



**THIS WEEKS POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST**  
**National and International Gun Control News for the week ending November 29, 2019**

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**POSTS FROM CANADA**

**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/>

### **TOWHEY: TRUDEAU HAS A RARE CHANCE TO REDUCE GUN CRIME**

If this Trudeau government created a task force that would establish common national definitions, define what data should be tracked, mandate (and fund) an agency to develop and maintain that data, and develop a common set of facts for a national debate, then lawmakers would have a fighting chance of reaching consensus on a solution that would work. That, would be a legacy to be proud of. If not, we're doomed to watch more of our neighbours, more of our children, bleed out on the streets of a nation that cares less about saving them than it does about political posturing. By Mark Towhey, Toronto Sun - November 29, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/towhey-trudeau-has-a-rare-chance-to-reduce-gun-crime>

**MARCH 3, 2019 - CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM: RCMP REPORT ON LICENSING AND REGISTRATION ERRORS FOR 2017** - Why weren't these errors reported in the 2017 RCMP Commissioner of Firearms Report tabled in Parliament in December 2018? Analysis and Commentary by Dennis R. Young March 3, 2019 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/03/03/analysis-commentary-firearms-program-errors-for-2017/>

**DECEMBER 5, 2018 - EVIDENCE-BASED FIREARMS STATISTICS DESPERATELY NEEDED**  
IMPORTANT GUN CONTROL STATISTICS MISSING FROM RCMP FIREARMS COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT - The Liberal Government promised their policies and programs would be 'evidence-based'. Unfortunately, the base of 'evidence' in support of federal firearms programs is sorely lacking. By Dennis R. Young - December 5, 2018 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/12/05/evidence-based-firearms-statistics-desperately-needed/>

### **GUNTER: UCP FIREARMS MOTION FIRST STEP IN FIREWALL AGAINST FEDS' MEDDLING**

On Wednesday, the UCP passed a government motion to "support the ability of Albertans to lawfully and in a responsible manner own and possess firearms." While it's only a motion, not a law, it's more than just window dressing. It's widely expected that once the House of Commons reconvenes next week, one of the Trudeau government's first orders of business will be a gun ban. The Kenney government is trying to get out ahead of this latest gun grab. So how does a motion in the Alberta legislature prevent the federal confiscation of hundreds of thousands of legally owned firearms? Wednesday's motion, moved by UCP Environment Minister Jason Nixon, signals that the Kenney government has no intention of granting Alberta's cities, towns and counties the power to ban guns here. By Lorne Gunter, Edmonton Sun - November 29, 2019 <https://edmontonsun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-ucp-firearms-motion-first-step-in-firewall-against-feds-meddling>

**SASK. LEADS NATION IN GUN-RELATED HOMICIDE RATES – BUT OVERALL HOMICIDE RATE FALLS** - However, Saskatchewan's total homicide rate dropped, to 2.93 per 100,000 from 3.30 per 100,000. For the second consecutive year, Manitoba reported the highest provincial homicide rate with 4.07 homicides per 100,000 population, up from 3.52 in 2017, according to Statistics Canada. The Homicide in Canada report shows a four per cent nationwide decrease in homicide rates from 2017 and an eight per cent decrease in firearm-related homicides. Nationally, firearm-related homicides account for about one in five deaths. By Francois Biber, Videojournalist - Published Thursday, November 28, 2019 <https://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/sask-leads-nation-in-gun-related-homicide-rates-but-overall-homicide-rate-falls-1.4707621>

**STATSCAN: INFOGRAPHIC: HOMICIDE IN CANADA, 2018**  
<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/11-627-m/11-627-m2019082-eng.htm>

## **STATSCAN - HOMICIDE IN CANADA, 2018**

In 2018, police reported 651 homicides, 15 fewer than the previous year. This represents a 4% decrease in the homicide rate from 1.82 homicides per 100,000 population in 2017 to 1.76 in 2018. The national rates for both firearm-related (-8%) and gang-related (-5%) homicides declined in 2018. This marks the first decrease in firearm-related homicides since 2013 and the first decrease in gang-related homicides since 2014. The national year over year decline in the number of firearm-related homicides (-18) is a result of fewer firearm-related homicides in areas outside of census metropolitan areas (-20). Historically, either shooting or stabbing have been the most common method used to commit homicide in Canada. However, shooting has been the most common method used for the past three years, accounting for 37% to 41% of all homicides where the method used to commit the homicide was known (Chart 4). Throughout this period, stabbings have accounted for 29% to 31%. Homicides resulting from beatings have declined from 23% in 2015 to 19% in 2018. By Joel Roy and Sharon Marcellus - Release date: November 27, 2019 <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2019001/article/00016-eng.htm>

## **2018 - NUMBER AND RATE OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS, BY CENSUS METROPOLITAN AREAS**

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=3510007101>

## **CSAAA COMMENTS TO TORONTO CITY COUNCIL ON GUN BANS: FULL TEXT**

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association told Toronto City Council it's letting down residents by working against gun and ammo businesses and millions of hunters and sport shooters instead of working to reduce crime. The CSAAA, the main group for Canada's 1,500 firearm-related businesses and their almost 50,000 staff, made the comment to council for a meeting yesterday. The statement was signed by CSAAA Managing Director Alison de Groot. Full text below. THEGUNBLOG.CA - NOVEMBER 27, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2019/11/27/csaaa-comments-to-toronto-city-council-on-gun-bans-full-text/>

## **CANADIAN GUN STORE FACES ACCUSATIONS OF RACISM OVER 'WHITE FRIDAY' SALE**

A Canadian gun store is under attack for rebranding its Black Friday sale as a 'White Friday.' Wednesday reports said Perkins Guns and Ammo in Pembroke, Ontario is facing accusations of racism over the use of the word 'white' in its advertising. "I said, 'We're not American, let's go with a different shade,'" said store owner Lance Perkins. "I picked white because it resembles white snow, it resembles Christmas, why not go with something brighter than black?" OAN Newsroom - Wednesday, November 27, 2019 <https://www.oann.com/canadian-gun-store-faces-accusations-of-racism-over-white-friday-sale/>

## **RCMP REDESIGNS CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM WEBSITE**

TheGunBlog.ca — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police redesigned the website for its Canadian Firearms Program, which manages licensing for the country's 2.2 million gun-licence holders and tracks when they buy and sell guns. "The Canadian Firearms Program website has a new look!" the Ottawa-based agency said today on its new homepage. "The website has been updated to help you find information more easily. Please update your bookmarks." THEGUNBLOG.CA - NOVEMBER 28, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/11/28/rcmp-redesigns-canadian-firearms-program-website/>

## **ALBERTA PASSES MOTION TO SUPPORT HUNTERS AND SPORT SHOOTERS**

TheGunBlog.ca — The Alberta government passed a motion today to support hunters, sport shooters and other safe and responsible firearm users against the mass confiscations promised by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The motion could be the strongest opposition yet to Trudeau's plans for the biggest instant gun bans in Canadian history, and the threat of prison for anyone who doesn't surrender their gear. The government of Ontario has also said it rejects bans targeting federally licensed firearm owners. Everyone is banned already from buying, selling, or having any gun unless

they have a licence. Alberta Minister of Environment Jason Nixon on Facebook. THEGUNBLOG.CA - NOVEMBER 27, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/11/27/alberta-passes-motion-to-support-hunters-and-sport-shooters/>

### **CBC - PROVINCE WANTS TO EXPAND SUNDAY HUNTING**

New Brunswickers may be able to hunt on more Sundays starting next fall. The provincial government has introduced amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Act that would allow hunting on every Sunday after Thanksgiving to Dec. 31. "There was an overwhelming request to see us move to an expansion," said Mike Holland, minister of natural resources and energy development. Proposed legislation would also give deer hunters another day, minister says CBC News · Posted: Nov 27, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/new-brunswick-deer-hunting-sunday-1.5375605>

### **CSSA COMMENTARY: COURT ORDERS CAN'T STOP CRIMINALS FROM GETTING ILLEGAL GUNS**

We have ample evidence that firearm prohibition orders can't stop criminals from obtaining guns. Unfortunately, police agencies, government officials and politicians all ignore the facts. The only possible value of a firearm prohibition order may be in giving police additional charges to file against criminals when they are caught in future. And they will be caught again, as a simple 10-second Google search proves. Here is a small sampling of repeat offenders being charged with illegal possession of firearms after they already had a Firearm Prohibition Order against them. TEAM CSSA E-NEWS | NOVEMBER 26, 2019 <https://cssa-cila.org/team-cssa-e-news-november-26-2019/>

### **SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 - STATSCAN: 5,550 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/>

### **CALGARY POLICE SEIZE HOME-MADE HANDGUN, MASK AND DRUGS DURING TRAFFIC STOP**

Police seized a number of weapons including a homemade handgun, pellet gun, large baton, .22-calibre ammunition, a machete and bear spray. They also found 13.5 grams of methamphetamine and 4.7 grams of fentanyl, and a bag with a mask, gloves, tape, pliers and zip ties. By Stephanie Babych, Calgary Herald - Updated: November 25, 2019

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/crime/police-seize-home-made-handgun-mask-and-drugs-during-traffic-stop/wcm/6314e044-3c8b-4a5b-9a20-7868f4cfe76a>

### **RCMP STILL 'WORKING AT POSTING' FIREARMS REFERENCE TABLE, NO ETA**

TheGunBlog.ca — Canada's federal firearm regulator said it's still "working at posting" its so-called Firearms Reference Table of opinions on the legal classifications of guns, without any timing to publish the private catalogue.

THEGUNBLOG.CA - November 25, 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/11/25/rcmp-still-working-at-posting-firearms-reference-table-no-eta/>

### **SASKATCHEWAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION HOPES TO ADD MORE WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP ROLES**

Working towards its goal of getting more women to take on leadership roles in the conservation community, the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation is planning a national female-focused conference in March 2020. According to SWF executive director Darrell Crabbe, the idea for the conference arose from a recent women's focus group that identified ways to help reduce or eliminate barriers to women wanting to play a role at a higher level of governance. By Bob Sexton November 25, 2019 OUTDOOR CANADA

<https://www.outdoorcanada.ca/saskatchewan-wildlife-federation-hopes-to-add-more-women-in-leadership-roles/>

## **AS FEARS OF CRIME IN RURAL ALBERTA ESCALATE, SO DO CONCERNS ABOUT VIGILANTISM**

Redwater mayor Mel Smith helped launch a Citizens on Patrol group last summer after a local car dealership was broken into three times in two months. “I truly am surprised that we haven’t seen some deaths. Especially since the province has said you can defend yourselves,” he said. “I expect you’ll see more of it, probably more fatalities. It’s just the natural next step. People get fed up.” Redwater’s 13-member patrol group goes out two volunteers at a time, cruising the town’s hushed streets at night on the lookout for criminals. The crew drives a four-wheel drive Ford super cab equipped with flashlights, cameras and vests, thanks to generous donations from local businesses, including \$2,500 from Tim Hortons. The truck itself was donated by an Alberta oil company. By Kevin Maimann, Star Edmonton - Sun., Nov. 24, 2019 <https://www.thestar.com/edmonton/2019/11/24/as-fears-of-crime-in-rural-alberta-escalate-so-do-concerns-about-vigilantism.html>

## **MOOSE JAW POLICE SERVICE TALKS FIREARMS AND DEPARTMENT TRAINING FOR POLICE**

**ACADEMY DEMO** - Cst. Zoerb and Ziffle shared some insight into the MJPS firearm training mentality during a hands-on demo with the Community Police Academy Nov 24, 2019 - By Larissa Kurz, Moose Jaw Today <https://www.moosejawtoday.com/local-news/mjps-talks-firearms-and-department-training-for-police-academy-demo-1879608>

## **AMERICAN NEWS HAUNTS THE GUN DEBATE IN CANADA**

American news haunts the gun debate in Canada. Canadian media like to use horror stories about mass shootings, such the recent shootings in Texas, to delegitimize citizen firearms ownership. Public health activists particularly delight in titillating the Canadian public with fake “studies” that portray guns as too dangerous for civilians. Typically, these studies are based on shoddy research methods, cherry-picked data sets, and topped off with exaggerated claims about the findings. Thanks to anti-gun billionaires, a near-continuous flow of pseudo-scientific studies making the same errors appear in the supine Canadian media again and again; each time being trumpeted as “new.” Justice for Gun Owners - Posted By Gary Mauser November 20, 2019 <https://justiceforgunowners.ca/american-news-haunts-the-gun-debate-in-canada/>

## **STAR EDITORIAL: IT’S TIME FOR A NATIONAL BAN ON OWNING HANDGUNS**

The notion that municipalities can pass and enforce an effective handgun ban is ridiculous for many reasons, as mayors across the country have pointed out. It’s time for the Liberals to boldly go where they should have gone in their first term. It’s time to ban handguns. With lives at stake, there’s no time to lose.

By Star Editorial Board - Sun., Nov. 17, 2019 <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorials/2019/11/17/its-time-for-a-national-ban-on-owning-handguns.html>

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

### **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>

**CNBC - THE SUPREME COURT IS ABOUT TO HEAR ITS BIGGEST GUN-CONTROL CASE IN A DECADE**

- The Supreme Court is set to hear its first major Second Amendment case in nearly a decade on Monday.
- Gun-control advocates worry that a ruling could spell doom for measures that have been considered lawful by appeals courts in the past nine years, like assault weapon bans and restrictions on gun use outside the home.
- For gun-rights supporters, the case is a welcome return to the Second Amendment for a court that they see as having abandoned such cases for too long.
- A decision is expected by July, in the midst of the 2020 presidential election.

By Tucker Higgins - Published Fri, Nov 29 2019

<https://www.cnb.com/2019/11/29/supreme-court-about-to-hear-the-biggest-gun-control-case-in-a-decade.html>

**NZ - NEW GUN LAWS SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO CHRISTCHURCH MOSQUE ATTACKS - MUSLIM GROUP** - The Islamic Womens' National Council wants the proposed second tranche of new gun legislation to stand or fall on its own merits without using the Christchurch attacks to justify it. National co-ordinator Anjum Rahman acknowledged that while most gun owners were law-abiding, the greater good needed to apply. "We know these laws will impact them in terms of more onerous requirements. We are asking that they think of the greater good, that some individual inconveniences could lead to a prevention of trauma and harm and that we are asking you as a government to ensure that the inconvenience be as minimal as possible while meeting the objectives of this bill." By Andrew McRae, Reporter - November 29, 2019 <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/404406/new-gun-laws-should-not-be-linked-to-christchurch-mosque-attacks-muslim-group>

**WASH. TIMES - DETROIT AREA GUN OWNERS BLAST ORDINANCE THAT THREATENS JAIL TIME FOR GUNS STOLEN FROM UNLOCKED CARS** - Detroit area gun owners say a new ordinance putting them at risk for jail time has the practical effect of "totally absolving the criminals" who steal firearms from vehicles. Police in Eastpointe, Michigan, recently informed citizens that leaving firearms in unlocked vehicles may cost them a hefty fine and up to three months in jail. First-time offenders receive a municipal civil infraction subject to a fine up to \$350.00, although a second infraction "shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$500.00 or up to 90 days in jail or both." By Douglas Ernst - The Washington Times - Friday, November 29, 2019 <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/nov/29/detroit-area-gun-owners-rip-ordinance-for-firearms/>

**WASH. POST - WEXTON BILL WOULD USE CREDIT CARD DATA TO TRACK FIREARMS PURCHASES** Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-Va.) wants banks and credit card companies to flag purchases that could signal a person is preparing to carry out a mass shooting, a solution she said could circumvent the usual partisan debate on gun violence. She introduced a bill this month that would direct an agency of the Treasury Department to figure out how to track buying patterns the same way the government looks for behavior indicative of money laundering, fentanyl trafficking and human

smuggling. Supporters of the legislation say it builds on existing infrastructure and harnesses law enforcement expertise to try to prevent gun violence without preemptively removing guns or further regulating sales — both non-starters among Second Amendment advocates. By Jenna Portnoy - November 29, 2019 [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/wexton-bill-would-use-credit-card-data-to-track-firearms-purchases/2019/11/29/83aa7f50-106a-11ea-bf62-eadd5d11f559\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/wexton-bill-would-use-credit-card-data-to-track-firearms-purchases/2019/11/29/83aa7f50-106a-11ea-bf62-eadd5d11f559_story.html)

**USA TODAY - BACKGROUND CHECKS SURGE AS SHOPPERS BUY IN RESPONSE TO GUN CONTROL PROPOSALS** - With the holiday shopping season approaching, the number of background checks for 2019 could break the one-year record of 27.5 million, according to bureau records. By Kevin Johnson, USA TODAY - Posted Nov 28, 2019 <https://www.timesonline.com/news/20191128/black-friday-gun-deals-background-checks-surge-as-shoppers-buy-in-response-to-gun-control-proposals>

**GUN CONTROL BY THE NUMBERS...AND THE NUMBERS AREN'T GOOD**  
Money is the “life’s blood of politics,” a fact that Virginia gun owners — now looking into 2020 bleakly with an anti-gun governor and Democrat control of the legislature — know all too well. Earlier this month, billionaire Michael Bloomberg’s Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund pumped \$2.5 million into Virginia political races to elect Democrats and throw out Republicans — and it worked. Another \$300,000 was kicked in for digital advertising by the Giffords gun control lobbying group started by former Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. Against that, the National Rifle Association, which is based in Virginia, spent just over \$300,000. Bottom line, NRA was outspent by at least 8-to-1 and on top of that, voter turnout was reported at about 40 percent. Written By Dave Workman - November 27, 2019 <https://gunsmagazine.com/discover/gun-control-by-the-numbersand-the-numbers-arent-good/>

**'GHOST GUNS' ARE UNTRACEABLE, EASY TO MAKE, MORE PREVALENT**  
For a few hundred dollars, tools and some elbow grease, you can make your own rifle or handgun. It's all perfectly legal - and it can be done without leaving anything behind for the government to trace. Nov. 27 2019 <http://www.texarkanagazette.com/news/national/story/2019/nov/27/ghost-guns-are-untraceable-easy-make-more-prevalent/805933/>

**DICK'S SPORTING GOODS' DECISION TO REMOVE GUNS WAS BIG FACTOR IN EARNINGS BEAT: CFRA** - Dick's Sporting Goods has removed the hunting category, including guns, from more than 100 stores, and says the category, including the Field & Stream chain of stores, is still under strategic review. During the quarter, eight Field & Stream locations were shuttered. Dick's Sporting Goods shares soared more than 18% in Tuesday trading. By Tonya Garcia, Reporter - Published: Nov 27, 2019 <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/dicks-sporting-goods-decision-to-remove-guns-was-big-factor-in-earnings-beat-cfra-2019-11-26>

**CHICAGO POLICE PRAISED FOR SEIZING MORE THAN 10,000 ILLEGAL GUNS DESPITE LACK OF MANPOWER** - The Chicago Police Department has announced that it took more than 10,000 illegal guns off the streets in 2019 -- or one illegal gun seized about every 48 minutes. However, despite the successful efforts, Chicago Fraternal Order of Police President Kevin Graham said Wednesday that the city still has a long road ahead of them. By Julia Musto | Fox News - November 27, 2019 <https://www.foxnews.com/media/chicago-police-seize-10k-illegal-guns>

**WHY LIBERALS SHOULD SUPPORT TEACHING ALL CHILDREN ABOUT GUNS**  
Right now, there's a strict divide between people who know about guns and people who don't. Either children grow up learning about guns and having guns in the house, or they learn nothing about guns — other than to fear them, that is. An educational course in firearms could cover topics such as how guns work, the history of firearms, the danger they pose,

statistics on the role of guns in domestic violence, how to safely use and handle firearms, as well as covering what the laws surrounding guns and gun sales say. Gun education would give children access to something many are missing: actual knowledge about and familiarity with guns. by Libby Emmons, Washington Examiner - November 26, 2019 <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/why-liberals-should-support-teaching-all-children-about-guns>

### **THE OUTDOOR WIRE - NOVEMBER 26, 2019**

#### **PUTTING SOME CONSERVATION THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE**

A recent news article, "Three Billion Birds Gone," got my attention. According to the American Bird Conservatory. This, the article says, is a "biodiversity crisis." These findings were reported in the world's leading scientific journal, Science, by researchers at seven institutions. <https://abcbirds.org/3-billion-birds/>  
<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/features/d73b2164-d4af-480d-be64-3c254e63ff27>

### **THIS WEEK ON SHOOTING USA – THE BRAWL AT RIFLES ONLY**

Ammoland Inc. Posted on November 26, 2019 by Johnnie Scoutten

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/11/this-week-on-shooting-usa-the-brawl-at-rifles-only-3/#axzz66nbTXnSW>

### **CHILDREN CONTINUE TO SUFFER MORE EYE INJURIES FROM BB GUNS, PELLET AND PAINTBALL GUNS EACH YEAR, STUDY FINDS**

- Firearms like BB guns and pellet and paintball guns are often marketed as toys for children, but they can pose a real threat. While the overall rate of injuries caused by these non-powder firearms has actually declined in recent decades, the rate of eye injuries resulting from these guns has risen, according to a new study by the Center for Injury Research and Policy of the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital. About 364,133 children were treated in U.S. emergency room for non-powder firearm-related injuries between 1990 and 2016, according to the Academy of American Pediatrics' journal Pediatrics, authored by Dr. Gary Smith, director of the Center for Injury Research and Policy. The number of injuries annually has decreased by 48%, from 16,456 injuries in 1990 to 8,585 injuries in 2016. Related eye injuries, however, increased by 30% during the same time period and accounted for 15% of all the non-powder firearm injuries. By Tracey Romero, PhillyVoice - November 25, 2019

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/eye-injuries-children-bb-pellet-paintball-guns/>

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/25/health/bb-guns-increase-eye-injuries-trnd/index.html>

### **NPR - GUNS & AMERICA: THE GOOD GUY WITH A GUN**

"The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun." We unpack the facts and fiction. According to a recent Gallup poll, 30 percent of U.S. adults say they own a firearm. And according to the Pew Research Center, three-fourths of those gun owners bought their firearms for self-defense. But researchers at Harvard recently found that people defended themselves with their guns in less than one percent of violent crimes. NPR - November 25, 2019 - 48-Minute Listen

<https://www.npr.org/2019/11/25/782705313/guns-america-the-good-guy-with-a-gun>

### **POLICE DEPARTMENTS ARE WARNING ABOUT FAKE GUNS**

Recent events are bringing awareness to the firearms community regarding their role in educating children about airsoft game safety. By Alex Hamilton November 25, 2019 <https://newswire.net/newsroom/blog-post/00114754-police-departments-are-warning-about-fake-guns.html>

### **JOE BIDEN WANTS TO BAN 9MM PISTOLS**

In targeting 9mm pistols, Biden has called for a ban on one of the most popular firearms in America. According to ATF's Firearms Commerce in the United States FY 2019, there were over 3.6 million pistols manufactured in the U.S. in 2017.

This was more than 1 million more guns than the next most popular category of firearms, rifles. Further, over 3.2 million handguns (including revolvers) were imported in to the U.S. in 2017. NRA/ILA - Monday, November 25, 2019 <https://www.nraila.org/articles/20191125/joe-biden-wants-to-ban-9mm-pistols>

### **ARIZONA GUNS QUIETLY SMUGGLED ACROSS BORDER AS BULLETS FLY IN MEXICO**

To get a closer look at how the iron river flows from Southern Arizona into Mexico, the Arizona Daily Star analyzed the 32 weapons-smuggling cases involving Mexico filed in federal courts in Tucson and Phoenix in 2018. By Curt Prendergast, Arizona Daily Star Nov 25, 2019 [https://tucson.com/news/local/arizona-guns-quietly-smuggled-across-border-as-bullets-fly-in/article\\_56e5687e-f41c-58f7-9d8c-034dcb605696.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/arizona-guns-quietly-smuggled-across-border-as-bullets-fly-in/article_56e5687e-f41c-58f7-9d8c-034dcb605696.html)

### **BLOOMBERG IS STARTING HIS CAMPAIGN WITH A BIG ASSET—HIS GUN-CONTROL GROUP'S EMAIL LIST**

His campaign is “temporarily renting” the addresses of Moms Demand Action’s supporters. By Kara Voght | motherjones.com | November 24, 2019 <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2019/11/michael-bloomberg-2020-everytown-moms-demand-action-guns-emails/>

### **WASH. POST - BLOOMBERG WANTS TO BE STRONG ON GUNS AND SOFT ON CRIME**

Now that Mike Bloomberg has announced he’s running for president, he may want to rethink his campaign messaging. Because if he doubles down on his recent comments regarding the New York Police Department’s stop-and-frisk practices, he may end up undercutting what will likely be the signature issue of his campaign: gun control. As a founder and financial backer of one of the largest gun-control advocacy groups in the country, Bloomberg has been an ardent supporter of heavier restrictions on firearm purchases, ownership and carriage. The former New York mayor has touted both restrictions on private gun transfers and ownership of assault weapons. His group, Everytown for Gun Safety, has spent millions opposing an expansion of “concealed” carry across the nation. By Rafael Mangual - November 24, 2019 Rafael A. Mangual is a fellow and deputy director of legal policy at the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research and a contributing editor to City Journal. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/11/24/bloomberg-wants-be-strong-guns-soft-crime/>

### **VIRGINIA GUN OWNERS PREPARE TO DEFY NEW GUN CONTROL LAWS**

Virginia Democrats flipped the House and Senate earlier this month in a blue wave, but rural parts of the state are gearing up to take a stand against gun control legislation, according to The Washington Post. "We need to send a signal to Richmond about Northern Virginia," Clay Scott, 25, of Amelia county in Virginia, which is just west of Richmond, told the Post. "We don't want their influence to affect us down here. We're very different people." With Democratic-held legislature in the state, those in rural areas are joining the national movement to be Second Amendment sanctuaries, with the support of the National Rifle Association and Virginia Citizens Defense League, according to the report. By Eric Mack - Sunday, 24 November 2019 <https://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/virginia-bluestate-secondamendment-gunlaws/2019/11/24/id/943090/>

### **EX-SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S CAPTAIN ARRESTED IN GUN SALES**

Federal agents on Friday arrested a former San Diego County sheriff's captain accused of running a gun trafficking business, and a lieutenant with access to weapons restricted for law enforcement pleaded guilty to helping him. The arrest of former Capt. Marco Garmo, 52, at his home was the latest in a string of cases involving current and former law enforcement officers in Southern California accused of such illegal firearm sales. Garmo pleaded not guilty at a hearing later in the day. Prosecutors said they have not found evidence so far that any of the firearms were used in a crime or landed in the hands of a convicted criminal. However, 27 of the firearms remained missing. Prosecutors say Garmo acquired 146 weapons and sold at least 104 of them. Court documents say he was helped by sheriff's Lt. Fred Magana,

who purchased many of the "off roster" firearms, which aren't available to the public but can be legally sold to law enforcement officers. Magana pleaded guilty Friday in federal court in San Diego to charges of aiding Garmo's business by making straw purchases of firearms. By JULIE WATSON and STEFANIE DAZIO, Associated Press - Nov 23, 2019 <https://www.chicagotribune.com/sns-bc-us--california-sheriffs-captain-gun-trafficking-20191123-story.html>

**GUN-FREE ZONES, LICENSES FOR AMMO DEALERS: GUN-SAFETY ADVOCATES REVEAL AGENDA FOR WASHINGTON - OLYMPIA** — Extending gun-free zones to include child care centers. Banning high-capacity magazines. Creating a licensing system for ammunition sellers. With the Washington Legislature starting back up in January, gun-safety advocates, led by the Alliance for Gun Responsibility, are planning a fresh push to pass new firearms restrictions. By Joseph O'Sullivan / The Seattle Times Nov 23, 2019

[http://www.chronline.com/northwest\\_regional\\_news/gun-free-zones-licenses-for-ammo-dealers-gun-safety-advocates/article\\_e6008b9c-0e33-11ea-841f-0746ecb0fe93.html](http://www.chronline.com/northwest_regional_news/gun-free-zones-licenses-for-ammo-dealers-gun-safety-advocates/article_e6008b9c-0e33-11ea-841f-0746ecb0fe93.html)

### **IT'S NEVER ENOUGH**

If H.R. 8, the so-called "universal" background check bill, were to become law, it would make the simple act of handing a firearm to another person a federal crime. There are exceptions, but they are so narrowly written that common and well-intentioned firearms transfers would still be crimes under the bill. Letting a friend borrow a rifle to go hunting—federal crime. Giving a gun to a female neighbor who is a stalking victim—federal crime. Selling a firearm to your own brother—federal crime. By Jason Ouimet, Executive Director, NRA-ILA - Friday, November 22, 2019

<https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2019/11/22/it-s-never-enough/>

**NEWSWEEK - GUN DEATHS IN THE U.S. HAVE SPIKED SINCE 2014, YOUNG PEOPLE MOST LIKELY TO BE KILLED** - Bindu Kalesan, assistant professor of medicine at Boston University School of Medicine, and colleagues used the Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System database to look at firearm deaths and a measure known as years of potential life lost, between 1999 and 2016. Overall, they found deaths caused by guns rose from 10.3 people per 100,000 of the U.S. population in 1999 to 11.8 in 2016. The 10.3 rate remained constant from 1999 until 2014, then, from 2014 to 2016, there was an annual 7.2 percent increase in gun-related deaths. Asked about what the study could mean for gun policy, Kalesan argued: "Gun violence is a multi-dimensional problem and we cannot solve all of it by laws to restrict guns alone. We have to facilitate a social change to remove misinformation. Guns are likely to kill people you love rather than protect you and your family." By Kashmira Gander On 11/22/19 <https://www.newsweek.com/gun-deaths-us-have-spiked-since-2014-young-people-most-likely-killed-1473503>

**NEW GUN CONTROL BILL ENCOURAGES FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO REPORT 'SUSPICIOUS' FIREARM TRANSACTIONS** - You might want to think twice about putting that new gun on your credit card. By Noah Shepardson, REASON - 11.20.2019 <https://reason.com/2019/11/20/new-gun-control-bill-encourages-financial-institutions-to-report-suspicious-firearm-transactions/>

### **NZ - NEW CONSERVATIVE TAKES CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK ON OUR POLICIES VERY SERIOUSLY. HERE IS OUR LATEST ON FIREARMS POLICY**

Note: This policy is not legislation. It is a starting point for discussion and any changes to the law will only come after full submissions, consultation and deliberation with parties involved in a true democratic process.

<https://www.newconservative.org.nz/firearms-policy>

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

## **MORTON: HERE'S HOW THE LIBERALS SABOTAGED ALBERTA'S HISTORIC RIGHTS**

The bottom line is clear: The political strategies of my generation of Albertans have not worked to improve Alberta's position within Confederation. It would be a disservice to our children's generation to say otherwise. Today, we are even more vulnerable to the Liberals' tried and true strategy of pillaging Alberta's economy to buy votes in Quebec and Ontario. It's time for a Plan B. By TED MORTON, Calgary Herald - Updated: November 30, 2019 Ted Morton is a former finance minister for Alberta and a senior fellow at the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy.

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-trudeaus-dividing-canadians-not-kenney>

## **SMITH: INDOCTRINATION IN ALBERTA'S CLASSROOMS MUST STOP**

The efforts to convince Canadians that the Alberta energy sector is the best in class and deserves to be supported are being undermined right here at home. Rather than focus on the detractors outside Alberta's borders, we need to focus on the detractors within our own publicly funded school system.

By DANIELLE SMITH, Calgary Herald - Updated: November 29, 2019

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/smith-indoctrination-in-albertas-classrooms-must-stop>

**EXCERPT:** This is the perfect mire of a faceless bureaucracy. No one is to blame. No one takes responsibility. There is no way to correct it. And so it continues. I was going to start this column by suggesting that the Calgary Board of Education save the 300 teacher jobs on the chopping block by reducing a similar number of administrative staff. After this week, I've changed my mind. Let's start by getting rid of the ones who are administering tests like this.

## **DON'T BELIEVE THE FEAR-MONGERS. MEDICARE WOULD SURVIVE PRIVATE HEALTH CARE**

**OPTIONS** - Opinion: Private medicine might experiment with efficiency-enhancing and cost-reducing reforms — something our public system sorely needs. By Åke Blomqvist, Special to Financial Post - November 28, 2019 -

<https://business.financialpost.com/opinion/dont-believe-the-fear-mongers-medicare-would-survive-private-health-care-options>

**EXCERPT:** Closing arguments have now begun in the decade-long trial of the challenge Dr. Brian Day and his Cambie clinic have mounted against British Columbia's Medicare Protection Act. Dr. Day's critics say that if the suit succeeds, it will spell the end of universal medicare. This prediction is wildly overblown. Canada's universal medicare system will survive whatever the outcome, and it may even be strengthened if he wins. The Medicare Protection Act essentially bars B.C. private clinics from providing services to patients who pay for them out of their own pockets, if the same services are covered by provincial health insurance. Almost 15 years ago in Quebec, there was a similar challenge to a similar law, one that prohibited the sale of private health insurance that covered the costs of services available through the provincial plan (the Chaoulli case). Then as now, we were told that if the challenge was successful, it would mean the end of medicare.

## **GOLDSTEIN: TRUDEAU, NOT KENNEY, IS DIVIDING CANADIANS**

During the 1980 federal election in which Pierre Trudeau defeated Clark, the late Sen. Keith Davey, national chair of the Liberal campaign, said the Liberal strategy was: "Screw the West, we'll take the rest." Which is what Trudeau and Co. did in October's election, which is why they didn't win one seat in Alberta or Saskatchewan. But Jason Kenney's the divisive one. Right. By Lorrie Goldstein, Toronto Sun - November 20, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-trudeaus-dividing-canadians-not-kenney>

## **NY POST - WHEN THE VILLAIN IS OBAMA, NOT TRUMP, NEWS SUDDENLY BECOMES NOT WORTH REPORTING**

- So the United States has "the world's highest rate of children in detention." Is this worth reporting? Maybe, maybe not. Nevertheless, Agence France-Presse, or AFP, and Reuters did report it, attributing the information to a "United Nations study" on migrant children detained at the US-Mexico border. Then the two agencies retracted the story. Deleted, withdrew, demolished. If they could have used one of those Men in Black memory-zappers on us, they would

have. Sheepishly, the two news organizations explained that, you see, the UN data was from 2015 — part of a border crackdown that had begun years earlier. We all know who the president was in 2015. It wasn't evil, child-caging monster President Trump. It was that nice, compassionate, child-caging monster President Barack Obama. Zap. The story made Obama look bad. Hence the story was removed. Not updated or corrected, removed.

By Kyle Smith - November 20, 2019 <https://nypost.com/2019/11/20/when-the-villain-is-obama-not-trump-news-suddenly-becomes-not-worth-reporting/>

### **SOLAR PANELS PRODUCE TONS OF TOXIC WASTE—LITERALLY**

A closer look at solar panels opens a wide array of questions that need answers.

Foundation for Economic Education - Monday, November 18, 2019

<https://fee.org/articles/solar-panels-produce-tons-of-toxic-waste-literally/>

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