



THIS WEEKS POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST
National and International Gun Control News for the week ending February 7, 2020

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POSTS FROM CANADA

CBC - THE FALSE REASSURANCE OF A 'TARGETED' SHOOTING

'Stray bullets can cause just as much harm as a targeted bullet.' Hamilton police Deputy Chief Frank Bergen told CBC News in November 2019 "the majority of these incidents if not all of them, most certainly recently, are targeted."

By Bobby Hristova · CBC News · Posted: Feb 08, 2020 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/targeted-shooting-hamilton-1.5455905>

EDITORIAL: ON GANGS AND GUNS, POLITICIANS ARE MISSING THE POINT

In 2018, there were 651 homicides in Canada, representing less than 0.2 per cent of all violent crimes. Of those homicides, 259, or about 40 per cent, involved a firearm, and one in 10 was gang-related. Both numbers represented a decrease from the previous year. Even the number of crimes in which a firearm is present is low. Of the roughly 2.1 million police-reported crimes of all types in Canada in 2018, the perpetrators were packing heat in only 7,477 of them (or about 3 per cent of all violent crime) Globe and Mail - February 7, 2020

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-on-gangs-and-guns-politicians-are-missing-the-point/>

HANDGUN 'STRAW PURCHASER' WITH GAMBLING ADDICTION SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON

- In his written submissions, Crown prosecutor Adam Garrett called straw purchasing "relatively novel" in Alberta, saying the Crown could only find two examples of similar cases. In one case, a man who became addicted to painkillers while recovering from an injury purchased 40 restricted firearms, then falsely claimed some were stolen in a break and enter. Another man, recently unemployed, purchased 25 firearms and planned to sell them to fund expensive medical treatment for his girlfriend. By JONNY WAKEFIELD - Edmonton Journal - Updated: February 7, 2020

<https://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/handgun-straw-purchaser-with-gambling-addiction-sentenced-to-eight-years-in-prison>

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

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/>

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>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/straw-purchasing-domestic-weapons-trafficking-increase-1.4704987>

VIDEO: RED FLAG LAWS ? DOESN'T CANADA ALREADY HAVE THIS?

Canada's National Firearms Association YouTube Video - February 7, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZ3RzbUXW0>

FIREARMS MARKING REGS: FINAL ATIP RESPONSE FROM PUBLIC SAFETY

• Undated 'Secret' Memorandum to the Minister - Three pages with 3 redacted sections

- Undated 'Secret' Memorandum to the Associate Deputy Minister - Three pages with 1 redacted section
 - Undated 'Secret' Key Messages - Three pages with 1 redacted section
 - 20 more pages of 'Cabinet Secrets' withheld pursuant to Section 69 of the Access to Information Act
- Public Safety Canada Final Response Access to Information Act File -A2018-00327 dated February 7, 2020
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2020/02/07/firearms-marking-regs-final-atip-response-from-public-safety/>

PUBLIC SAFETY INTERIM RESPONSE FIREARMS MARKING REGS

175-Page Interim Response to Access to Information Request File: A-2018-00327 dated July 8, 2019 - Received July 17, 2019 by Dennis R. Young

NOTE: 200 pages of 'Cabinet Secrets' withheld pursuant to Section 69 of the Access to Information Act
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/07/17/firearms-marking-regs-200-pages-of-cabinet-secrets/>

FIREARMS MARKING REGULATIONS AND TAKE EFFECT DEC. 1, 2020

TheGunBlog.ca — The Canadian government will require guns to be marked in a way that links them to their owners for police tracing, raising concern of a new registration system that violates privacy and eases future bans. The new system will revamp the UN-inspired Firearms Marking Regulations and take effect Dec. 1, 2020, the Ministry of Public Safety said in today's Canada Gazette. THEGUNBLOG.CA - NOVEMBER 18, 2018 <https://thegunblog.ca/2018/11/28/canada-plans-new-gun-marking-system-for-tracing-to-owners/>
<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2018/11/09/liberals-again-delay-firearm-marking-regulations-despite-campaign-promise/>

OLYMPICS PICKS SHOOTER AS FIRST TORCHBEARER FOR FIRST TIME EVER

Pistol champ selected as first flame carrier for 2020 Tokyo Olympics.TheGunBlog.ca — For the first time in history, a shooter was picked as the first torchbearer in the Olympics. The Hellenic Olympic Committee unanimously selected Greece's Anna Korakaki, an Olympic pistol gold medalist, for the ceremonial role leading to this year's Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, Olympic.org said today. THEGUNBLOG.CA - FEBRUARY 7, 2020
<https://thegunblog.ca/2020/02/07/olympics-picks-shooter-as-first-torchbearer-for-first-time-ever/>

MP REPORT: LIBERAL GUN BAN MISSES TARGET

By Glen Motz, Member of Parliament (CPC) for Medicine Hat-Cardston-Warner.

By Medicine Hat News Opinion on February 7, 2020.

<https://medicinehatnews.com/commentary/opinions/2020/02/07/mp-report-liberal-gun-ban-misses-target/>

LILLEY: TRUDEAU LIBERALS OFF TARGET AGAIN

So why is the government trying to tell you that they will make you safe by taking rifles away from people who have not broken the law, bringing in more paperwork laws for law-abiding gun owners and leaving gangsters alone? One of the worst parts is that the government will do this without debate and without releasing any supporting documents.

Researcher Dennis Young asked for documents related to a cost-benefit analysis of gun control measures and was told they could not be released. The opposition Conservatives have asked the government to produce information showing how many crimes have been committed with the guns they want to ban, something they have yet to do. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - February 6, 2020 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-trudeau-liberals-off-target-again>

BIATHLON: BURNS LAKE ATHLETE COMPETING IN EUROPE

Emily Dickson has already competed on Biathlon Canada's Senior National Team, the Under 24 National team, won 26 National Medals and is a 12 time National Champion, and in 2015 won two golds, one silver and one bronze at the Canada Winter Games. Dickson is off to Italy to compete in the World Championships from February 12-20. By Zachary Stewart- Feb 06, 2020 <https://ckpgtoday.ca/2020/02/06/burns-lake-athlete-competing-in-europe/>

TRUDEAU STATEMENT ON CANADIAN GUN LAW SPARKS CONSERVATIVE OUTRAGE IN COMMONS

The confrontation began in Wednesday's question period when Trudeau told the Conservatives a new regime is needed because although police have the ability to remove firearms from a gun owner who presents a threat to themselves or others, they "cannot suspend the licence and prevent the person from acquiring new firearms." "That is what the red flag law is all about," Trudeau said, sparking a loud and angry response from Conservatives, who believe the existing law is adequate. It is unclear what Trudeau meant since sections in the federal Firearms Act and Criminal Code prescribe for police seizure of firearms as well as licence revocation in cases of gun threats or violence. By Tim Naumetz iPolitics - Published on Feb 6, 2020 <https://ipolitics.ca/2020/02/06/trudeau-statement-on-canadian-gun-law-sparks-conservative-outrage-in-commons/>

WARRANTLESS SEARCH SETS ILLEGAL SUB-MACHINE GUN OWNER FREE

Elvis Iniguez is a free man today because the Toronto Police Services violated his Charter rights. They searched his home without a warrant and without his informed consent. The question we must ask is, "Did the judge make the correct decision?" I believe Ontario Superior Court Justice Heather McArthur made the correct decision based on the facts presented to her. Published February 6, 2020 by Christopher di Armani aka ThatLibertyGuy Read the complete article at: <https://christopherdiarmani.com/13614/police-state/warrantless-searches-2/warrantless-search-sets-illegal-sub-machine-gun-owner-free>

TREASURY BOARD ATIP RESPONSE: FIREARMS LAWS COST-BENEFIT ANALYSES STILL A CABINET SECRET - "Upon examination, it has been determined that all of the information (465 pages) relevant to your request is excluded from disclosure pursuant to paragraph: 69(1)(g)ref) of the Act (Cabinet Confidences).

Treasury Board Secretariat Access to Information Act response File: A-2018-01218 dated February 5, 2020 - Received by Dennis R. Young – February 5, 2020 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2020/02/06/465-page-firearms-laws-cost-benefit-analysis-still-a-cabinet-secret/>

'RED FLAG LAW' FOR DANGEROUS GUN OWNERS PASSED BY PARLIAMENT IN 1995 CALLED THE 'FIREARMS INTEREST POLICE' (FIP) DATABASE - The problem is Parliament doesn't know whether it is working or not! By Dennis R. Young – February 5, 2020 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2020/02/05/red-flag-law-for-dangerous-gun-owners-passed-by-parliament-in-1995/>

CBC - 'RED FLAG' GUN LAWS NEEDED TO SAVE LIVES, EMERGENCY DOCTOR SAYS

Dr. Alan Drummond says change would be for greater good. It's not yet known how the federal government would put red flag laws into practice, but Drummond has his own ideas about what he wants to see. "In an ideal world, an emergency physician should be able to pick up the phone and call a local police detachment," the physician said, adding that he would request that the patient should not have access to firearms until proper mental health treatment was provided. As for concerns that such laws would deter people from seeking help in the first place, Drummond agreed those criticisms are valid. CBC News · Posted: Feb 05, 2020

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/gun-control-red-flag-law-could-save-lives-doctor-says-1.5452156>

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-tuesday-edition-1.5451350/doctor-says-proposed-red-flag-gun-laws-will-help-physicians-save-lives-1.5449988>

EPIDEMIC OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS OVERWHELMS CANADIAN CITIES

Firearms regulations can only go so far and gang members and criminals ready to purchase and use firearms are not likely to be easily stopped or rehabilitated. Strict bail and parole enforcement, focused enforcement and zero tolerance against firearms offence are logical approaches for maintaining public safety.

The obvious responses include:

- increased uniform patrols in areas prone to gang activity and violent crimes;
- increasing focus on the enforcement of bail and parole conditions;
- enhanced undercover operations against gangs, drug trafficking, and firearms offences;
- enhancing intelligence-led initiatives through surveillance, informants, agents, and covert initiatives;
- improved community participation through intake of anonymous sources information such as CrimeStoppers;
- and greater commitment to seek stiffer sentences for offenders.

This all-out effort to control violent crimes, however, requires careful assessment of its effectiveness.

Lake Superior News - By Anil Anand is a research associate with the Frontier Centre for Public Policy. He served as a police officer for 29 years; including as a divisional officer, undercover narcotics officer, and intelligence officer. He has also worked in professional standards, business intelligence, the Ipperwash Inquiry and with Interpol.

<https://lakesuperiornews.com/Health/epidemic-of-illegal-firearms-overwhelms-canadian-cities>

LIBERAL RED FLAG PLAN PANNED BY GUN SAFETY ADVOCATE AND FIREARM LOBBY LEADER

A new Liberal plan to include a Canadian version of controversial U.S. “red flag” laws to widen avenues for seizing firearms from gun owners at risk of violence is under criticism from a leading gun-control advocate as well as the head of a leading firearm rights lobby. By Tim Naumetz iPolitics - Published on Feb 4, 2020

<https://ipolitics.ca/2020/02/04/liberal-red-flag-plan-panned-by-gun-safety-advocate-and-firearm-lobby-leader/>

EXCERPT #1: The head of the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights also argues existing laws already provide this sort of protection for police, as well as ordinary citizens, who encounter a threat of gun violence and fear for their safety or the safety of others. “Police can seize firearms for any reason if they feel public safety is a concern,” Giltaca, a certified instructor under the Canadian Firearms Program, told iPolitics. He referred to sections of the Firearms Act and the Criminal code that set out grounds for police or firearms officers to seek gun seizure rulings in provincial courts. “Police can seize firearms for any reason if they feel public safety is a concern,” said Giltaca. “It happens all the time, Canada has red flag laws right now, and have for decades.” Giltaca told iPolitics any citizen could now call in a safety concern for any reason by dialling a Canadian Firearms Centre toll-free number and challenged a reporter to confirm it by calling the number.

EXCERPT #2: Dennis Young, a former member of the RCMP who conducted firearms research for a Conservative MP, contacted iPolitics Tuesday to point out a reference to continuous firearm tracking in a 2016 annual RCMP report on the Canadian Firearms Centre. The excerpt confirmed a Firearms Interest Police tracking system enters all gun-related events by licensed owners into the RCMP Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC), accessible to police across the country. Blair’s office confirmed to iPolitics that the “red flag” legislation would also allow ordinary citizens to also go to a provincial court to order firearm seizures if they are aware of a potential threat to safety. “Too often, the presence of a firearm can make a dangerous situation deadly,” said a spokesperson for the office.

AIRBNB PLEDGES \$300,000 TO GROUP CAMPAIGNING AGAINST PAL HOLDERS

TheGunBlog.ca — Airbnb Inc. just became one of Canada’s top activists against hunters, farmers and sport shooters. The U.S. lodging company pledged \$300,000 over three years to Canadian Doctors for Protection From Guns, which campaigns to ban guns from the country’s 2.2 million federally licensed firearm users. “I view this partnership — it’s a three-year partnership — really as a first step,” Chris Lehane, San Francisco-based Airbnb’s head of policy, said at a press conference in Toronto today. THEGUNBLOG.CA - FEBRUARY 5, 2020

<https://thegunblog.ca/2020/02/05/airbnb-pledges-300000-to-group-campaigning-against-pal-holders/>

LOCAL SKIER PROPELS HERSELF TO WORLD STAGE

Emily Dickson has steadily worked herself up to a spot on Canada’s national biathlon team.

By Rod Link, BC LOCAL NEWS - Feb. 5, 2020 <https://www.bclocalnews.com/news/local-skier-propels-herself-to-world-stage/>

COUNCIL APPROVES TASK FORCE MEANT TO ADDRESS CALGARY'S VIOLENT CRIME AT

COMMUNITY LEVEL - The task force will report back to council with recommendations on how to reduce gang and gun-related violence. By STEPHANIE BABYCH, Calgary Herald - Updated: February 4, 2020

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/council-approves-task-force-meant-to-address-calgarys-violent-crime-at-community-level>

EXCERPT: A briefing by city administration is due to council by March 16, outlining the terms of reference for the task force, including membership. Nenshi explained that because it's community-based and voluntary, the task force will need only a "light touch" of funds from the community and protective services department and mayor's office budget.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6507917/public-safety-task-force-calgary-city-council/>

CALGARY POLICE DEVELOPING FIREARM INVESTIGATION TEAM TO ANALYZE 'CRIME GUNS'

A new firearms investigation team being developed by the Calgary Police Service will be tasked with analyzing criminal firearms to learn more about the city's spike in gun violence, says the police chief.

By STEPHANIE BABYCH, Calgary Herald - Updated: February 4, 2020 <https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/calgary-police-developing-firearm-investigation-team-to-analyze-crime-guns>

CRITICS OPPOSE TASK FORCE, GUN BAN AS COUNCIL LOOKS TO TACKLE RISE IN CRIME

Chahal also mentioned in an interview with 660 NEWS that there might be a way to take gun manufacturers to court and hold them responsible for the violence. BY TOM ROSS, 660 NEWS - Updated Jan 22, 2020

<https://www.660citynews.com/2020/01/21/kenney-opposes-gun-ban-as-calgary-council-looks-at-tackling-violence/>

EXCERPT: On Monday, during the Liberal Party Cabinet retreat in Winnipeg, Public Safety Minister Bill Blair said they are implementing a gun control strategy, and they could leave the option of a handgun ban up to municipal governments. This idea was firmly pushed back on by Premier Jason Kenney during a press conference in Calgary. "Criminals

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COMMENTARY BY NATIONAL CITIZENS COALITION

DOES THE TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTROL CANADIAN MEDIA NEWS CONTENT? <https://t.co/H76286hWZx>

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We realize the following release is outside of CSSA's wheelhouse but we thought this to be so important to the concerns of our members that we should publish it anyway. Please take the time to understand the implications on our community of purely government controlled media.

EXCERPT: In a moment that needs to be seen to be believed, eco-activist turned Heritage Minister Steven Guilbeault told Evan Solomon that he APPROVES of the unbelievable findings of last week's Trudeau-commissioned media panel, which called for Soviet-styled government licenses on news websites and even podcasts. You read that right, you literally won't be able to publish news in Canada without the Trudeau government's approval.

<https://tnc.news/2020/02/03/trudeaus-heritage-minister-proposes-license-for-media-backs-down-after-uproar/>

<https://www.thepostmillennial.com/the-liberals-dangerous-media-registration-scheme-must-be-stopped/>

FIREARMS POLICY 'MISGUIDED', KENORA MP MELILLO

Kenora MP Eric Melillo is fighting for the rights of local hunters, farmers and gun enthusiasts, as he officially took a stand against a proposed gun ban in Canada. At the House of Commons, Melillo agreed with Thunder Bay – Rainy River MP Marcus Powlowski's concerns about the proposed gun ban, which aims to buyback all military-style assault rifles. It was announced in December, 2019, and is expected to cost between \$400 and \$600 million. "The policy focuses on the style, and not the function of firearms," said Melillo. "Law-abiding hunters and sport shooters fear losing their guns

arbitrarily. This program will be costly and will have no impact on crime, and the entire process bypasses debate and democracy. Written by Ryan Forbes, Dryden Now - Published: Tuesday, 04 February 2020
<https://drydennow.com/local/proposed-ban-on-rifles-misguided-melillo>

LETTER: GUN BUY REMINDS OF THE FIREARMS REGISTRY BOONDOGGLE

Surely there must be something in the Ottawa water that makes these politicians believe their own misguided policies. By Letter to the Editor by Ian Parkinson, Medicine Hat - February 4, 2020.
<https://medicinehatnews.com/commentary/letters-to-the-editor/2020/02/04/gun-buy-reminds-of-the-firearms-registry-boondoggle/>

OTTAWA TO ADOPT 'RED FLAG' LAWS TO ALLOW COURTS TO CONFISCATE GUNS FROM PEOPLE DEEMED TO POSE A THREAT

- New gun-control legislation will include "red flag" laws to remove guns from people deemed by the courts to be at risk of hurting themselves or someone else, Public Safety Minister Bill Blair says. By Robert Fife, Ottawa Bureau Chief. Globe and Mail - Published February 3, 2020
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-ottawa-to-adopt-red-flag-laws-to-allow-courts-to-confiscate-guns/>

CANADA ALREADY HAS A RED FLAG LAW CALLED THE 'FIREARMS INTEREST POLICE' DATABASE

SEPTEMBER 2, 2019 - ONTARIO SOLICITOR GENERAL DENIES ACCESS TO FIREARMS INTEREST POLICE (FIP) FILES IN MURDER-SUICIDE CASE

Complaint to Ontario Information Commissioner by Dennis R. Young – September 2, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/09/05/access-denied-to-fip-files-in-ontario-murder-suicide-case/>

EXCERPT: The records I have requested from the Solicitor General and the Ontario Provincial Police will help the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee in the conduct of their review of the Mark Jones murder-suicide and answer questions as to why he was able to retain possession of his firearms after serious reports had been filed with police. It's clear from information being made available to Parliament and the public that the RCMP and the Ontario Chief Firearms Office do not collect enough information on an ongoing basis nor have they done a sufficient evaluation of the effectiveness of the two 'Red Flag' systems aimed exclusively at licensed gun owners implemented by the Firearms Act passed by the Federal Parliament in 1995, namely; the Firearms Interest Police (FIP) Database and the Canadian Firearms Registry Online (CFRO).

MAY 3, 2019 - MP BRAD TROST'S FOUR GUN CONTROL QUESTIONS: LIBERAL RESPONSES PROVIDE VERY FEW ANSWERS

Analysis, Commentary and Supporting Documentation by Dennis R. Young – May 3, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/05/03/liberal-responses-provide-very-few-answers/>

LIBERAL RESPONSE TO Q-2319: Firearms Interest Police (FIP) Database Deficiencies

LIBERAL RESPONSE TO Q-2320: Auditor General Firearms Program 'major additional costs

LIBERAL RESPONSE TO Q-2321: Benefits of Firearms Ownership

LIBERAL RESPONSE TO Q-2322: Effectiveness of Firearms Interest Police (FIP) Database

JANUARY 18, 2019 - RCMP: NO STATISTICS ON FIREARMS INTEREST POLICE (FIP) EVENTS

RCMP response to Access to Information Act Request dated January 11, 2019 - Received January 18, 2019

Important statistics about firearms license holders who are 'involved in an event involving violence or other offences' are not tracked. <https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/01/18/rcmp-has-no-statistics-on-firearms-interest-police-fip-events/>

- No Statistics on the average time it took to initiate an investigation of a FIP event;
- No Statistics on the average time it took to complete the investigation of a FIP event;
- No Statistics on the number of FIP events that resulted in firearms being removed from possession of the licensed gun owner; and

- No Statistics on the average time it took from reporting of the FIP event to the firearms being removed from the possession of the licensed gun owner.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

(A) RCMP AUDIT OF THE CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM CONTINUUM OF ELIGIBILITY FOR FIREARMS LICENSING

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/audit-the-canadian-firearms-program-continuum-eligibility-firearms-licensing>

(B) THE CANADIAN PRESS ARTICLE FIREARMS LICENCE SCREENING BACKLOGS POSE SAFETY RISKS: RCMP AUDIT

Excerpt: However, there were "significant delays in both initiating investigations and in the duration of eligibility investigations themselves."

For the 27 files in the sample that were still under review, an average of 331 days had passed since the incident in question. By Jim Bronskill, The Canadian Press - Published Friday, November 16, 2018 The Canadian Press - Published Friday, November 16, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/firearms-licence-screening-backlogs-pose-safety-risks-rcmp-audit-1.4179698>

(C) THE FIREARMS COMMISSIONER'S 2016 REPORT TO PARLIAMENT WHICH STATES: CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY SCREENING OF FIREARMS LICENCE HOLDERS:

"The Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS) contains current and historical firearms licence holder data. If a licence holder is involved in an event involving violence (or other offences specified in Section 5 of the Firearms Act), it is reported in CPIC via a Firearms Interest Police (FIP) event and sent to the relevant CFO for review. Licence holders are regularly screened to assess their continuous eligibility to remain licensed. There were 29,487 FIP events in 2016 that were matched to a person with a firearms licence. (Table 8)." <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/2016-commissioner-firearms-report>

NOTE: The number of FIP Events in 2017 were not reported in the RCMP Commissioner's 2017 Report to Parliament <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/2017-commissioner-firearms-report>

A CSSA COMMENTARY

FIP: A POLICE DATABASE CANADIANS CAN'T ACCESS OR CORRECT by Dennis R. Young - September 26, 2015

- F.I.P. stands for the Firearms Interest Police. If you never heard of this before it shouldn't come as any surprise. On November 3, 1999, Garry Breitzkreuz, MP for Yorkton-Melville, released a Library of Parliament research paper showing the F.I.P. data bank allowed police to label someone as a risk to public safety without presenting any proof whatsoever and without notifying the individual. <https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/FIP-COMMENTARY-CSSA-E-NEWS-September-26-2015-Updated.pdf>

CHAHAL: PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE WILL GET TO THE HEART OF VIOLENCE CRISIS

Engaging all stakeholders is critical and will provide the necessary context to these complicated issues. A broad spectrum of stakeholders, such as government officials, police officers, convicted offenders, victims, faith groups, cultural communities, mental health specialists and concerned residents will be involved and engaged. Gun control advocates need to converse with law-abiding gun owners to find common ground. We need to acknowledge that Calgarians are complicit when we turn away and ignore criminal activity. CALGARY HERALD Updated: February 3, 2020

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/chahal-public-safety-task-force-will-get-to-the-heart-of-violence-crisis>

KNIGHT: LIBERALS TALK BUT WON'T GET TO THE ROOT OF THE GUN PROBLEM IN OUR CITIES

I don't know why this is so hard for liberal politicians to understand. The guns used on the streets are illegal.

By Leo Knight, TRUE NORTH - February 2, 2020 <https://tnc.news/2020/02/02/knight-liberals-talk-but-wont-get-to-the-root-of-the-gun-problem-in-our-cities/>

GUNFIRE IN BRAMPTON PARK LEADS POLICE TO ASSAULT RIFLE, HANDGUNS

PHOTO CAPTION: Firearms including an **AR-15 assault rifle**, two handguns and numerous magazines and ammunition are shown in a handout image from Peel Regional Police By Chris Herhalt, CP24.com - Published Sunday, February 2, 2020 <https://www.cp24.com/news/gunfire-in-brampton-park-leads-police-to-assault-rifle-handguns-1.4794025>

LETTER: JUST A BAD BILL

Open letter to MPs and premiers. By Bob Howland - Calgary Sun - February 2, 2020

EDITOR'S COMMENT: (Gangs and thugs don't follow the laws on guns now, so why bother.)

<https://calgarysun.com/opinion/letters/letters-feb-2-feds-are-messing-with-the-wrong-people>

EDITORIAL: TIME TO GET REAL ABOUT URBAN GUN CRIME

But the elephant in the room that Tory and others keep refusing to acknowledge is that shootings in Toronto and the GTA have skyrocketed since the provincial government banned police street checks. That's because street checks are a fundamental tool of police intelligence gathering, in order to prevent gun crime before it happens, not just react to it after it happens. How many more people have to be killed and wounded by gunfire before politicians at all levels of government acknowledge this reality, which they won't do now because they're afraid of being accused of racism by people who hate the police no matter what they do? Toronto Sun - Postmedia February 1, 2020

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-time-go-get-real-about-urban-gun-crime>

<https://nytelecast99.com/2020/02/02/editorial-time-to-get-actual-about-city-gun-crime/>

PARLIAMENT PETITION AGAINST LIBERAL GUN BAN BIGGEST IN CANADIAN HISTORY

Public Safety Minister Bill Blair's office has not responded to The Post Millennial's requests for comment. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office also did not respond to request for comment. By Sam McGriskin, The Post Millennial - February 1, 2020 <https://www.thepostmillennial.com/parliament-petition-against-liberal-gun-ban-biggest-in-canadian-history/>

EXCERPT: The Post Millennial also reached out to Tracey Wilson, who is a gun rights advocate from the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights. "I don't think the Liberals will be forced to withdraw their gun ban plans because of the petition, however the opposition across the nation is overwhelming and undeniable. The petition itself mostly asks for proper parliamentary process to be respected. This weakened, minority government would be wise to listen to the rising voices across the country. This could be the biggest mistake in their history," said Wilson. "The strongest argument against the ban is the lack of evidence that it will reduce crime, which should be the focus. That's in addition to the incredible burden to tax payers for the buyback program itself which could easily soar over the billion dollar mark," Wilson continued. "It's impossible to deny that those funds would be better allocated to community programs, at risk youth interventions, anti-smuggling border technology and increased law enforcement funding. This is a blunder of epic proportions on their behalf, but it's not too late to turn it around. Every Canadian would rally behind the measures I've proposed."

'SIGNIFICANT CONCERN' OVER TRUDEAU GUN CONFISCATION: YUKON PARTY

TheGunBlog.ca — Following is a letter from Yukon Party Interim Leader Stacey Hassard to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau citing "significant concern" over Trudeau's plans to order mass firearm confiscations from hunters and sport shooters. The Yukon Party published Hassard's letter today on Facebook and Twitter. THEGUNBLOG.CA - JANUARY 30, 2020 <https://thegunblog.ca/2020/01/30/significant-concern-over-trudeau-gun-confiscation-yukon-party/>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

GOOD VERSUS BAD GUNS

Along these lines, Amy Swearer, a senior legal policy analyst with the Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, has compiled a list for its journalism website, The Daily Signal. It lists reported instances throughout December 2019 where a responsible citizen with a firearm proved instrumental in stopping carnage. Swearer reports that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concluded almost all major studies on defensive gun use have found **Americans use firearms defensively between 500,000 and 3 million times every year.**

"The vast majority of these defensive gun uses receive little or no media attention," she writes. By Mike Masterson - February 8, 2020 <https://www.nwaonline.com/news/2020/feb/08/good-versus-bad-guns-20200208/>

VIRGINIA ADVANCES GUN CONTROL BILLS THAT BAN SALE OF SOME SEMI-AUTOMATICS, POSSESSION OF HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES

Virginia Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran said, "Assault weapons are not protected by the Second Amendment because they are weapons of war." Opponents said the measure would make many law-abiding Virginians felons for owning commonly available guns and accessories. "This bill does not make Virginians safer, what this bill does is make Virginians, law-abiding Virginians, felons overnight," said D.J. Spiker, a lobbyist for the NRA. By Barnini Chakraborty, Fox News - February 7, 2020 <https://www.foxnews.com/us/virginia-advances-gun-control-bill-that-bans-sale-of-some-semi-automatic-weapons-high-capacity-magazines>

VIRGINIA'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL ATTACK ON GUN OWNERS

Simply because a small number of psychopaths happen to like the aesthetics of a popular gun doesn't magically transform that firearm something distinctively menacing to American society. By David Harsanyi, National Review - February 7, 2020 <https://www.nationalreview.com/2020/02/virginias-unconstitutional-attack-on-gun-owners/>

FORMER ATF AGENT AT CENTER OF LEGAL DISPUTE OVER AR-15

In his 23 years with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Dan O'Kelly was one of the agency's top gun experts. He's at the center of a brewing legal dispute that federal prosecutors say has the potential to upend the 1968 Gun Control Act and "seriously undermine the ATF's ability to trace and regulate firearms nationwide." As O'Kelly sees it, the ATF has been deliberately misinterpreting a key gun control regulation for decades because officials fear that following the letter of the law would allow criminals to build AR-15s and other firearms piece by piece with unregulated parts. By CNN - February 7, 2020 <https://abc17news.com/news/national-world/2020/02/07/former-atf-agent-at-center-of-legal-dispute-over-ar-15/>

BBC - THE SILENT EPIDEMIC OF AMERICA'S PROBLEM WITH GUNS

Mass shootings dominate the national conversation on gun control, but two thirds of gun deaths are suicides. How do you solve a problem hardly anyone talks about?

By Joel Gunter, BBC News - 6 February 2020 <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-50292935>

PETITION TO STOP CANADIAN GUN BAN IS THE BIGGEST EVER

"I don't think the Liberals will be forced to withdraw their gun ban plans because of the petition, however, the opposition across the nation is overwhelming and undeniable." Tracey Wilson, a gun rights advocate from the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights, told the Post Millennial. "This could be the biggest mistake in their history." 02/5/20 by Ben Philippi, Guns.com <https://www.guns.com/news/2020/02/05/petition-to-stop-canadian-gun-ban-is-the-biggest-ever>

BLOOMBERG ENJOYS ARMED GUARDS WHILE FIGHTING TO DISARM AMERICANS

Billionaire Democrat presidential hopeful Mike Bloomberg is a staunch proponent of gun control for America with one caveat—he gets to spend his days surrounded by good guys with guns to keep him safe.

BY AWR Hawkins - 3 Feb 2020 <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2020/02/03/bloomberg-enjoys-armed-guards-while-fighting-disarm-americans/>

EXCERPT: His belief that gun ownership is esoteric was clear after the December 29, 2019, Texas church attack, which ended seconds after it began because an armed congregant took the attacker out. Even after the live-saving benefit of the armed congregant was put on display for all the world to see, Bloomberg responded by claiming only law enforcement, not congregants, should be armed. Texas church hero Jack Wilson responded by pointing out that if Bloomberg’s gun control had been in place the congregants would have been unarmed and at the mercy of the attacker. As a result, more lives would have been lost.

TRUDEAU’S GUN POLICY: FORWARD INTO THE PAST

- In the lead-up to last fall’s federal election, the Liberal Party campaigned on promises of “stronger gun control” – specifically, bans on “military-style assault weapons,” granting local governments the power to ban handguns, and of course, even more legislative restrictions. In a post-election “mandate letter” last December to Bill Blair, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau outlined his legislative and regulatory priorities. At the top of the list are “amend[ing] Canada’s firearms laws to ban all military-style assault rifles, with an associated buyback program and two-year amnesty,” and “work[ing] with provinces and territories to give municipalities the ability to further restrict or ban handguns.”
- Back in 2010, Justin Trudeau, then a Liberal MP, was interviewed on Parliament Hill by constituents who raised concerns regarding the same registry. Mr. Trudeau can be heard confidently advising these citizens that “the gun registry saves lives” and “it’s a piece of a large puzzle that counteracts crime” (at 1:30 and 1:51, respectively), and that “I believe in guns” (0:27). The most staggering whopper of them all, though, is his assertion that their fear of registration as the first step towards government confiscation of firearms is groundless. “That’s never going to happen,” he says at the 2:07 mark, “because here in Canada we have a culture that has grown up with guns and respects the need to go out into the wilderness and shoot things from time to time.” NRA/ILA - Monday, February 3, 2020

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20200203/trudeau-s-gun-policy-forward-into-the-past>

FLORIDA GUN OWNERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT: VIOLATE OUR RIGHTS & WE WILL SUE YOU

TALLAHASSEE, FL – (AmmoLand.com)- Florida Carry, Inc. has put Florida’s top cops on notice: Stop violating the rights of law-abiding gun owners or you will get sued. In a letter sent to every sheriff and police chief in the state (SEE ATTACHED), Florida Carry notes, “Despite the well-established right, our members have been repeatedly victimized and deprived of their rights by various law enforcement agencies and their respective officers and deputies. Too many individuals in law enforcement throughout the state have harassed, berated, belittled, arrested, and even killed law-abiding citizens going about their personal business, for simply exercising their constitutionally protected right to bear arms.” The letter goes on to detail instances where the rights of their members, as well as other Floridians, have been violated by law enforcement officers who were either ignorant of, directed to or simply refused to comply with the law.

Ammoland Inc. Posted on February 3, 2020 by Ammoland <https://www.ammoland.com/2020/02/florida-gun-owners-to-law-enforcement-violate-our-rights-we-will-sue-you/#axzz6DBQXNPn>

MICHAEL BLOOMBERG'S CLAIM ABOUT 'CHILDREN' KILLED BY 'GUN VIOLENCE' IS OFF BY 73%

Michael Bloomberg's Super Bowl ad, which presents the Democratic presidential contender as a brave advocate of public safety who is not afraid to take on "the gun lobby," claims "2,900 children die from gun violence every year" in the United States, which is not true. That number includes young adults as well as minors, and it includes suicides as well as

homicides. Such inflammatory exaggeration seems designed to avoid a substantive discussion of the presidential candidate's gun control proposals. By JACOB SULLUM, REASON - 2.2.2020

<https://reason.com/2020/02/02/michael-bloombergs-claim-about-children-killed-by-gun-violence-is-off-by-73/>
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<https://www.theblaze.com/news/nra-fires-back-at-michael-bloombergs-misleading-gun-control-ad>

'GUN CONTROL' DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE

So: Is gun control really more about preventing gun violence or disarming the public? No, the problem is not guns. The problem is people and our lack of proper control of those who are a threat to others. Super high penalties for gun violence may help, but taking away guns of good citizens isn't going to do anything except make it easier for the bad guys.

By Douglas H. Domedion, The Niagara Gazette - The Great Outdoors - February 2, 2020 https://www.niagarazette.com/opinion/domedion-gun-control-doesn-t-make-any-sense/article_11d910f0-381f-5882-98c1-56a9191780c2.html

OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

GLOBAL WARMING'S 50 YEARS OF FRAUD

How did the Earth cool so much from 1945 to 1976 that we got warnings of catastrophic cooling if rising CO2, humans and fossil fuels cause warming? The answer is there is no correlation between CO2, population, fossil fuel use and temperature. Humans can't control the temperature of the sun, tilt of the sun, solar activity, distance the Earth is from the sun, daily rotation of the Earth, annual orbit of the Earth, high tides, low tides, the Jetstream, El Nino, or La Nina but we are told that if we give politicians and bureaucrats trillions of dollars they can control the sea level, temperature and sea levels forever. Does that make sense? By Jack Hellner, American Thinker - February 7, 2020

https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2020/02/global_warmings_50_years_of_fraud.html

HAS THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY FORGOTTEN ITS GRASS-ROOTS FOUNDATIONS?

Published February 5, 2020 by Christopher di Armani Read the complete article at:

<https://christopherdiarmani.com/13599/politics-2/has-the-conservative-party-forgotten-its-grass-roots-foundations/>

HOW TO HELP DECLARED CANDIDATES: In the interests of helping all candidates achieve the high barrier to entry placed in front of them by the Conservative Party, here is a list of declared candidates and their contact information. I urge you to reach out to as many of them as you are comfortable and sign their nomination papers. This does not mean you must support them in the election. It only means you, like me, want to see as vibrant a leadership race as possible. I've added a direct link to the nomination papers for those candidates who responded to my request. For the rest, please reach out to each candidate and request their nomination document.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S SCHEME TO CENSOR THE INTERNET

If this Liberal government wants me to give up right to free speech and beg for their permission to speak they'd best come with a bevy of armed Thought Police thugs because the only way they will shut me up is if they kill me. George Orwell's classic 1984 is not an instruction manual. It's a dire warning about where free societies like Canada end up when we don't stand up to tyrannical fascists like the Trudeau government wants to be. Published February 4, 2020 by Christopher di Armani Read the complete article at: <https://christopherdiarmani.com/13573/human-rights/freedom-of-speech/canadian-governments-scheme-to-censor-the-internet/>

KNIGHT: CLIMATE ALARMISTS ARE ALL HYPOCRITES

Whether it's Prince Charles, Justin Trudeau or Chrystia Freeland, the message is always the same -- do as I say, not as I do. Climate alarmists pontificate about how we all should act about climate change and impose higher costs on all of us. Yet, their action belies their words. True North's Leo Knight takes a look at their carbon footprint in his latest video. By Leo Knight - True North Wire, February 2, 2020 <https://tnc.news/2020/02/02/knight-climate-alarmists-are-all-hypocrites/>

MALCOLM: THAT CANADIAN BORDER CRISIS? YUP, IT'S STILL HAPPENING

As reported by Blacklock's Reporter, an independent investigative news organization based in Ottawa, there are currently 52,109 illegal immigrants in Canada with outstanding deportation orders. But don't hold your breath waiting for the Trudeau government to deport these bogus asylum seekers. Canada only managed to deport 648 illegal immigrants last year, and only 495 the year before. By Candice Malcolm, Toronto Sun - February 1, 2020

<https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/malcolm-that-canadian-border-crisis-yup-its-still-happening>

<https://tnc.news/2020/02/02/malcolm-canadas-borders-are-wide-open/>

NEW "INDEPENDENT" SENATOR WAS LIBERAL DONOR AND CRITIC OF STEPHEN HARPER

Newly appointed Senator W. Brent Cotter appears to be a long-time supporter of left-wing parties – in particular the Liberals. By Andrew Lawton. True North - February 1, 2020 <https://tnc.news/2020/02/01/new-independent-senator-was-liberal-donor-and-critic-of-stephen-harper/>

AS ABORTION DEBATE BECOMES INCREASINGLY POLARIZED, POLL SHOWS THE VIEWS OF MANY CANADIANS ARE MORE COMPLICATED

There is often remarkable overlap in what people in opposing camps believe.

By Sharon Kirkey, National Post - January 31, 2020 <https://nationalpost.com/news/as-abortion-debate-becomes-increasingly-polarized-poll-shows-the-views-of-many-canadians-are-more-complicated>

- Three quarters believe an abortion should be legal when there's evidence the fetus may be mentally or physically impaired. Six in 10 believe abortion should be legal if the woman or family can't afford to raise the child.
- Almost unanimously (93 per cent) Canadians believe doctors should be required by law to inform women about potential risks of surgical abortion before performing the procedure, which, while rare, include infection and hemorrhage.
- More than three quarters favour a law requiring doctors to inform women about alternatives to abortion, such as adoption.
- Two-thirds would back a law requiring women seeking abortion to wait 24 hours between counselling and having the procedure done.
- Half believe there should be a law requiring women under 18 to get parental consent for an abortion. Seven in 10 say abortion should be generally illegal in the last three months of pregnancy.
- Only 57 per cent believe abortion should be generally legal in the second trimester.
- A dominant majority reject outright abortions for sex (usually son) selection.
- When told Canada is unique in the world in that it has zero legal boundaries on abortion, half of Canadians think politicians should at least be willing to talk about providing some regulatory framework.
- In Quebec, where 73 per cent described themselves as primarily pro-choice, people are more likely than the Canadian average (52 per cent vs. 49 per cent) to support some kind of national dialogue on abortion.

LILLEY: TRUDEAU HANDS MASTERCARD A GIFT OF YOUR MONEY

As part of this deal, MasterCard will invest \$510 million and the federal government will give \$49 million to start a global intelligence and cybersecurity centre with 380 jobs. The government's "investment" alone amounts to about \$129,000 per job. After giving Canadian Tire \$2.7 million it didn't need, Loblaws \$12 million it didn't need and BlackBerry \$40

million that it didn't need or ask for, one might think that Trudeau would have learned a lesson about corporate welfare. But clearly, he hasn't. He sees it as his job to hand out your money to his friends, his well-connected, wealthy friends. By Brian Lilley, Toronto Sun - January 30, 2020 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/lilley-trudeaus-gift-of-your-money-to-mastercard>

97% SCIENTISTS DO NOT AGREE WITH CLIMATE CHANGE OR THE SOLUTION

By Martin Armstrong, Armstrong Economics Posted Jan 23, 2020

In 2009, the University of Illinois sent a survey online to about 10,000 scientists with the following two questions:

QUESTION #1: Do you agree that global temperatures have generally risen since the pre-1800s?

QUESTION #2: Do you think that human activity is a significant contributing factor?

Only 3146 responses were received of 10,000, and of that 31%, 90% said yes to the first question but 82% said yes to the second question.

This is how the fraud was carried out by people who have used this survey. They narrowed down the responses and found that among Meteorologists who responded, only 64% said yes to the second question, so about 1/3 said NO! Then disregarding all the others of the 3146 responses, they focused on only 77 who described themselves as "climate experts" without any proof of their credentials and found that only 75 said yes to the second question. Therefore, when we divide 75/77 we get to their claim of 97% of all scientists in the world say there is a climate emergency that warrants raising taxes and seizing property. This was only 2.3% of those who bothered to respond and I doubt that they would agree with the solution which is COMMUNISM! <https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/97-scientists-do-not-agree-with-climate-change-or-the-solution/>

CLIMATE CHANGE & THE 2020 ECM TURNING POINT

NASA's forecast for the next solar cycle reveals it will be the weakest of 200 years. Results show that the next cycle will start in 2020 and reach their maximum in 2025. It is very interesting how it has aligned with the ECM turning point on January 18th. If we begin to see a sharp rise in volcanic eruptions, two or three such eruptions of 6+ can create a volcanic winter that would feed into the commodity cycle sending food prices much higher. By Martin Armstrong, Armstrong Economics - Posted Jan 21, 2020

<https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/climate-change-the-2020-ecm-turning-point/>

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