and-losses>

BLAIR SAYS PROHIBITED GUN LIST COMING 'AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE' | CBC NEWS

Public Safety Minister Bill Blair says a list of military-style assault weapons that will be prohibited in Canada will be released "as quickly as possible," although he did not offer a more precise timeframe. Blair said he's developing a list of prohibited weapons that will include specific makes, models and descriptions. He added, however, that he did not want to say yet which guns are going on the list, to avoid a spike in sales before the ban takes effect. By MEDNEWSLEDGER on December 7, 2019 <http://mednewsledger.info/blair-says-prohibited-gun-list-coming-as-quickly-as-possible-cbc-news/178283/>

TOWHEY: 30 YEARS AFTER ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE, GUN CONTROL HAS FAILED

None of the gun control measures enacted since Lepine's 1989 massacre have reduced gun violence in Canada. But, if Trudeau acts – as he has so far proposed to act – based entirely on emotion, rather than on fact and reason, then his newest gun control measures will be as ineffective as Canada's past gun control efforts. By Mark Towhey, Toronto Sun - December 6, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/towhey-30-years-after-ecole-polytechnique-gun-control-has-failed>

GLOBAL NATIONAL NEWS – DECEMBER 6, 2019

<https://globalnews.ca/news/1148831/watch-global-national/>

BILL BLAIR QUOTE ON GUNS TO BE PROHIBITED

10:43 mark on the video: Public Safety Minister Bill Blair: "It will be very clearly articulated not only the makes and models that will be prohibited but also the principles that will be applied on which we will determine what will be on that list."

OTTAWA COMMITTED TO BANNING TYPE OF RIFLE USED IN POLYTECHNIQUE SHOOTING,

TRUDEAU SAYS - "There are tens of thousands, and maybe hundreds of thousands, of Mini-14s in Canada," said Sheldon Clare, president of the National Firearms Association. "They are an extremely popular hunting firearm. They are extremely well-suited to teaching younger shooters how to shoot and very useful for predator control." Mr. Clare said the ban criminalizes law-abiding gun-owners rather than dealing with the root causes of violence. Public Safety Minister Bill Blair has pegged the figure at close to 250,000 with an average retail price of \$1,500 each, pushing the total cost of a buyback program to between \$400-million and \$600-million. Mr. Clare said he anticipates mass dissent should the ban become law. "There is going to be a groundswell of outrage and resistance to this," he said. "People are just not going to go along." By Patrick White, Globe and Mail - Published December 6, 2019

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ottawa-committed-to-banning-type-of-rifle-used-in-polytechnique/>

TRUDEAU'S MASS CONFISCATION ORDER WILL INCLUDE MINI-14 OWNERS

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will include owners of the popular Ruger Mini-14 rifle when he orders hundreds of thousands of families to surrender their guns or face jail. Trudeau didn't name the rifle today during a speech in the House of Commons, while offering one of the strongest hints that it's among the models he wants to seize and destroy. THEGUNBLOG.CA - DECEMBER 6, 2019 https://thegunblog.ca/2019/12/06/trudeaus-mass-confiscation-order-will-include-mini-14-owners/?mc_cid=47d8ce2ac4&mc_eid=dbe64a228f
<https://nationalpost.com/pmnn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/feds-vow-to-ban-guns-similar-to-one-used-in-ecole-polytechnique-shooting>

TRUDEAU EXPANDS MUNICIPAL GUN-BAN PLAN TO INCLUDE 'COMMUNITIES'

TheGunBlog.ca — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau changed the wording of his plans for mass gun bans yesterday, expanding the scope of municipal handgun prohibition to include "communities." He introduced the new language in the so-called Speech from the Throne outlining his priorities. THEGUNBLOG.CA - DECEMBER 6, 2019 https://thegunblog.ca/2019/12/06/trudeau-expands-municipal-gun-ban-plan-to-include-communities/?mc_cid=47d8ce2ac4&mc_eid=dbe64a228f

TRUDEAU POLICY GREETED WITH CONCERN, DOUBT AT EDMONTON GUN SHOW

"We are all very concerned with the government and their not-so-positive views on gun owners. We do not want to see things being limited, gun owners are responsible." By Evan J. Pretzer - December 6, 2019
<https://www.stonyplainreporter.com/news/local-news/trudeau-policy-greeted-with-concern-doubt-at-edmonton-gun-show>

DOES NEW ZEALAND SHOW CANADA'S FUTURE?

Blair's gun ban is just the beginning. Justice for Gun Owners Newsletter - December 2019
<https://mailchi.mp/f1c13bcc34d3/does-new-zealand-show-canadas-future?e=bc1823b8e2>

THRONE SPEECH OPENS DOOR TO HANDGUN BAN IN OTTAWA

Thursday's speech from the throne included two sentences of particular interest to Ottawa councillor Rawlson King. Addressing Canadians' safety, Governor General Julie Payette said "Municipalities and communities that want to ban handguns will be able to do so. And the Government will invest to help cities fight gang-related violence." The devil, King noted Thursday evening, is in the details that aren't included in the throne speech, but the promise of such action is encouraging. "It's important because we have to really emphasize that something has to be done to address the rising spectre of gun violence in large cities." By Bruce Deachman, Ottawa Citizen - Updated: December 6, 2019
<https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/throne-speech-opens-door-to-handgun-ban-in-ottawa>
<https://ottawasun.com/news/local-news/throne-speech-opens-door-to-handgun-ban-in-ottawa/wcm/9aac1101-f93a-4f63-8362-c8d1e57af5e0>

CBC - GUN CONTROL: IT'S BEEN 30 YEARS SINCE THE ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE MASSACRE, SO IF NOT NOW THEN WHEN? With the 30th anniversary of the horrific femicide comes Canada's gun control moment of reckoning. By Heidi Rathjen for CBC News Opinion · Posted: Dec 06, 2019
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/opinion/opinion-ecole-polytechnique-gun-control-heidi-rathjen-1.5382157>

MONTREAL POLICE FORM SPECIAL SQUAD TO TACKLE RASH OF GUN VIOLENCE

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By René Bruemmer, Montreal Gazette Updated: December 5, 2019 <https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/montreal-police-form-special-firearms-squad-to-tackle-rash-of-shootings>

B.C. ADDS \$5M IN NEW FUNDING TO SCHOOL ANTI-GUNS AND GANGS PROGRAM

“This funding will help support 16 priority school districts in their development of local programming such as after-school clubs and other supports for at risk youth,” said Public Safety Minister Mike Farnworth. By Simon Little Global News - Posted December 5, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/6259255/b-c-adds-5m-in-new-funding-to-school-anti-guns-and-gangs-program/>

WHY THE RIFLE USED IN THE POLYTECHNIQUE SHOOTING REMAINS LEGAL, 30 YEARS LATER

The Trudeau government won't specify which models it plans to ban, but is doing little to tamp down the hopes of École Polytechnique survivors. “Military-style assault rifles have been used tragically to target women and students,” said Scott Bardsley, spokesman for Public Safety Minister Bill Blair's office. “As promised to Canadians in the recent election, we will ban military-style assault rifles – and will have more to say in due course.” By Patrick White, Globe and Mail - Published December 5, 2019 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-mini-14-continues-to-evade-gun-control-efforts-30-years-after-ecole/>

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<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/spvm-gun-squad-1.5385081>

MARK STEYN: THE MEN WHO WALKED AWAY

I loathe the annual commemorations of the Montreal Massacre. I especially dislike the way it's become a state occasion, with lowered flags, like Remembrance Day. But, in this case, whatever honour we do the dead, we spend as much time dishonouring the living -- or at least the roughly 50 per cent of Canadians who happen to be male: For women's groups, the Montreal Massacre is an atrocity that taints all men, and for which all men must acknowledge their guilt. Marc Lépine symbolizes the murderous misogyny that lurks within us all. By Mark Steyn, Topical Take December 5, 2019 <https://www.steynonline.com/9892/men-walked-away>

CSSA SPECIAL REPORT: CANADIAN SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION POSITION STATEMENT ON FIREARM PROHIBITION ORDERS Violent people, not objects, commit violent crime. For Immediate Release December 4, 2019 <https://cssa-cila.org/team-cssa-special-report-violent-people-not-objects-commit-violent-crime-december-4-2019/>

OFAH CALLS ON TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT TO TARGET VIOLENCE, NOT HUNTERS

TheGunBlog.ca — The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters called on the Canadian government to invest in preventing violence instead of wasting tax dollars to confiscate and buy guns from federally licensed firearm users. “We are not going to tolerate more wasted tax dollars on government schemes that target hunters, sport shooters and gun collectors,” OFAH President Rob Hare said in a statement today on the group's . THEGUNBLOG.CA - NOVEMBER 4, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/12/04/ofah-calls-on-trudeau-government-to-target-violence-not-hunters/>

CSSA COMMENTARY: MONTREAL MASSACRE MEDIA COLLECTIVE

Every year, as the days of November wane, we can count on one thing with absolute certainty. Like zombies rising from the grave a month ago on Halloween, the Montreal Massacre Media Collective will begin another round of weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth akin to Chicken Little screeching “the sky is falling!” TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | DECEMBER 3, 2019 <https://cssa-cila.org/team-cssa-e-news-december-3-2019/>

WITNESS CALLS 911 AFTER WOMAN BRINGS BB GUN TO BANK MACHINE

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. — A P.E.I. woman who brought a realistic looking BB gun with her to cash cheques at a bank machine will be back in court next month for sentencing. Julie Lynn Gaudet, 40, appeared before Chief Judge Nancy Orr in provincial court in Charlottetown Monday where she pleaded guilty to possessing a weapon while prohibited and breaching her probation. By Ryan Ross - December 3, 2019

<https://www.thewesternstar.com/news/canada/witness-calls-911-after-woman-brings-bb-gun-to-bank-machine-384014/>

RCMP REPORT: ANTI-TERRORISM ACT ‘ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT’ PROVISIONS NEVER USED

RCMP Response to Access to Information Act request (File: AI-2019-08479) Annual Report to the Minister dated January 8, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/12/04/rcmp-report-anti-terrorism-act-arrest-without-warrant-provisions-never-used/>

KEY POINTS IN ANNUAL REPORT (July 15, 2017 - July 14, 2018):

- **Cover Letter to Minister of Public Safety by Brenda Lucki, Commissioner:** *“In fact, the RCMP has not used this provision since its introduction in 2001.”*
- **Background** (page 1, section 3): *“Criminal Code section 83.3 was established to assist in disrupting plans to carry out a terrorist activity.”* (Anti-Terrorism Act 2001)
- **Amendments by the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2015** (page 2, section 4): *“The most substantive amendment was to lower the threshold to obtain a recognizance with conditions.”*
- **Proposed Amendments, Bill C-59, National Security Act, 2017** (page 2, section 5): *“The Act proposes restoring the second of two primary thresholds amending in 2015 to the original wording of the ATA, 2001.”*
- **Expiration of Measure** (page 3, section 6): *“As such, there has been no renewal of s. 83.3 recognizance, and the provision expired on October 25, 2018. Therefore, the s.83.3 recognizance with provision is not longer in effect and cannot be used.”*

RCMP ‘UNABLE TO LOCATE RECORDS’ ON UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF FIREARMS BY LICENSED GUN OWNERS - BILL BLAIR:

“...reports show that domestic crime guns have been illegally diverted (straw purchases).” RCMP ATIP RESPONSE: “The Canadian Firearms Program does not hold such records.”

RCMP Response to Access to Information Act File: A-2019-06359 dated Nov 26, 2019 received Dec 3, 2019 by Dennis R. Young <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/12/03/rcmp-unauthorized-transfer-of-firearms-by-licensed-gun-owners/>

OCTOBER 13, 2018 - FACTSCAN: BILL BLAIR: ON CRIME GUNS

By Nojan Kamoosi on October 13, 2018 <http://factscan.ca/bill-blair-crime-guns/> Bill Blair, Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction and MP for Scarborough Southwest, on CBC's The House on July 28, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1287252547509/> : “While the data on this topic is limited and somewhat flawed, experts agree that historically, most crime guns in Canada have arrived unlawfully from the US. Some new reports contradict this view and imply that a higher rate of crime guns are domestically sourced, however, these reports show that domestic crime guns have been illegally diverted (straw purchases), as opposed to being legally owned by the perpetrators.” FactsCan Score: True

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 - RCMP HAVE NO RECORDS TO SUPPORT CLAIMS OF ‘STRAW PURCHASES’

CBC NEWS June 14, 2018: “It's the main source of how firearms are being purchased and how they come into people's hands on the streets nowadays,” said Sgt. Eric Stewart, head of the Guns and Gangs unit for the Alberta Law Enforcement

Response Teams (ALERT)." <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/straw-purchasing-domestic-weapons-trafficking-increase-1.4704987>

RCMP ATIP RESPONSE: "Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Edmonton, Alberta and Ottawa, Ontario. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate records which respond to your request."

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/09/13/no-records-to-support-rcmp-claims-of-straw-purchases/>

CANADIAN MILITARY WARNED ABOUT 'CULTURE' OF STEALING WITHIN SPECIAL FORCES

Military police are investigating several members of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command. By David Pugliese, Ottawa Citizen - Updated: December 2, 2019 <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/canadian-military-warned-about-culture-of-stealing-within-special-forces>

NFA DEFENDS GUN OWNERS IN TORONTO

Toronto City Councillors voted 41-4 in favour of measures involving asking the federal government to ban legal handgun sales in Toronto and asking Ontario to ban the sale of legal ammunition locally. City Council also voted on more civil disarmament items recommended by the Toronto Board of Health. The NFA attended the preliminary Board of Health meeting leading up to the Council Meeting in the hope of educating the Board members about the folly of believing that banning possession of legal guns from law abiding firearms owners will deter outlaws from acquiring, possessing, and misusing their illegal firearms in the commission of criminal gun violence. DECEMBER 2, 2019

<https://nfa.ca/2019/12/03/nfa-defends-gun-owners-in-toronto/>

UCP MEMBERS SHOW OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR IDEAS TO GIVE ALBERTA MORE

AUTONOMY - EXCERPT: Justice Minister Doug Schweitzer said the provincial police force idea appeals to him because officers should report to the communities they serve, not Ottawa. He said he heard from many rural Albertans fed up with crime. "They're tired of a justice system that's designed for downtown Toronto," Schweitzer said. "It's not designed for rural Alberta. We've heard that loud and clear." He conceded there would be financial implications, as Ottawa currently foots 70 per cent of the bill for the RCMP. "I just think that's part of a negotiation," he said. One member raised concern about whether good officers working for the RCMP would take jobs with the new police force. Red Deer Advocate - The Canadian Press - Dec. 1, 2019 <https://www.reddeeradvocate.com/news/ucp-members-show-overwhelming-support-for-ideas-to-give-alberta-more-autonomy/>

THE STAR - JUSTICES TAKE UP GUN CASE, THOUGH DISPUTED LAW HAS CHANGED

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court is turning to gun rights for the first time in nearly a decade, even though those who brought the case, New York City gun owners, already have won changes to the regulation they challenged. The justices' persistence in hearing arguments Monday despite the city's action has made gun control advocates fearful that the court's conservative majority could use the case to call into question gun restrictions across the country. By Mark Sherman, The Associated Press - Sun., Dec. 1, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/us/2019/12/01/justices-take-up-gun-case-though-disputed-law-has-changed.html>

GOLDSTEIN: CARDING WORKS, BANNING HANDGUNS WON'T

From researching Toronto Police crime data, and drawing on the previous work of the Toronto Sun's Chris Doucette, the statistics are undeniable. In 2013, when police did 196,907 street checks — while carding was increasingly under attack by its critics — there were 22 gun murders in Toronto. In 2018, when police did none, there were 51, an increase of 132%. With a month to go this year, there have been 38 gun murders, lower than in 2018, but still 73% higher than in 2013. By Lorrie Goldstein, Toronto Sun - November 30, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-carding-works-banning-handguns-wont>

LETTER: THE GREAT GUN DIVIDE

Re: Lawful gun owner feels put upon, Letter, Calgary Herald - Nov. 27 - Actually, the root of all gun violence — and the common denominator in every single gun crime — is guns. You are not in the majority, sir. Most Canadians abhor guns and it's time this country outlaws every type of firearm except for hunting rifles. Why should every member of society be put at risk so that people can indulge in owning lethal weaponry? By Rob Jobst, Calgary Herald - November 30, 2019 <https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/letters/your-letters-for-nov-30-2>

MONTREAL OPPOSITION WANTS HANDGUN BAN, CRITICIZES TRUDEAU

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's promised military-style assault gun ban doesn't go far enough in taking firearms off Montreal streets, the municipal opposition said on Wednesday. In a phone interview with CTV News, Blair Hagen, executive vice president for the National Firearms Association, said the group would fight any move to ban handguns or assault-style weapons — like they did when Prime-Minister Jean Chretien introduced the federal gun registry in 1993. "We'd certainly put up a legal and constitutional battle," he said. Daily Stock Dish - November 30, 2019 <https://dailystockdish.com/montreal-opposition-wants-handgun-ban-criticizes-trudeau/>

MORE THAN 70 GUNS SEIZED FROM SAUGEEN SHORES HOME

A 53-year-old Port Elgin, Ont. man is in custody after police seized dozens of guns. Saugeen Shores police along with OPP and Canada Border Services Agency members executed a search warrant Wednesday and discovered the weapons. They include 19 registered restricted firearms, 25 registered prohibited firearms and 33 non-restricted firearms. Ammunition, five silencers and five high capacity magazines were also found. The man is facing charges including; importing a firearm, prohibited or restricted weapon, three counts of possession of a prohibited device, two counts of smuggling a prohibited device into Canada and possession of imported prohibited goods. Daily Stock Dish - November 30, 2019 <https://dailystockdish.com/more-than-70-guns-seized-from-saugeen-shores-home/>

NEW ZEALAND GUN OWNERS STAGE PROTEST OVER TIGHTER CONTROLS

Stuff.nz, a New Zealand news website, cited Victoria O'Brien, a national shooting champion, as saying that guns being bought back and destroyed had cultural significance. "There is a desecration of New Zealand history going on – we're talking World War I, World War II guns," O'Brien was cited as saying. "We want them to stop and actually target the illegal possession of firearms," she said, urging the government to put reforms on hold. By Lidia Kelly, The Chronicle Herald (Reuters)- November 30, 2019 <https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/world/new-zealand-gun-owners-stage-protest-over-tighter-controls-382603/>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

NZ - GUN BUY-BACK AND DATA BREACH ISSUES PROMPT GUN OWNERS TO NATIONWIDE

PROTESTS - "It always comes back to Christchurch thing - (the gunman) got his licence within five weeks, the question gets asked why he was able to do that - no answers....why was he able to get 2500 rounds so soon after he got his licence - no answer ...it's the police environment that gave him his licence, not us." By Tim O'Connell and Cate Broughton - Dec 08 2019 <https://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/118025555/gun-buyback-and-data-breach-issues-prompt-gun-owners-to-nationwide-protests>

VIRGINIA SHERIFF: 'I WILL DEPUTIZE THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS TO PROTECT THEIR GUN

RIGHTS' - Ever since Bloomberg bought himself a blue Virginia and stacked it with eager anti-gun legislators, we've told you how the state is on fire with pro-gun rights sentiment. County after county has joined the Second Amendment Sanctuary list, totaling 42 counties in less than six weeks. Add one more sheriff to the list of Second Amendment heroes. Sheriff Scott Jenkins of Culpepper County, VA made a post on his official county Facebook page pledging to support the

Second Amendment. In the post made on December 4th, Jenkins went so far as to say that he has a strategy if gun control comes knocking: “I plan to properly screen and deputize thousands of our law-abiding citizens to protect their constitutional right to own firearms.” By Second Amendment Daily - Published on December 7, 2019

<https://www.thedailysheep.com/virginia-sheriff-i-will-deputize-thousands-of-citizens-to-protect-their-gun-rights/>

FACT CHECK: DO MOST AMERICANS WANT STRICTER GUN LAWS?

Most Americans do support stricter gun laws, based on results of multiple polls by several organizations over the past several years. By Dawn Baumgartner Vaughan - December 06, 2019 <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article237627704.html>

GUN CONTROL ISN'T STOPPING CALIFORNIANS FROM OWNING FIREARMS, NEW STUDY SAYS

A quarter of Californians live in a house with a gun, according to a new survey. The survey, published by the peer-reviewed medical journal BMJ in the magazine “Injury Prevention,” also says that one in seven Californians, an estimated 4.2 million people, owns a firearm. Researchers reviewed the 2,558 responses to the California Safety and Wellbeing Survey, which was collected in the fall of 2018. By Andrew Sheeler - December 06, 2019

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/california/article238113499.html>

BLOOMBERG UNVEILS RADICAL ANTI-FREEDOM PLAN ATTACKING SECOND AMENDMENT

RIGHTS - Speaking in Colorado, Bloomberg called for criminalizing transfers of firearms, increasing the age required to purchase firearms, a multi-day waiting period when purchasing firearms, unconstitutional red flag laws that allow the government to confiscate a person’s firearms without due process, and banning semi-automatic firearms. Bloomberg also essentially proposed a national firearm registry by calling for a gun licensing system and universal background checks.

By Ryan Saavedra, DailyWire.com - December 6, 2019

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/bloomberg-unveils-radical-anti-freedom-plan-attacking-second-amendment-rights>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/05/us/politics/michael-bloomberg-gun-control-plan.html>

THE HILL - BLOOMBERG RELEASES GUN CONTROL PLAN

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg released an expansive gun control plan Thursday as he works to underscore his advocacy on the hot-button issue in his new White House bid. The plan calls for a litany of popular Democratic proposals, including bolstering background checks, removing guns from those who may pose a danger to themselves or others, banning assault weapons and removing protections for gun manufacturers from civil suits. “I’ve been all in on the fight against gun violence for 15 years – and I’m just getting started,” Bloomberg said in a statement. “As president, I will work to end the gun violence epidemic once and for all.” By Tal Axelrod - 12/05/19

<https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/473274-bloomberg-releases-gun-control-plan>

<https://www.crainsnewyork.com/politics/bloomberg-releases-gun-control-proposal>

WHY THE LEGENDARY MINI-14 RIFLE WAS FORGOTTEN

One of the most enduring and popular semi-automatic rifles in America traces its lineage to the battlefields of World War II and Korea. By Kyle Mizokami, The National Interest - December 5, 2019 <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/why-legendary-mini-14-rifle-was-forgotten-102427>

AMERICANS OWNED 423 MILLION GUNS BY 2018, INDUSTRY GROUP ESTIMATES

U.S. civilians have owned about 423 million firearms between 1986 and 2018, according to estimates by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). That translates to about five guns for every three American adults. The firearm industry association released the estimates on Dec. 4, based on firearm manufacturing, import, and export data from the

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) By Petr Svab - December 5, 2019

https://www.theepochtimes.com/americans-owned-420-million-guns-by-2018-industry-group-estimates_3166167.html
<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/atf-423-million-guns-in-america-1-2-per-person-8-1-billion-rounds-of-ammo-a-year>

INDIA - LEGAL ENTITIES, ILLEGAL SALES

Licensed dealers join syndicates smuggling firearms from India. Several syndicates are smuggling firearms from India using 10 border points of Bangladesh and selling those to criminals and political goons through some legal firearm outlets. They smuggled in at least 200 firearms in the last two years, and also sold dozens of legally imported arms in grey market removing the barcodes. The Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police found these while investigating 14 cases filed under the Arms Act since March 2018 against 47 people including nine authorised arms dealers. By Mohammad Jamil Khan - December 5, 2019 <https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/legal-entities-illegal-sales-1835938>

THE FBI MAY HAVE FAILED TO COMPLETE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF GUN BACKGROUND CHECKS

- According to a new report from Roll Call, the FBI may have failed to complete “hundreds of thousands” of criminal background checks for potential gun buyers, leaving a loophole through which unqualified individuals may have been able to obtain guns. The incomplete reports are all reports that involved enough investigation that they weren’t completed within 88 days as required by Federal regulations. By Emily Zanotti, DailyWire.com - December 4, 2019 <https://www.dailywire.com/news/the-fbi-may-have-failed-to-complete-hundreds-of-thousands-of-gun-background-checks>

HAVE YOU SEEN “REAL” GUN CONTROL?

U.S.A. -(Ammoland.com)- I watched them on the news. I saw rich politicians with security details tell me to give up my money and my guns. Some politicians promoted gun control after they accepted campaign donations from rich billionaires. These people are saying one thing while they do another. These politicians, and the people who donate millions of dollars to fund gun-control, have no need to go armed. They hire people to protect them. They have their own security services, while we have to protect ourselves. They aren’t anti-gun. They are for corporate and government gun ownership, while they speak against private and personal gun ownership. Here is what real gun-control would look like without hypocrisy, and, frankly, I haven’t real examples of gun-control. Please use the comment section to tell me if you’ve seen what I’ve missed. Ammoland Inc. Posted on December 4, 2019 by Rob Morse <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/12/have-you-seen-real-gun-control/#axzz67RWuQbO5>

NEW ZEALANDERS QUEUE TO HAND IN THEIR GUNS IN BUYBACK SCHEME TO RID NATION OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS

- Just 224 guns are handed in as part of post-Christchurch massacre gun amnesty in New Zealand where there are 1.2 MILLION firearms. The hand over saw 169 firearms owners hand in 224 weapons and 217 parts and accessories, which were all crushed in a hydraulic press. The buyback day was the first of 258 planned across the country until the end of the year, to compensate owners of powerful, but newly banned, semi-automatic weapons. A total of NZ\$433,682 (£230,932) was paid out to those handing in their weapons as part of the scheme. Posted by Stock Daily Dish - December 4, 2019 <https://stockdailydish.com/new-zealanders-queue-to-hand-in-their-guns-in-buyback-scheme-to-rid-nation-of-semi-automatic-weapons/>

AMERICANS ARMING THEMSELVES AT RECORD RATES

Rising anti-gun rhetoric from Democrat presidential hopefuls, and the entry of anti-gun Michael Bloomberg into the fray last week, has driven background checks to record levels, according to the FBI. The agency reported that it conducted 202,465 gun background checks on Black Friday, the second-highest number since the bureau implemented the National

Instant Criminal Background Check System, or NICS. The record was recorded on Black Friday 2017 when the FBI ran 203,086 checks. Written by Bob Adelman, The New American - Tuesday, 03 December 2019

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/constitution/item/34211-americans-arming-themselves-at-record-rates>

THE OUTDOOR WIRE - DECEMBER 3, 2019

SCOTUS ARGUMENTS- WHY IT MATTERS EVEN WHEN YOU'VE ALREADY WON

If you lifted your foot, slowed your cruise, or otherwise modified your travel speed when you heard "Police reported ahead" only to accelerate afterwards, you've demonstrated a crucial point in the arguments presented yesterday to the United States Supreme Court concerning the Second Amendment. You've shown voluntary cessation of unlawful conduct. Your resumption of your highway speed has demonstrated that you've slowed down solely to avoid being caught (this time) for speeding. <https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/c56848c0-885f-4f32-8b97-ed938af54200>

NZ - GUN BUYBACK DATA BREACH: PM JACINDA ARDERN SAYS NO REASON TO UNDERMINE

REFORMS - The data breach in the gun buyback registry should not be cause to undermine the firearms reforms, says Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. December 3, 2019 <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/404697/gun-buyback-data-breach-pm-jacinda-ardern-says-no-reason-to-undermine-reforms>

INTERVIEW WITH STEPHEN WILLEFORD, THE HERO OF SUTHERLAND SPRINGS

Sutherland Springs, TX —(Ammoland.com)- Stephen Willeford is the epitome of the definition of a "good guy with a gun." On November 5, 2017, a mad man entered the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX, and opened fired on the Church congregation. The attacker killed 26 members of the church and wounded 20 other worshippers. He then fled the house of worship to continue his attacks. Stephen Willeford, an NRA instructor and firearms enthusiast, knew he must do something to stop the killer's deadly rampage. He couldn't sit around and let a maniac attack his community. He grabbed his AR-15 and set out to end the murderer's violent spree. Ammoland Inc. Posted on December 2, 2019 by John Crump <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/12/interview-with-stephen-willeford-the-hero-of-sutherland-springs/#axzz66ziuj6Nd>

GUNS ARE THE MOST LETHAL WEAPON OF SUICIDE IN THE US: 90% OF ATTEMPTS USING FIREARMS ARE FATAL, STUDY FINDS

- In 2017, more than 47,000 Americans died by suicide, making it the 10th leading cause of death
- Most attempted suicides are self-poisonings
- Collectively, guns and hangings account for 75% of suicide deaths
- Less than 10 percent of suicide attempts involve guns, but over 89% of those that do prove fatal, new Harvard University research reveals

By Natalie Rahhal Deputy Health Editor For Dailymail.com - 2 December 2019

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-7748751/Guns-lethal-weapon-suicide-study-finds.html>

YOUTH IN STATES REQUIRING UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE LESS LIKELY TO CARRY GUNS TO SCHOOL, STUDY SAYS

- High school students in states that require universal background checks on all prospective gun buyers are less likely to carry guns compared to students in states that require background checks only on sales through federally licensed firearms dealers, according to a study published Monday in the medical journal Pediatrics. On average, 5.8% of nearly 180,000 students who responded to the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported carrying a gun during the study period. The study did not account for adolescents who were not enrolled in school By Kristen Rogers, CNN - Mon December 2, 2019 <https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/02/health/guns-school-background-checks-study/index.html>

NEW ZEALAND'S GUN BUYBACK WEBSITE 'A SHOPPING LIST FOR CRIMINALS'

Police admit that at least one person had been able to access other firearm owners' personal information online

By Charlotte Graham-McLay in Wellington - Mon 2 Dec 2019

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/dec/02/new-zealands-gun-buyback-scheme-suspended-after-data-breach>

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12290154

<https://www.rt.com/news/474801-new-zeland-gun-owners-leak/>

SUPREME COURT MAY EXPAND SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS DESPITE REPEAL OF DISPUTED GUN RESTRICTIONS

- The court on Monday will hear a challenge to an obscure New York City rule that set such rigid restrictions on transporting legally owned guns that it was repealed in July.

By Richard Wolf, USA TODAY - December 1, 2019 <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2019/12/01/guns-supreme-court-second-amendment-new-york/4251054002/>

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WHAT THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA WON'T TELL YOU ABOUT VIOLENT CRIME

If the mainstream media were to truly examine the numbers and then print what they found, they would have to explain how the FBI's 2018 statistics mostly show a 30-year decline in violent crimes. A decline, it should be noted, that coincided with a huge increase in the number of civilian-owned firearms and with the expiration of the "assault-weapons" ban. Many in the media told us in 2004, when the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994 sunset, that ending this gun ban would cause the homicide rate to go up. Data gathered by the FBI tells a different story: "The [2018] violent crime rate fell 3.9% when compared with the 2017 rate; the property crime rate declined 6.9%.... The estimated number of three violent crime offenses [murder, nonnegligent manslaughter and aggravated assault] decreased when compared with estimates from 2017.... [M]urder and nonnegligent manslaughter offenses fell 6.2%, and the estimated volume of aggravated assault offenses decreased 0.4%." By Brian McCombie, NRA/ILA - Sunday, December 1, 2019

<https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2019/12/1/what-the-mainstream-media-won-t-tell-you-about-violent-crime/>

'RED FLAG' GUN-CONTROL MOVEMENT FACES WARNING

States such as Colorado, where majority Democratic lawmakers have supported a so-called "red flag" gun-control plan, are being warned that they may be ignoring a big problem. Due process. Stock Daily Dish on December 1, 2019

<https://stockdailydish.com/red-flag-gun-control-movement-faces-warning/>

NZ - DESTRUCTION OF NOW-ILLEGAL GUNS 'DESECRATION OF NZ HISTORY', SHOOTING

CHAMPION SAYS - A national shooting champion has labelled the destruction of soon-to-be-illegal guns "a desecration of New Zealand history". Victoria O'Brien was among about 100 people who protested outside a gun buyback event in Henderson, West Auckland on Saturday. By Brittany Keogh - Dec 01 2019 <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/christchurch-shooting/117841613/destruction-of-nowillegal-guns-desecration-of-nz-history-shooting-champion-says>

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ELDERLY WOMAN, 104, GUNS DOWN DEER ON HER FIRST DAY OF HUNTING

Florence Teeters is being hailed as Wisconsin's oldest hunter after shooting dead a buck on the opening day of hunting season. She was encouraged to take up the hobby by seeing her son in action.

By Mark Chandler - 30 NOV 2019 <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/us-news/elderly-woman-104-guns-down-20994530>

NZ - HUNDREDS OF GUN OWNERS RALLY OUTSIDE SEVERAL GUN BUY-BACK EVENTS

The second wave of proposed reforms includes creating a firearms registry, extending licensing to cover parts and ammunition and giving police more tool to vet people. A licensing regime would also be introduced for clubs and ranges. "The police can potentially come onto my property without a warrant and without notice," gun owner Matt Judd told 1 NEWS. In a statement, Acting Police Minister Kelvin Davis says while a small number have opposed the legislation, the law was passed with near unanimity of Parliament and will make our communities safer. As the four protests happened around the country today, the Government's gun buyback scheme continues. So far more than 40000 guns have been handed back and \$78m returned to their owners. By Sarah Bradley, 1 NEWS Reporter - November 30, 2019

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/hundreds-gun-owners-rally-outside-several-buy-back-events>

THE LONDON BRIDGE TERROR ATTACK SHOWS WHY REALLY STRICT GUN CONTROL IS A VERY, VERY GOOD IDEA

- With guns off the menu, terrorists have to find alternative ways of killing people. The London Bridge attacker was armed with a kitchen knife. He wasn't stopped by "good guys with guns." He was stopped by a Mini Cooper tour driver who kicked him in the head. By Jim Edwards, The Insider - November 30, 2019

<https://www.insider.com/london-bridge-attack-and-gun-control-2019-11>

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LILLEY: THRONE SPEECH SHOWS TRUDEAU LEARNED NOTHING IN ELECTION

Did they adopt any ideas from any of the opposition parties to show that they are willing to work together? No.

By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - December 5, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-throne-speech-shows-trudeau-learned-nothing-in-election>

STEPHEN LEDREW: TRUDEAU'S NOT JUST RECKLESS, HE'S LAZY

Comment Nation: Even before he embarrassed Canada by mocking the President, he'd been caught out not knowing answers to basic questions

By Stephen LeDrew, National Post - December 5, 2019 <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/stephen-ledrew-trudeaus-not-just-reckless-hes-lazy>

DIANE FRANCIS: TRUDEAU'S RIDICULOUS, HOLIER-THAN-THOU CLIMATE POLICIES ARE MAKING EMISSIONS MUCH WORSE

For every pipeline and well and LNG plant that is not built in Canada, the Chinese and Indians will simply burn more dirty coal

By Diane Francis, Financial Post - December 2, 2019 <https://business.financialpost.com/diane-francis/diane-francis-trudeaus-ridiculous-holier-than-thou-climate-policies-are-making-emissions-much-worse>

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