



**THIS WEEKS POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST
National and International Gun Control News for the week ending January 3, 2020**

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POSTS FROM CANADA

WOMAN FEARING FURTHER HARM FROM EX-BOYFRIEND SENTENCED FOR CARRYING GUN IN CHARLOTTETOWN BANK - Chief Provincial Court Judge Nancy Orr told 40-year-old Julie Lynn Gaudet the abuse she has received over the years is unfortunate but no excuse for packing a weapon. Orr sentenced Gaudet on Friday to 30 days in jail for possession of a weapon for purposes dangerous to the public. She also handed the woman a second 30-day sentence, to be served concurrently, for breaching probation by failing to keep the peace. **The judge told the woman that carrying a gun in public was not an acceptable form of protection.** By Jim Day, The Chronicle Herald - January 3, 2020 <https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/canada/woman-fearing-further-harm-from-ex-boyfriend-sentenced-for-carrying-gun-in-charlottetown-bank-394013/>

REGINA POLICE SEIZED 43 GUNS DURING NOVEMBER 2019

In its latest monthly firearms report, the Regina Police Service (RPS) said the number of seizures was up from the 27 guns seized in November 2018. The five-year average for guns being seized during November was 39. As of November 2019 police had seized 438 guns, higher than the five-year average of 383. Forty-six per cent of these guns were seized for public safety reasons. As for the types of guns being seized, 157 of the seizures were classified as “other guns” by the RPS. Other types of guns seized included rifles (132), shotguns (71), restricted firearms (39) and prohibited devices/firearms (39). There were three reports of stolen guns in November, with the total number of reported stolen firearms reaching 35 for 2019. This was lower than the five-year average of 49. Regina Leader-Post Updated: January 3, 2020 <https://leaderpost.com/news/crime/regina-police-seized-43-guns-during-november-2019>

LETTER: SHOOTERS NOT DUCK HUNTERS

This unhumiliated, smug prime minister feels that tightening the gun legislation laws (as if they could get any tighter) and taking away the guns from legal taxpaying gun owners could rebuild his reputation and, at the same time, pacify the anti-gun protesters. These shooters are not duck hunters, they are common criminals who have no respect for anyone. A criminal set to steal a gun from a legal gun owner would not be an easy task. First, the gun is stored in a heavy, locked metal container and can be completely dismantled, with parts stored at various places in the home. Finding all the parts and putting the gun back together would be time-consuming and quite stressful for the criminal, but he's not finished yet, he has to then find out where the ammunition is kept. Obtaining a legal gun in Canada is a complex matter, even for lawyers. The laws governing possession are set out in the Federal Firearms Act and Criminal Code of Canada, and failure to abide by these regulations can land you in jail for a much longer period of time than any criminal would have to face. The Indigenous peoples of the North still live in fear of these gun legislation laws. Losing their guns would prevent them from hunting and providing needed food for their families. By Bill Webb - Winnipeg Sun - January 3, 2020 - EDITOR'S COMMENT: Where to draw the line? <https://winnipegsun.com/opinion/letters/letters-january-3-2020>

LETTER: STOP THE SHOOTING

The sounds of guns resonate throughout my subdivision every Wednesday and Saturday. The noise is from the London Hunt Club. **No other city in Canada allows the discharging of firearms within city limits.** It's time for this gun club to be removed from a residential area. I would encourage anyone to visit this area on a Wednesday or Saturday to hear for

themselves and make an informed decision. City bylaws need to be consistent. No discharging of firearms in the city limits. By Kevin Kusch, London Letters to the Editor: Jan. 3 - London Free Press - <https://lfpres.com/opinion/letters/letters-to-the-editor-jan-3-2>

TORONTO SEES RECORD NUMBER OF SHOOTINGS IN 2019, BUT FEWER DEATHS

A man was shot dead in north Toronto on the last day of 2019, a year that saw the highest number of shootings in the city since the Toronto Police Service began keeping such statistics 15 years ago. There were 490 shootings in Toronto last year and the city also set a record for shooting-related injuries, at 248. But while those numbers were up, police recorded 44 deaths, down from 51 in 2018. By comparison, 2005's "year of the gun" logged 53 deaths – the highest on record – and 262 shootings. By TOM CARDOSO, CRIME AND JUSTICE REPORTER, January 2, 2020

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/toronto/article-toronto-sees-record-number-of-shootings-in-2019-but-fewer-deaths/>

YEAR IN REVIEW: SASKATOON POLICE SERVICE CHIEF TROY COOPER

Saskatoon Police Service Chief Troy Cooper looks back at a challenging year where the service dealt with a high number of calls and a record number of homicides. He sat down with the StarPhoenix to reflect and also look ahead to 2020.

By THIA JAMES, Saskatoon Star Phoenix - Updated: January 2, 2020

<https://thestarphoenix.com/news/local-news/year-in-review-saskatoon-police-service-chief-troy-cooper>

Q: One of the topics that will be on the agenda in other jurisdictions during 2020 is a call to ban handguns. Is that something that Saskatoon police have considered or thought about joining?

A: Depending on where you are in Canada, the firearm issue looks very different. What we know in Saskatchewan is that most of the firearms that are used in offences are just diverted firearms that are legally held by people that have shotguns and rifles. They're oftentimes cut down so it can be hidden and that's the kind of weapons we're still seeing. We are seeing handguns from time to time, but it's not the bulk of the weapons that we're finding. **For us a handgun ban wouldn't really impact offending rates and victimization in Saskatchewan or in Saskatoon.** We're watching what's happening. We know the Liberal government has a commitment to address firearms in Canada for very good reasons in other parts of the country. Locally, we're more concerned with safe storage of firearms and the impact that can have in Saskatoon.

12 GUNS STOLEN DURING A RESIDENTIAL BREAK-IN

Ontario Provincial police are investigating after some serious weaponry went missing during a break-in at a home that was unoccupied in early November. Police say a dozen firearms were taken during the break-and-enter in the Haliburton Highlands area Thursday, January 2, 2020 <https://www.iheartradio.ca/92-3-the-dock/news-trending/12-guns-stolen-during-a-residential-break-in-1.10389243>

CALGARY POLICE CHIEF DOESN'T BACK HANDGUN BANS: CALGARY HERALD

TheGunBlog.ca — Calgary Police Chief Mark Neufeld doesn't support Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's goal of criminalizing honest handgun owners, according to an interview published this week in the Calgary Herald. Neufeld is at least the 10th active or retired police leader across Canada to publicly question Trudeau's plans to help municipalities expel lawful residents by prohibiting their handguns. THEGUNBLOG.CA - JANUARY 2, 2019

<https://thegunblog.ca/2020/01/02/calgary-police-chief-doesnt-back-handgun-bans-calgary-herald/>

NFA - POLYTECHNIQUE AND SEMI-AUTOS – SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT - JANUARY 2, 2020

NFA President Sheldon Clare's Interview with CBC's The House with Chris Hall - December 21, 2019

<https://nfa.ca/2020/01/02/polytechnique-and-semi-autos-setting-the-record-straight/>

AHEAD OF QUEBEC MOSQUE SHOOTING ANNIVERSARY, A PLEA TO TIGHTEN GUN PERMIT

CHECKS - Advocates have pressed for change since it was revealed that the mosque shooter, Alexandre Bissonnette, did not acknowledge when applying for a firearm permit that he had experienced periods of depression, and his family did not report it to authorities. Suzanne Laplante-Edward, whose daughter was killed in another mass shooting, notes that no one verified Bissonnette's statements and if they'd done so, the weapons used in the attack would have remained out of his reach. By Sidhartha Banerjee, The Canadian Press - January 1, 2020 <https://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/ahead-of-quebec-mosque-shooting-anniversary-a-plea-to-tighten-gun-permit-checks>

WHY THE MEDIA LIES ABOUT GUNS

For a country ruled by leftists who claim to be so woke, we are galloping down the Orwellian rabbit hole at lightning speed. Support your independent media and continue to demand honest, reliable accounting of facts from the mainstream. By Tracey Wilson, The Post Millennial - January 1, 2020 Tracey Wilson is the VP of Public Relations for the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights. <https://www.thepostmillennial.com/why-the-media-lie-about-guns/>

EXCERPT: Each story is crafted around a (usually) left-leaning perspective guided by social justice and selective outrage. This has never been more apparent than with the story of the church shooting in Texas, abruptly stopped by an armed parishioner—the exact kind of story that the left hates. The old adage “a good guy with a gun” became literally that. Although this story is not altogether unique as armed civilians save more lives on average than bad guys with guns take according to the CDC. The problem is it doesn't make the same kind of sexy headlines a mass shooting makes. Nor does it feed into the anti-gun agenda the left is ramming down our throats. 71 year old Jack Wilson did something amazing this week in that little church in Texas and the media just couldn't help themselves but to slander it in the most obvious way. Both Global News and the National Post ran stories with literal lies for headlines, confusing (intentionally?) the violent gunman and the Texan hero. Public outrage ensued over the false headlines, and eventually corrections were posted. Global chose to leave the lies up while publishing an entirely new tweet and Facebook post with the correction within. Why? Why not immediately remove the story you know is wrong.

CBC - SLIGHT DECREASE IN OTTAWA SHOOTINGS IN 2019

Police called 72 times this year to places bullets were fired; 2018 was 78. Gun violence has overall been on the rise since 2014, when only 49 shootings occurred. It also slightly dropped in 2015 compared to the previous year. Rideau-Rockcliffe councillor King hopes Prime Minister Justin Trudeau keeps his promise to allow municipalities to ban handguns from their jurisdictions. The Ottawa Police Services Board is working to form its own position on the idea. CBC News · Posted: Jan 02, 2020 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-shooting-total-stats-2019-1.5411451>

THE STAR - AHEAD OF QUEBEC MOSQUE SHOOTING ANNIVERSARY, A PLEA FOR MORE GUN

CONTROL - “As we know, the feds are looking for ways to tighten gun control as well, and we said we're always willing to have discussions regarding it,” said Jean-Francois Del Torchio, a spokesman for the province's public security minister. By Sidhartha Banerjee, The Canadian Press - Wed., Jan. 1, 2020

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/01/01/ahead-of-quebec-mosque-shooting-anniversary-a-plea-for-more-gun-control.html>
<https://globalnews.ca/news/6355118/quebec-gun-control-mosque-shooting-anniversary/>

ALBERTA RCMP ADOPT NEW POLICY BASED ON HIGH RIVER FORCED ENTRIES

RCMP Response to Access to Information Act File: A-2019-04738 dated December 31, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2020/01/03/alberta-rcmp-adopt-new-policy-based-on-high-river-forced-entries/>

EXCERPT: "1. 5. The Emergency Management Act(RSA 2000) has significant emergency powers in sections 19(1) (b) to (k) that can be accessed through section 21(1) (Declaration of state of Local emergency) which may be used to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency/ disaster within a local authority's jurisdiction. 1. 5. 1. These powers cannot be utilized unless a declaration of a state of local emergency is formally made and, as such, it is important the

RCMP be involved in the development of a declaration of a state of local emergency and any subsequent operational / evacuation plans. 1.5.2. **The powers include:** • **Authorize the entry into any building or land by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program: authorize the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program;"**

QUESTION #1: How does a provincial law take precedence over each person's rights under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms?

QUESTION #2: How does this policy prevent another door-kicking spree that cost taxpayers \$2.45 million in damage claims against the RCMP?

DATABASE: HERE ARE ALL THE GUNS EDMONTON POLICE SEIZED OVER TWO YEARS

Now, Postmedia has created a public database of every firearm city police seized from 2016 to 2017. The database, found at the end of this article, includes the make, model and calibre of each gun, as well as the authority police used to seize it. By Jonny Wakefield, Edmonton Journal - Updated: December 31, 2019 <https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/database-here-are-all-the-guns-edmonton-police-seized-over-two-years>

EX-KELOWNA COP ACCUSED OF SENDING EXPLICIT PHOTOS AND THREATENING DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE VICTIM

A woman claims she had to leave the Kelowna area to avoid further harassment by RCMP members. By Michael Rodriguez - Dec. 31, 2019 <https://www.hopestandard.com/news/ex-kelowna-cop-accused-of-sending-explicit-photos-and-threatening-domestic-violence-victim/>

CALGARY POLICE CONCERNED ABOUT NUMBER OF SHOOTINGS AFTER ONE DEAD IN CITY'S SECOND FATAL SHOOTING IN A WEEK

“We’ve had way too many shootings in the City of Calgary by far and they’re a huge concern to us,” Staff Sgt. Colin Chisholm of the homicide unit said at police headquarters Monday. By the end of November, there were 83 shootings, according to statistics provided by the Calgary police, an almost 80 per cent jump from last year’s 47 shootings. Calgary averaged 71 shootings per year from 2014 to 2018. Chisholm said **CPS is also concerned by the number of guns on the street, legal and illegal**, because many of the shootings are taking place in public areas, putting bystanders at risk. By STEPHANIE BABYCH, Calgary Herald - Updated: December 30, 2019 <https://calgaryherald.com/news/crime/2-people-injured-after-shooting-in-northeast-calgary/wcm/9a44735f-8f78-477d-aa53-78f125426be7>

WATCH: GUNMAN DEAD AFTER SHOOTOUT WITH ARMED CITIZENS AT TEXAS CHURCH

According to USA Today, up to seven congregants were armed at the church. Texas is a state that fully allows worshippers to be armed at their churches. “This team responded quickly and within six seconds, the shooting was over. Two of the parishioners who were volunteers of the security force drew their weapons and took out the killer immediately, saving untold number of lives,” said Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, praising the state’s gun laws. By Roberto Wakerell-Cruz, The Post Millennial - December 30, 2019 <https://www.thepostmillennial.com/watch-gunman-dead-after-shootout-with-armed-citizens-at-texas-church/>

EDITORIAL: PM KNOWS BANNING HANDGUNS WON’T WORK

In other words, do what will work, instead of wasting time and tax money on imposing municipal handgun bans that won’t. Toronto Sun - Postmedia News - Updated: December 28, 2019 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-pm-knows-banning-handguns-wont-work>

CBC - U.S. MASS KILLINGS HIT NEW HIGH IN 2019, MOST WERE SHOOTINGS

The 211 people killed in this year's cases is still eclipsed by the 224 victims in 2017

The Associated Press · Posted: Dec 28, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/us-mass-shootings-2019-1.5409771>
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/article-mass-killings-in-us-hit-new-high-in-2019-with-most-involving-guns/>

RCMP BRIEFING NOTE TO THE MINISTER: RCMP USE OF CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY - SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/12/30/briefing-note-rcmp-use-of-cell-site-simulator-technology/> Report on Privacy Act Complaint by the Privacy Commissioner of Canada dated August 16, 2017

- **Finding 47:** However, in the 6 instances where warrants were not obtained, we have already determined that the collection of personal information constitutes a contravention of section 4 of the Act as it was not lawfully collected.
- **Finding 61:** We note, however, that the complainant's primary concern was that the RCMP initially would not confirm that it was using cell site simulators. This lack of transparency lead to serious concerns about the capabilities of these devices and how they are being used . We strongly encourage the RCMP to continue to make efforts toward openness and accountability in terms of the technologies it employs in its law enforcement activities and the legal authorities it relies on for the use of those technologies.
- **Appendix C - RCMP Cell Site Simulator Policy on Mobile Identification Activities - Interim Policy 2017-06-27**

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

ALEXANDER CITY, AL - SALES OF HANDGUNS FOR WOMEN INCREASE IN DECEMBER

Local handgun purchases for women's defense increased significantly in December. By Gabrielle Jansen - January 4, 2020 https://www.alexcityoutlook.com/news/sales-of-handguns-for-women-increase-in-december/article_ac1b6020-2e98-11ea-96d9-6f14aefed7d9.html

ANOTHER CAMPAIGN PROMISE FULFILLED: MARINES NOW ALLOWED TO CARRY CONCEALED

ON BASE - On the day he was inaugurated, President Donald Trump made a number of promises, including this one: “[I will] get rid of gun-free zones on schools and on military bases.” It took three years and two attacks on military bases in December to get Lieutenant General G. W. Smith, deputy commandant for plans, policies and operations, to implement Trump's promises. Smith's memorandum, signed on December 31, reads: "This MARADMIN [Marine Administrative Message] authorizes qualified active Marine Corps Law Enforcement (LE) professionals who possess valid Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act (LEOSA) ... credentials to carry concealed privately owned firearms (POF) aboard Marine Corps property in the United States and U.S. territories for personal protection not in the performance of official duties. Smith admitted that it took those two attacks in December to get him to act. By Bob Adelman, The New American - Friday, 03 January 2020 <https://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/politics/item/34514-another-campaign-promise-fulfilled-marines-now-allowed-to-carry-concealed-on-base>

NY REPUBLICANS, MAYOR COMPLAIN ABOUT STATE'S NEW BAIL REFORM LAW

Republican politicians wasted no time bashing a new state law that eliminates cash bail for hundreds of misdemeanor and non-violent offenses in New York, while Mayor Bill De Blasio also called for amending the law. Councilman Joe Borelli of Staten Island, who serves as the minority Republican whip in the City Council, tweeted a link on Wednesday to an upstate police department announcing the arrest of a bank robbery suspect who was then released on his own recognizance. “Happy New Year everyone! Especially happy for our most recent bank robber,” the press release from the Town of Colonie police department said BY SOPHIA CHANG - JAN. 2, 2020 <https://gothamist.com/news/ny-republicans-lash-out-states-new-bail-reform-law>

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S CALL FOR 18-PERSON GUN BAN FORCE COMES UNDER FIRE

Virginia's pop-up gun sanctuary movement has turned its attention to fighting the governor's call for a \$4.8 million, 18-officer team to enforce his proposed "assault weapons" ban. Two key groups issued an alert this week to push gun owners to four budget hearings Thursday around the state, asking them to quiz state legislators if they will vote to ban or confiscate weapons. By Paul Bedard, Washington Examiner - January 02, 2020

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/virginia-governors-call-for-18-person-gun-ban-force-comes-under-fire>

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/sheriffs-may-go-to-jail-to-protect-second-amendment-sanctuaries-congressman-says>

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/gun-control-virginia-sanctuaries>

NATIONAL REVIEW - RALPH NORTHAM'S LOSING BATTLE ON SANCTUARIES

His attempt to enforce unpopular and unconstitutional gun-control laws is doomed to failure. Ralph Northam is about to make the biggest tactical mistake in Virginia since Cornwallis decided to park his army at Yorktown. With his attempt to force local commonwealth's attorneys and sheriffs in Second Amendment sanctuaries to enforce his unconstitutional gun laws, Governor Northam is setting himself up for a catastrophic failure. In fact, there's no way for Northam to win the fight he seems intent on picking with Virginia gun owners and Second Amendment sanctuaries.

By Cam Edwards, National Review - January 2, 2020 <https://www.nationalreview.com/2020/01/ralph-northams-losing-battle-on-sanctuaries/>

HAPPY NEW YEAR, CHICAGO STYLE: 513 HOMICIDES IN 2019 (AND THAT'S AN IMPROVEMENT)

The good old Windy City, formerly America's "Second City" before droves of residents began moving out year after year because of the violent crime and ever-rising taxes. Chicago rolled into 2020 with 513 homicides for the year 2019. BY JOHN BOCH, The Truth about Guns - JAN 02, 2020 <https://www.thetruthaboutguns.com/happy-new-year-chicago-style-513-homicides-in-2019-and-thats-an-improvement/>

A CONDESCENDING ANTI-GUN ARGUMENT

Statistics are not on the side of Nichols's argument. In the past twelve years concealed permits have increased by over 300 percent; homicides, meanwhile, have been dropping since the early 90s, with the murder rate 5.3 percent lower than it was in 2009, at the beginning of the concealed-carry boom. Nichols's persistent prognostication notwithstanding, the rise of concealed carry has not actually led to more accidental gun deaths, either; such deaths are at historic lows. By Daniel Payne, National Review - January 1, 2020 <https://www.nationalreview.com/2020/01/tom-nichols-anti-gun-argument-condescending/>

WHY IS THE UN HIRING ENGLISH-SPEAKING DISARMAMENT OFFICERS IN NEW YORK?

By Tyler Durden - Wed, 01/01/2020 - Authored by Daisy Luther via The Organic prepper blog. As the Second Amendment conflict heats up across the United States, here's another "crazy conspiracy theory" that has turned out to be true. The United Nations is hiring in New York. What positions are they trying to fill? English-speaking DISARMAMENT, DEMOBILIZATION, AND REINTEGRATION OFFICERS.

<https://www.zerohedge.com/political/why-un-hiring-english-speaking-disarmament-officers-new-york>

BOTH SIDES OF GUN DEBATE HOLSTER UP FOR NEW FIREARMS BILLS

ALBANY — The new year means New York lawmakers will be wrangling with new gun control measures at a statehouse that has already embraced some of the nation's strictest regulations on firearms. One of the latest bills to emerge calls for a requirement that gun manufacturers install Global Positioning System technology on firearms before they are sold. That measure, proposed by Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, D-Brooklyn, notes approximately 500,000 guns are reported stolen each year, with many ending up being used by criminals. "Installing a GPS tracking device in all guns manufactured will allow these guns to be tracked if stolen," the legislation states. GPS is a system that provides location and time information

anywhere there is an unobstructed line of sight from a device equipped with the technology to four or more GPS satellites. A leading gun control advocacy group, the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, put New York in the nation's top seven states in 2019 with the most stringent firearms laws. Meanwhile, a popular firearms publication, Guns & Ammo, in 2019 rated New York as the nation's worst state for gun ownership. By JOE MAHONEY CNHI State Reporter - January 1, 2020 https://www.niagara-gazette.com/news/local_news/both-sides-of-gun-debate-holster-up-for-new-firearms/article_d5a73737-da14-50b8-b34a-a54258c195df.html

BIDEN DESERVES BRICKBATS FOR EARLIER CRITICISM OF TEXAS GUN LAW

“What happened Sunday in Texas,” Gottlieb concluded, “reminded us all of individual heroism, and that actions always speak louder than words, and that brave people act while politicians pontificate.”

By Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms - Canada Free Press - January 1, 2020
<https://canadafreepress.com/article/biden-deserves-brickbats-for-earlier-criticism-of-texas-gun-law>

THIS WEEK ON SHOOTING USA – THE SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET NATIONALS

Nashville, TN -(AmmoLand.com)- It's time for a personal best at the Scholastic Clay Target Nationals in Ohio, with thousands of youngsters participating in the most successful youth shooting program of all time. Ammoland Inc. Posted on December 31, 2019 by Johnnie Scoutten

<https://www.ammoland.com/2019/12/this-week-on-shooting-usa-the-sctp-nationals-3/#axzz69nt0SkLq>

CNBC - DEADLY SHOOTING IN TEXAS BECOMES A RALLYING CRY FOR BOTH SIDES IN THE GUN CONTROL DEBATE

- Gun rights advocates, including President Donald Trump, have pointed to the shooting as evidence that access to arms gives people better ability to defend themselves. Lawmakers in Texas have passed legislation reflecting that viewpoint, including a series of laws loosening gun control that became effective in September. But gun safety advocates argued that the shooting itself wouldn't have happened if the U.S. — and Texas — had stronger gun regulation. Tweeted Shannon Watts, founder of gun safety group Moms Demand Action. “Two are dead due to Texas' lax gun laws; a man with a long criminal history was able to access a long gun,” she added. By Lauren Hirsch Published Tue, Dec 31 2019 <https://www.cnbc.com/2019/12/31/deadly-texas-shooting-a-rallying-cry-for-both-sides-of-gun-control-debate.html>

VIOLENT CRIME DROPPED IN 2018 AS STATES EMBRACED PRO-GUN POLICIES

It's safe to say that the current gun violence debate is mostly based on hysterics and not a careful analysis of the facts. Stripping the rights of millions of law-abiding gun owners is both unethical and an invitation for criminals to prey on victims whom they know will be defenseless. Indeed, there's gun violence in many of America's urban centers. Solving the problem does not require implementing gun control of any type. More local forms of policing – that target areas where criminals tend to cluster and renewed civic engagement – will do much more to stop crime than passing new gun control laws. If the political circumstances permit it, many of these areas should entertain the idea of making it easier for law-abiding citizens to carry firearms. No matter how we slice it, increased legislation is not the quick fix to gun violence problems in America. By Jose Nino, The Advocates - December 31, 2019

<https://www.theadvocates.org/2019/12/violent-crime-dropped-in-2018-as-states-embraced-pro-gun-policies/>

NY TIMES - INSIDE A TEXAS CHURCH, GUNS, BIBLES AND A SPIRITED FIREARMS DEBATE

A shooting at a church outside Fort Worth has revived the debate in Texas over whether more guns create a more dangerous environment or a safer one By Dave Montgomery, Rick Rojas, Mitch Smith and Anemona Hartocollis - Updated Dec. 31, 2019 <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/30/us/texas-church-shooting-fort-worth-white-settlement.html>

WHITE SETTLEMENT, Texas — Midway through a Sunday church service in the suburbs of Fort Worth, an all-too-familiar scene began to unfold: A man in a trench coat rose from the pews, pulled out a shotgun and opened fire, prompting terrified churchgoers to dive for cover. But this was Texas, where a pair of state laws adopted since 2017 not only authorize armed security details at houses of worship, but also allow parishioners to bring their own weapons to church. Within seconds, a volunteer security guard near the back of the West Freeway Church of Christ pulled out his Sig Sauer pistol and fired back. One after another, at least half a dozen other parishioners drew their own weapons and began moving up the aisles.

U.K. - MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ADMITS ELEVEN GUNS HAVE BEEN STOLEN OR LOST IN LAST YEAR AMID FEARS THEY COULD BE SOLD ON DARK WEB - ELEVEN

firearms have been stolen or lost from Ministry of Defence bases in the last year, it has admitted. Four SA80 assault rifles, four target rifles and 1,000 rounds of .22 ammunition were taken from one cadet facility in Merseyside. By Paul Sims - 30 Dec 2019

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/10637086/ministry-defence-guns-stolen-lost/>

GUN CONTROL ACTIVIST PROMOTES FALSE DATA TO UPHOLD ANTI-GUN PROPAGANDA

There are many problems with Watts's analysis, beginning with the fact that Texas has one of the highest state populations, making statistics between states incomparable. When Texas is compared to all 50 states and Washington D.C. factoring in gun deaths per population, it falls to number 27, making Texas far from the highest rate of gun violence. In fact, CDC data shows that since 1990, homicidal and suicidal gun deaths per capita in Texas have fallen below the rest of the U.S. population. December 30, 2019 By Chrissy Clark

<https://thefederalist.com/2019/12/30/gun-control-activist-promotes-false-data-to-uphold-anti-gun-propaganda/>

CALIFORNIA, WITH STRICT GUN CONTROLS, HAD MOST MASS KILLINGS IN 2019

A database compiled by the Associated Press (AP), USA Today, and Northeastern University recorded that the United States suffered more mass killings in 2019 than any year on record, with 41 recorded incidents and 211 deaths. The AP report stated: "California, with some of the most strict gun laws in the country, had the most, with eight such mass slayings. Written by Warren Mass - December 30, 2019

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/usnews/crime/item/34473-california-with-strict-gun-controls-had-most-mass-killings-in-2019>

JOHN LOTT: CONCEALED-PERMIT GUN HOLDERS SAVE LIVES — TEXAS CHURCH ATTACK JUST THE LATEST EXAMPLE

- "It was miraculous. The true heroes in all this are the people who were sitting in those pews today and responded, the immediate responders ... it was truly heroic."

"Today evil walked boldly among us," Tarrant County Sheriff Bill Waybourn said at a press conference. "Let me remind you, good people raised up and stopped it before it got worse."

By John R. Lott | Fox News - December 30, 2019 <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/john-lott-concealed-permit-gun-holders-save-lives-texas-church-attack-just-the-latest-example>

MAN WHO TOOK DOWN GUNMAN DURING TEXAS CHURCH SHOOTING IS FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR

Editor's Note: The previous story and headline by Reuters read that the gunman owned a shooting range and gave lessons, which was incorrect. In fact, the man who took down the gunman was the one who was a firearms instructor. The incorrect Reuters story has been replaced with a story by The Associated Press. By Jake Bleiberg The Associated Press - Posted December 30, 2019 <https://globalnews.ca/news/6348814/texas-church-shooting-gun-range/>

CNN - ARMED PARISHIONERS SAVED 'UNTOLD NUMBER OF LIVES.' THIS LAW MADE IT LEGAL TO HAVE GUNS IN CHURCH - (CNN)A shooter at a church in White Settlement, Texas, was taken down by parishioners with guns seconds after he began firing Sunday. Those parishioners, who were also volunteer members of the church's security team, are able to carry guns into church due to a law passed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott in response to another deadly church shooting that took the lives of 26 people in 2017. Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick referred to the law during a Sunday night press conference, saying that it was passed following the deadly shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs. It took effect in September, Patrick said. Senate Bill 535 took effect in September and clarifies possession of firearms at places of worship. The bill allows licensed handgun owners to legally carry their weapons in churches, synagogues and other houses of worship. By Hollie Silverman, CNN - Mon December 30, 2019 <https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/30/us/guns-legal-texas-church/index.html>

THE MASS MURDER THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN BECAUSE TEXANS ARE SMARTER THAN NEW YORKERS, CALIFORNIANS AND PROGRESSIVES EVERYWHERE

In the fantasy world inhabited by progressives, passing laws to restrict gun ownership and the carrying of firearms prevents violence. The precise opposite is the truth, as demonstrated convincingly by John Lott, whose research led him to change his position on gun control once he discovered the facts. His book More Guns Less Crime is required reading for anyone who wants to be honest about preventing the death of innocent Americans. Yet the two coastal states that regard themselves as smarter and more sophisticated than the denizens of flyover country refuse to acknowledge this truth and maintains laws the restrict or even prohibit gun ownership and the bearing of arms in public places. By Thomas Lifson, The American Thinker - December 30, 2019 https://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2019/12/the_mass_murder_that_didnt_happen_because_texans_are_smarter_than_new_yorkers_californians_and_progressives_everywhere.html

BBC - TEXAS CHURCH SHOOTING: TWO FATALLY SHOT BEFORE GUNMAN KILLED BY CHURCHGOER - A gunman has opened fire in a church in Texas, fatally shooting two people before being killed by an armed member of the congregation. A member of the security team was killed in the attack, he added. Texas Governor Greg Abbott called the shooting "an evil act of violence". "Places of worship are meant to be sacred, and I am grateful for the church members who acted quickly to take down the shooter and help prevent further loss of life," he said in a statement. December 30, 2019 - <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-50942664>

REPUBLICANS PRAISE GUN LAWS THEY SAY THWARTED CHURCH SHOOTER; DEMOCRATS AGAIN CALL FOR GUN CONTROL - Texas Democrats still want a special legislative session, while Republicans praised worshippers who stopped a gunman who opened fire in church. By Paul Cobler - Dec 29, 2019 <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/2019/12/30/republicans-praise-gun-laws-they-say-thwarted-church-shooter-democrats-again-call-for-gun-control/>

BIDEN ATTACKED TEXAS GOVERNOR FOR SIGNING LAW LETTING CHURCHGOERS CARRY GUNS: 'TOTALLY IRRATIONAL' - Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden attacked Texas Governor Greg Abbott earlier this year for signing a bill into law that allowed lawful gun owners to carry firearms in places of worship, repeatedly calling Abbott's decision "irrational." Biden's resurfaced remarks come as an attacker opened fire on a church congregation in Texas on Sunday, where he was immediately stopped by a good guy with a gun. By Ryan Saavedra, DailyWire.com - December 29, 2019 <https://www.dailywire.com/news/biden-attacked-texas-governor-for-signing-law-letting-churchgoers-carry-guns-totally-irrational>

TEXAS CHURCH SHOOTING: SHOOTER GETS OFF TWO SHOTS BEFORE HE'S SHOT DEAD – NO LESS THAN FOUR CHURCH MEMBERS PULLED GUNS ON SHOOTER! (VIDEO)

As reported earlier by Cassandra Fairbanks two people were killed and one person is in critical condition after a shooting at the West Freeway Church of Christ in northwest Texas. The shooter was prevented from creating more carnage by armed members of the church, several of whom drew their own weapons in response to his attack, as well as a security guard. It has now been confirmed that the gunman was shot and is one of the two people killed. By Jim Hoft December 29, 2019 <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2019/12/texas-church-shooting-shooter-gets-off-two-shots-before-hes-shot-dead-no-less-than-four-church-members-pulled-guns-on-shooter/>

BBC - US SAW HIGHEST NUMBER OF MASS KILLINGS ON RECORD IN 2019, DATABASE REVEALS

A database compiled by the Associated Press (AP), USA Today and Northeastern University recorded 41 incidents and a total of 211 deaths. Mass killings are defined as four or more people being killed in the same incident, excluding the perpetrator. 29 December 2019 <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-50936575>

SOME REALLY STRANGE GUNS ARE SHOWING UP IN SYRIA (AND NO ONE KNOWS FROM WHERE)

How made them? Who supplied them? Lots of questions. The battlefields of Syria see handguns from every corner of the globe. The massive demand created by the war has led Ukrainian, Russian, Turkish, and Chinese manufacturers to pump new production handguns into the region. While the deliveries of these pistols can be overt, sometimes efforts are taken to hide the origin of these pistols. By Charlie Gao - December 28, 2019 <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/some-really-strange-guns-are-showing-syria-and-no-one-knows-where-109021>

UNITED NATIONS JOB OPENING: DISARMAMENT, DEMOBILIZATION AND REINTEGRATION

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OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

MALE HEALTH: THE SERIOUS CHALLENGES WITH WHICH BOYS AND YOUNG MEN CONTEND

Boys' and young men's health is on the global research agenda with a partnership between Dr. Christine Wekerle, Associate Professor, Pediatrics at McMaster University and Dr. Mark Kavenagh, Head of Research and Policy, ECPAT International to foster youth resilience in challenging contexts. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) funded a series of new teams on boys' and men's health to tackle important, and sometimes uncomfortable, male health topics. By Dr Christine Wekerle, Associate Professor, Pediatrics - McMaster University AND Dr Mark Kavenagh, Head of Research and Policy, ECPAT International - January 3, 2020 <https://www.openaccessgovernment.org/male-health-challenges/79937/>

EXCERPT: Statistica Research reports that over 40% of U.S. households own one or more firearms. Male murders and male suicides are lethal so often because of their means – firearms. As more females turn to using firearms, the ratio of male to female suicides has been decreasing (Ruch, Sheftall, Schlagbaum, Rausch, & Campo, 2019). If being alive is the first step in youth resilience, we have to seriously look into the youths' worlds. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) funded a series of new teams on boys' and men's health to tackle important, and sometimes

uncomfortable, male health topics. In Canada, conservatively, one in 20 boys experience child sexual abuse or CSA. Child sexual violence victimisation (sexual abuse and exploitation or CSE) among boys is a strong predictor not only of suicide and self-harm, but also of the need for mental health services, including hospitalisation, and support for violence in dating relationships. Stigma stops males from reaching out when there is a social pressure to fit in, to show strength and grit, when sensitivity is more like a super-power.

INUIT CRAFTERS CONTINUE TO BE BLOCKED ON FACEBOOK FOR SELLING SEALSKIN

“Facebook is blocking people who are trying to sell their products when they’re trying to put food on the table”

By Dustin Patar - December 30, 2019 <https://nunatsiaq.com/stories/article/inuit-crafters-continue-to-be-blocked-on-facebook-for-selling-sealskin/>

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