



**THIS WEEKS POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST
National and International Gun Control News for the week ending March 13, 2020**

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POSTS FROM CANADA

CALGARY PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE: TERMS OF REFERENCE

BRIEFING TO COMBINED MEETING OF COUNCIL: PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE - MARCH 16, 2020

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2020/03/13/calgary-public-safety-task-force-terms-of-reference/>

Question #1: Has Councillor Chahal abandoned his support for a ban on handguns?

Question #2: Is there room for a representative from the Firearms Community on the Membership List?

CBC - CALGARY COUNCILLOR PLANS MOTION TO BAN HANDGUNS IN CITY

Chahal said there have been over 60 shootings in Calgary this year — many of them in his ward — and said **he supported a national handgun ban**. "This is a crisis facing our communities across this country. We have to tackle all aspects of this issue, and that means we have to go eliminate these from use," Chahal said. As part of their platform, the Liberals have said they would give local governments the ability to "further restrict" or ban handguns. By Joel Dryden · CBC News · Posted: Oct 03, 2019 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/george-chahal-kent-hehr-calgary-handguns-ban-guns-1.5307487>

COUNCILLOR GEORGE CHAHAL WANTS TO LOOK AT POSSIBLE MOTION TO BAN HANDGUNS IN CALGARY - A Calgary city councillor who has been outspoken about gun violence in the past says **he might bring forward a motion to ban handguns in the city.** By Amy Tucker, Star Calgary - Thu., Oct. 3, 2019

<https://www.thestar.com/calgary/2019/10/03/councillor-george-chahal-wants-to-look-at-possible-motion-to-ban-handguns-in-calgary.html>

EXCERPT: Chahal said he acknowledges responsible gun owners "bear unnecessary scrutiny," and added he thinks gun control policies should also focus on cracking down on illicit gun sales and cross-border smuggling. His motion, still being drafted, would be contingent on changes at the federal level and thus wouldn't be brought forward until after the Oct. 21 federal election. Chahal made the announcement alongside Kent Hehr, the Liberal candidate in the Calgary Centre riding, and Josh Ng-Kamstra, a doctor representing Canadian Doctors for Protection From Guns.

RISING GUN VIOLENCE PROMPTS CALL FOR ACTION FROM NORTHEAST COUNCILLOR

By ZACH LAING zlaing@postmedia.com Updated: October 4, 2019

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/amid-rising-gun-violence-especially-in-his-ward-coun-chahal-calls-for-action>

EXCERPT: While **Chahal said he supports a ban on handguns** — a measure municipalities would be allowed to introduce under a proposal by the federal Liberal party — he also realizes that many gun owners are law-abiding citizens. "There's responsible gun owners in rural communities who have guns on their family farms, they're hunters, nobody is talking about taking away their guns and we shouldn't be," he said. "**We're talking about handguns that are in our communities, in urban centres like the city of Calgary,** in northeast Calgary, in downtown Toronto or in Montreal. "We also have to go after the criminals who smuggle these guns, the manufacturers who are producing them and getting them into our cities and the distribution of them, (we) need tougher penalties . . . and ensure that nobody gets off to the slap on the wrist."

REPRESENTATION FROM THE FIREARMS COMMUNITY ON PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE?

Letter to Calgary Councillor George Chahal from Dennis R. Young - January 19, 2020

NOTE: No acknowledgment or response as of March 13, 2020 <https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Contact-Calgary-Councillor-Chahal-Public-Safety-Task-Force-Jan-19-2020.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>

JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS - MARCH NEWSLETTER

<https://mailchi.mp/d88399926b37/time-to-kick-the-liberals-out?e=bc1823b8e2>

CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY YEAR IN REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS

OTTAWA: The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) plays a vital role in upholding the integrity of our borders, helping to grow our economy and keeping Canadians safe.

March 14, 2020 <https://www.newkerala.com/news/2020/42438.htm>

EXCERPT: In 2019, Border Services Officers made some significant contributions, including:

- nearly 33,000 drug seizures;
- more than 150 child pornography seizures;
- **540 firearms and nearly 17,000 weapons from reaching our communities;**
- Interception of food, plant and animal goods that could have caused harm to Canadian crops, livestock, environment and ecosystems; and
- more than 2,000 penalties issued, and over \$500,000 in fines.

SUDBURY ARMY CADETS EARN COVETED AWARDS AT NATIONAL BIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP

Henri Jean Lefebvre from 2912 Irish Regiment of Canada Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps earned the Nikki Keddie Trophy on March 7 at the National Cadet Biathlon Championship in Valcartier, Que. The trophy is given to the top male and female cadet in the junior category (ages 12-14) who have the best combined individual results. By Sudbury.com

Staff - March 13, 2020 <https://www.sudbury.com/local-news/sudbury-army-cadets-earn-coveted-awards-at-national-biathlon-championship-2159452>

MEDICAL ASSISTED DYING IS THE MOST FREQUENT SUICIDE METHOD

Medical assisted dying (MAID) was the most frequent way to commit suicide in 2018, according to Government of Canada reports. Posted By: Gary Mauser March 12, 2020 <https://justiceforgunowners.ca/medical-assisted-dying-is-the-most-frequent-suicide-method/>

EXCERPT #1: In 2018, more people committed suicide through MAID than who hung themselves. (The total MAID deaths - 2,614 (63%) - would be even higher if Quebec would have been included in the national statistics). And no, despite StatsCan's misleading way of presenting suicide statistics, hanging — not shooting — is the most frequently chosen method to commit suicide in Canada. Not even close! Hanging is by far the most frequent 2,030 (53%), followed by poisoning 684 (18%), and then shooting 525 (14%). This pattern has been repeated annually for at least two decades.

EXCERPT #2: Interestingly, MAID statistics are not included in Statistics Canada's suicide reports. Only the underlying cause of death is included in StatsCan's Cause of Death reports. The fact that an MD or nurse injected poison into a patient — and basically killed them — is not mentioned. For MAID stats one has to go to occasional reports by Health Canada. Is this being deliberately covered up?

MP CHERYL GALLANT TABLES BILL C-222 TO LIMIT EXPROPRIATIONS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

In Canada, property rights are provincial jurisdiction, except when they're not. There is some federal overlap and overreach, and it's the overreach Cheryl Gallant addresses in her Private Member's Bill C-222, introduced to Parliament on February 17, 2020. To understand how intertwined these issues are, it's necessary to briefly delve into the history of property rights and the legislative changes and court decisions impacting them. Published March 12, 2020 by Christopher di Armani - Filed Under: Property Rights <https://christopherdiarmani.com/14287/human-rights/property-rights/mp-cheryl-gallant-tables-bill-c-222-to-limit-expropriations-of-private-property/>

"The essential characteristic of socialism is the denial of individual property rights..." -- Ayn Rand

[Alisa Zinov'yevna Rosenbaum] (1905-1982) Russian-American novelist, philosopher, playwright, and screenwriter Source: The Virtue of Selfishness 1964 <http://libertytree.ca/quotes/Ayn.Rand.Quote.3937>

CBC - RCMP ISSUES DIRE WARNING ABOUT ITS ABILITY TO POLICE TERRORISM, FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND CYBERCRIME

Mounties warn of 'significant resourcing challenges' in latest financial posting By Catharine Tunney · CBC News · Posted: Mar 12, 2020 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rcmp-significant-resourcing-challenges-security-1.5492424>

QUESTION PERIOD MARCH 11/20

Canada's National Firearms Association YouTube Video: 263 views - Mar 12, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqxDP5sz690>

SASKATCHEWAN TO APPOINT ITS OWN CHIEF FIREARMS OFFICER

Premier Scott Moe said Saskatchewan will exercise an option to appoint its own chief firearms officer to provide a “sensible” interpretation of federal gun laws. On Wednesday, Moe told delegates to the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) annual convention that a provincial appointee would be “better positioned to build stronger relationships with gun owners in this province.” “What we are looking for, quite frankly, is prudent, reasonable and sensible interpretation of firearms legislation, of federal firearms legislation in the province of Saskatchewan, and we think we’ll get it from a provincially-appointed nominee,” said Moe. By Arthur White-Crummey • Regina Leader-Post - March 11, 2020 <https://leaderpost.com/news/saskatchewan/saskatchewan-to-appoint-its-own-chief-firearms-officer/>
<https://www.westernstandardonline.com/2020/03/saskatchewan-to-appoint-own-firearms-officers/>
<https://globalnews.ca/news/6662537/saskatchewan-appoint-own-chief-firearms-officer/>

OPP NAMED ONE OF MOST SECRETIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN CANADA

TORONTO – The OPP has been named one of the most secretive law enforcement agencies in the country. On Feb. 27 the OPP was announced as one of seven co-winners of the 2019 Code of Silence Award for Outstanding Achievement in Government Secrecy in the law enforcement category. The other winners were police forces in Sudbury, Windsor, Peterborough, Longueuil, Quebec City, and the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary. The award is given annually by four journalism organizations: the Canadian Association of Journalists, Centre for Free Expression at Ryerson University, News Media Canada, and Canadian Journalists for Free Expression. By Chris Daponte - Wellington Advertiser - March 11, 2020 <https://www.wellingtonadvertiser.com/opp-named-one-of-most-secretive-law-enforcement-agencies-in-canada/>

GUNS DO KILL PEOPLE — EVEN IF PEOPLE DON'T WANT THEM TO

almost shot a person once — and once I was nearly shot. The experiences gave me a profound wariness of firearms and impressed on me the need for terrible respect for their proper handling. By Robert Koopmans, The Outdoor Narrative,

Special to Kamloops This Week - March 11, 2020 <https://www.kamloopsthisweek.com/community/the-outdoor-narrative-guns-do-kill-people-even-if-people-don-t-want-them-to-1.24094824>

FIREARM LICENCE HOLDERS: IS A POLITICAL BELIEFS TEST NEXT?

Racist Killer Sparks Call For German Thought Police: A political beliefs test for German gun owners may coming if their Interior Minister gets his way. This desire to test for thought crimes is sparked by Germany's latest lunatic with a gun and his hate-filled internet manifesto. Once a gun owner beliefs test implemented there, you can bet it will come to Canada next, courtesy of Loki Hulgaard's Racist Manifesto or another one like it. Published March 11, 2020 by Christopher di Armani <https://christopherdiarmani.com/14292/guns/gun-politics/firearm-licences-is-a-political-beliefs-test-next/>

TWO SHOOTINGS PROMPT ST. LAURENT ANTI-GUN RESOLUTION

Two recent shootings in a space of just over two weeks in the vicinity of the Côte Vertu Métro station has prompted St. Laurent council to adopt a resolution asking the federal government to ban assault weapons and handguns in Canada. The resolution, similar to one put forward by the Montreal Opposition last year, also calls for "an immediate end to the importation and manufacture of handguns in Canada," a borough announcement says. By Joel Goldenberg The Suburban - March 11, 2020 http://www.thesuburban.com/news/city_news/two-shootings-prompt-st-laurent-anti-gun-resolution/article_3fff8d49-f6b8-5d49-90cb-6da319ddd408.html

MADE-IN-VANCOUVER PRODUCT WILL RELY ON WIFI TO DETECT WEAPONS

As Canada's former Minister of Public Safety, Stockwell Day says he can't help but always have his antennas up. That's why he became the head advisor for a Canadian company called First Responder Technologies, a startup from Vancouver that's leveraging research from Rutgers University to develop a product that will be piloted in several countries, including Canada, starting in May. The startup has discovered what Day calls a true difference-maker for law enforcement and the general public: WiFi. Sure, it's often associated with connectivity, but Day says those wireless signals are the foundation for a new product that can detect guns and knives much more efficiently than traditional metal detectors. It's a compelling product that can easily be set up in stadiums, concerts, virtually anywhere that is expected to draw a large crowd. By Alex Coop - Published: March 11th, 2020 <https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/made-in-vancouver-product-will-rely-on-wifi-to-detect-weapons/428374>

ANOTHER RACIST MANIFESTO, THIS TIME FROM A LICENCED CANADIAN GUN OWNER

The problem posed by Hulgaard's ideas is both simple and ugly. Political activists use Hulgaard's criminal actions with guns to tar millions of ordinary Canadians with Hulgaard's racist ideas. They don't ask why RCMP issued Hulgaard his firearms licence in the first place. They use Hulgaard's firearm ownership as "proof" all gun owners are murderous racists waiting for the "race war" to begin. Published March 10, 2020 by Christopher di Armani <https://christopherdiarmani.com/14386/big-brother/hate-speech/loki-hulgaard-another-racist-manifesto-this-time-from-a-licenced-canadian-gun-owner/>

RCMP INVESTIGATING THEFT OF HANDGUNS AND RIFLES FROM LOCKED CABINETS INSIDE DIGBY COUNTY HOME - NEW EDINBURGH, N.S. —

The RCMP say some handguns and rifles were stolen from locked cabinets inside a Digby County home and the Meteghan RCMP is asking anyone with information about this incident to contact them. According to the RCMP on March 8 a homeowner – who lives in New Edinburgh in the Municipality of Clare – returned home from work to find that while he was out his home had been broken into and four handguns and several rifles had been stolen from locked cabinets inside his residence. The RCMP say all firearms were registered and had been stored properly in locked cabinets inside the home. According to the RCMP there was no ammunition stolen. Members of Meteghan RCMP responded to the report of the break-in. The RCMP, with assistance

from RCMP Police Dog Services, recovered all of the rifles in two different locations in the area. By SaltWire Network
Published: Mar 10, 2020 <https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/provincial/rcmp-investigating-theft-of-handguns-and-rifles-from-locked-cabinets-inside-digby-county-home-421860/>

HERE ARE THE KEY STAKEHOLDERS THAT MINISTER BLAIR DID NOT TALK TO ABOUT HIS BUY-BACK PLAN <https://dennisryoung.ca/2020/03/04/no-records-to-support-minister-blairs-statement-on-gun-buy-back-plan/>

- Sheldon Clare, NFA President
- Blair Hagen, NFA Executive VP Communication
- Tony Bernardo, Executive Director, CSSA
- Nicolas Johnson, The Gun Blog
- Guy Morin, President of Everyone Against a Quebec Gun Registry
- Gary Mauser, Professor Emeritus, SFU
- Alison de Groot, Managing Director, Canadian Sporting Arms and Ammunition Association (CSAAA)

BLAIR TELLS IPOLITICS CONFISCATION NEEDS NEW LAW, TWO YEARS AWAY - THEGUNBLOG.CA — 10 DEC 2019 <https://thegunblog.ca/2019/12/10/blair-tells-ipolitics-confiscation-needs-new-law-two-years-away/>

EXCERPT: Immediate vs. Delayed Confiscation: The minister told iPolitics he heard from some gun owners that they preferred immediate confiscation with a payoff, rather than confiscation after death sometimes called “grandfathering.” TheGunBlog.ca couldn’t find any mention of that preference in a comprehensive report on Blair’s confiscation consultations last year.

ISLAND COMPETITORS TAKE A SHOT AT BC BIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mt. Washington came alive as the Vancouver Island Biathlon Club hosted a successful Biathlon BC Provincial Championships. The event was held Feb. 28 to March 1 – drawing over 100 athletes, as well as coaches, parents, and supporters from across British Columbia. The Vancouver Island Biathlon Club was represented with athletes from Quadra Island and Campbell River to Victoria, Powell River and Port Alberni. Biathlon combines the precision of shooting .22 calibre rifles at 50 m targets with physical challenge of cross-country skiing. Campbell River Mirror - Mar. 9, 2020 <https://www.campbellrivermirror.com/sports/island-competitors-take-a-shot-at-bc-biathlon-championships/>

CBC - SWANS ARE 'DELICIOUS' AND LEGAL TO HUNT IN PARTS OF CANADA

'By far the juiciest swan I've ever made,' says Mike Jancke. By Jay Legere · CBC News · Posted: Mar 08, 2020 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/swan-arctic-kitchen-recipe-nunavut-hunting-1.5485349>

GUNTER: A TIP FOR CRIMINALS WHO DON'T WANT TO GET SHOT IN THE ACT

While Crown prosecutors in some jurisdictions (notably Ontario) act as if no one has a right to lethal self-defence, juries tend to disagree. Jurors can be convinced to put themselves in the place of the self-defender and most are unwilling to second-guess whether the self-defender was correct about his or her life truly being in danger. By Lorne Gunter, Toronto Sun - March 7, 2020 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/gunter-a-tip-for-criminals-who-dont-want-to-get-shot-in-the-act>

FUREY: TIME TO LET COPS IN TORONTO DO THEIR JOB

These past few years, Toronto has started looking more like an American city where guns are readily available and gangsters are more than happy to use them. By Anthony Furey, Toronto Sun - March 6, 2020 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/furey-time-to-let-cops-in-toronto-do-their-job>

BORDER SERVICES INTERCEPTS SILENCER BOUND FOR SUDBURY

On Jan. 27, the Canadian Border Service Agency intercepted a parcel being shipped through Canada Post from an exporter in China to an address in Greater Sudbury. Border agency officers examined the parcel and discovered a firearm silencer/suppressor sold under the disguise of a solvent trap or a fuel filter. Sudbury Star Staff - Published on: March 6, 2020 <https://www.thesudburystar.com/news/local-news/border-services-intercepts-silencer-bound-for-sudbury>

EXCERPT: The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has determined that devices with the following characteristics meet the definition of a silencer/suppressor:

- A metal tube that is threaded on the inside of each end with the mechanical strength to withstand the forces of discharge and passage of a bullet.
 - Threaded caps to be attached to the metal tube (with or without a pre-drilled bore) with the means of mounting firmly to a firearm.
 - Baffles or an internal component such as a spring or rubber ring capable muffling or silencing the sound of discharge.
- These items are considered a prohibited device contrary to section 84 of the Criminal Code of Canada.

RED DEER CADET GETS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE AS A CADET OFFICIAL

Cadet Warrant Officer First Class (WO1) Connor Evans from 24 Red Deer joined cadets from across the country in Valcartier, Quebec as a cadet official for the **National Cadet Biathlon Championship** from March 3-7. This year is Evan's first time working as one of the ammo distributors at the National Championship. Mar 06, 2020 <https://rdnewsnow.com/2020/03/05/red-deer-cadet-gets-hands-on-experience-as-a-cadet-official/>

CASTING HIMSELF TO THE RIGHT OF PETER MACKAY, ERIN O'TOOLE IS KENNEY'S MAN FOR CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP

Under Prime Minister O'Toole, for the first time ever, the federal government would invoke the Constitution's notwithstanding clause. The purpose would be to overrule the Supreme Court, which struck down mandatory minimum sentences that the Harper government had imposed for certain serious crimes. **From a Conservative perspective, Liberals respond to gun violence by further limiting the legitimate rights of gun owners. Conservatives favour tougher mandatory sentences for gun-related crimes. If the courts say that approach is unconstitutional, Mr. O'Toole thinks that's what the notwithstanding clause is there for.** By John Ibbitson, Globe and Mail - March 5, 2020 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-casting-himself-to-the-right-of-peter-mackay-erin-otoole-is-kenneys/>

EXCERPT: This latest announcement comes on top of previous O'Toole commitments to kill off CBC English-language television and its digital news service, and to toughen the law around blockading critical infrastructure. But he was always true blue, Mr. O'Toole insists. He sees no contradiction in being strongly conservative on law-and-order issues while supporting LGBTQ rights and the rights of women. The Durham MP argues that Canadians have lost faith in governments, as separatist sentiment rises in the West, asylum claimants cross the border from the United States into Canada unimpeded and protesters hold the government and economy hostage through illegal blockades.

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

ILLINOIS MAYOR ISSUES CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY THAT GIVES HER THE POWER TO BAN THE SALE OF GUNS, AMMO, ALCOHOL, AND MORE

Deborah Frank Feinen, the mayor of Champaign, Illinois, issued a coronavirus-related emergency declaration grants the mayor authority to declare an emergency for a limited time and goes on to list several of the powers allotted to the mayor in such an instance:

- Ban sale of firearms and ammunition;
- Ban sale of any alcohol;
- Closing of all bars, taverns, liquor stores, etc;

- Ban sale or giving away of gasoline or other liquid flammable or combustible products in any container other than a gasoline tank permanently fixed to a motor vehicle;
- Direct the shutoff of power, water, gas, etc;
- Take possession of private property and obtain full title to same; and
- Prohibit or restrict ingress and egress to and from the City.

By Phil Shiver - March 15, 2020 <https://www.theblaze.com/news/illinois-mayor-coronavirus-ban-guns-ammo>

NZ - GUN CONTROL EFFORTS HAVE STALLED, ONE YEAR AFTER THE CHRISTCHURCH MOSQUE KILLINGS - A 2019 government-commissioned assessment by consulting firm KPMG estimated that the number of now-banned guns still in private hands in New Zealand could be between 50,000 and 170,000. And not everyone is happy about the buyback. The Council of Licensed Firearms Owners (COLFO), which represents some of New Zealand's estimated 250,000 legal firearms owners says that the buyback scheme did not fairly compensate people who handed in guns and demonized law-abiding owners. According to COLFO spokeswoman Nicole McKee, "Right up to three weeks before the end of the compensation period, they were still adding things to be banned and not really getting that information out to people. We expect that there are still quite a large number of law-abiding people that are in possession of prohibited items and are not aware of it. By Brendan Cole, NEWSWEEK - 03/13/20

<https://www.newsweek.com/2020/03/13/gun-control-efforts-have-stalled-one-year-after-christchurch-mosque-killings-1492069.html>

INDIA: ILLEGAL PRODUCTION OF GUNS: ONE MORE HELD

KOTTAYAM: The police team probing a case registered in connection with the illegal firearm manufacturing unit in Pallickathodu, arrested one more person on Wednesday. Vijayan, 57, who hails from Anickad near Pallickathodu was arrested for buying a revolver from the prime accused Manesh Kumar and Rajan, who manufactured firearms illegally. Vijayan, who is a BJP loyalist and a board member of an RSS-run school in Pallickathodu. By Express News Service The New Indian Express - Published: 12th March 2020 <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/kerala/2020/mar/12/illegal-production-of-guns-one-more-held-2115524.html>

AROUND 100,000 CONVICTED FELONS ACROSS US LIKELY STILL OWN GUNS, SAY RESEARCHERS

No nationwide program to recover these banned weapons; only state to do so is California

March 10, 2020 - https://www.eurekaalert.org/pub_releases/2020-03/b-a1c030920.php

EXCERPT: Around 100,000 convicted felons across the US still likely own a gun, despite being banned from doing so, concludes the first study of its kind, published online in Injury Prevention. There's no nationwide programme to recover these weapons, with California the only state to do so. But such an initiative might go some way to curbing firearm violence in the US, suggest the researchers. Relatively little attention has been paid to people who legally purchase guns but who are subsequently banned from firearm ownership because of a conviction for violent crime; or an admission to hospital for a mental health emergency; or a domestic abuse restraining order. In California alone 5-10% of 21 to 49-year old gun owners with a history of arrest are convicted of a felony within five years of their purchase. But as yet, California is the only US state with a large-scale enforcement programme for recovering firearms from people who have been banned from ownership. To find out more about the number and profile of these people, the researchers drew on information entered into the Armed and Prohibited Persons System (APPS) database as of 1 February 2015.

LIBERAL RESPONSE TO Q-2322: EFFECTIVENESS OF FIREARMS INTEREST POLICE (FIP) DATABASE

<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Q-2322-Response-Effectiveness-of-FIP-Database-May-1-2019.pdf>

EXCERPT #1: "There were a total of 3,547,424 FIP notifications generated in 2017. The CFP only reviews FIP notifications that are matched to a client of the CFP, and therefore does not track FIP notifications to individuals without a firearms licence."

EXCERPT #2: “(d), (e), (t), (g) and (h): Given the time constraints, the RCMP is unable to provide the requested information without assessing each individual FIP notification and resulting CFO review and investigation. This assessment would take more time than is available for responding to this question.”

IMPORTANT EFFECTIVENESS EVIDENCE STILL NOT PROVIDED TO PARLIAMENT

- (d) What was the average time it took to complete the investigation of a Firearms Interest Police (FIP) event;
- (e) How many FIP events that resulted in firearms being removed from possession of the licensed gun owner;
- (f) How many FIP events that resulted in firearms being removed from possession of a person without a firearms license;
- (g) What was the average time it took from reporting of the Firearms Interest Police (FIP) event to the firearms being removed from the possession of the licensed gun owner;
- (h) What was the average time it took from reporting of the Firearms Interest Police (FIP) event to the firearms being removed from the possession of the person without a firearms license?

BIDEN CONFIRMS, HE IS COMING FOR YOUR ‘ASSAULT WEAPON’

In anointing Beto O’Rourke to be his point man on gun control, Joe Biden solidified a stance he had taken last year — that a President Biden will be coming for you firearm if it is an “assault weapon.” By World Tribune on March 11, 2020 <https://www.worldtribune.com/biden-confirms-he-is-coming-for-your-assault-weapon/>

CHINESE IMMIGRANTS ON BUYING GUNS NOW

Chinese immigrants buying guns out of coronavirus fears. Here's the nightmare scenario some Chinese immigrants are contemplating: A pandemic forces company shutdowns and leads to mass unemployment. Riots. The need to fend off intruders. And an increasing number of people from China have been arming themselves at San Gabriel Valley gun shops. By Josie Huang, March 10, 2020 <https://laist.com/latest/post/20200310/chinese-immigrants-guns>
<https://www.newsweek.com/coronavirus-gun-sales-asian-california-washington-1491891>

CNN VIDEO - JOE BIDEN CONFRONTED ON GUN CONTROL BY AUTO PLANT WORKER

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden was confronted by an auto plant worker in Michigan who accused him of wanting to confiscate guns from Americans. Source: CNN - Marche 10, 2020 - <https://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2020/03/10/joe-biden-auto-plant-worker-gun-control-exchange-ip-vpx.cnn>

DICK'S SPORTING GOODS TO ELIMINATE GUN, HUNTING DEPARTMENTS IN 440 STORES

Dick's Sporting Goods will remove hunting departments from 440 more stores nationwide, continuing a program that began last year when the category was eliminated from 125 stores. Reaction from gun rights groups was swift and furious, calling Dick's action a slap against law-abiding gun owners and threatening nationwide boycotts. By Jeff Platsky, Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin - March 10, 2020 <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/03/10/dicks-sporting-goods-gun-hunting-sales-closing/5009355002/>

MINN. REPUBLICANS BRING GUN BILLS MEANT TO BUILD 'CONSENSUS,' AGAIN CLASH WITH GUN CONTROL ADVOCATES - The bills garnered blowback from Senate Democrats, who said they didn't go far enough to prevent gun violence. Written By: Dana Ferguson | Mar 10th 2020 <https://www.pineandlakes.com/news/government-and-politics/4991286-Minn.-Republicans-bring-gun-bills-meant-to-build-consensus-again-clash-with-gun-control-advocates>

VA LAWMAKERS PASS STRICT GUN CONTROL BILLS INCLUDING BACKGROUND CHECKS AND PURCHASE LIMITS - On Saturday, lawmakers passed a measure to expand background checks to all firearms purchases, and another measure to limit people who do not have concealed carry permits to only purchase one handgun per month, The Hill reported. The last set of gun control bills passed on the final day of the state’s legislative session on

March 7. By Ryan Morgan, American Military News - March 10, 2020 <https://americanmilitarynews.com/2020/03/va-lawmakers-pass-strict-gun-control-bills-including-background-checks-and-purchase-limits/>

'EVERYTOWN'S BIDEN ENDORSEMENT IS ALL GUN OWNERS NEED TO KNOW'

BELLEVUE, WA — The campaign endorsement of former Vice President Joe Biden by Everytown for Gun Safety—the gun prohibition lobbying group bankrolled by anti-gun billionaire Michael Bloomberg—is “All gun owners need to know about the man who wants to be their next president,” the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said today. By Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms(CCRKBA), Canada Free Press - March 10, 2020 <https://canadafreepress.com/article/everytowns-biden-endorsement-is-all-gun-owners-need-to-know>

NZ - CORRECTIONS APOLOGISES TO NSW MINISTER

David Elliott says he at all times acted in good faith. Corrective Services NSW has publicly apologised to David Elliott after it was revealed the police and emergency services minister may have broken the law by firing a prohibited gun. Mr Elliott was in 2018 shown holding a sub-machine gun and a pistol in photos on his official Facebook page to mark the opening of a rifle range at the John Morony Correctional Centre. He was NSW corrections minister at the time. Mr Elliott in a statement on Monday said he was advised Corrective Services NSW was in potential breach of the Firearms Act "with respect to potentially hundreds of individuals, including myself, who have used the range". "Given the safety and security of firearms is of the utmost importance to me, I immediately asked the Police Commissioner to investigate the operation of the CSN By Jodie Stephens, National March 10, 2020 <https://www.dailyliberal.com.au/story/6671157/corrections-apologises-to-nsw-minister/>

NZ - PHOTOS SURFACE OF NSW POLICE MINISTER DAVID ELLIOTT ALLEGEDLY SHOOTING PROHIBITED FIREARMS

- The Australian broke the story that NSW Police Minister David Elliott is facing the prospect of criminal charges after photographs surfaced of him allegedly shooting two prohibited weapons at a shooting range without an appropriate licence. Sporting Shooter - 9 March 2020 <http://www.sportingshooter.com.au/latest/photos-surface-of-nsw-police-minister-david-elliott-allegedly-shooting-prohibited-firearms>

NIGERIA: AS SENATE MOVES TO TACKLE ARMS PROLIFERATION

The need for political will to tackle the scourge of arms proliferation in Nigeria has been topical. SUNDAY ISUWA writes on the recent move by the Senate to address the security concern. A memo issued on March 3, 2011 to former president Goodluck Jonathan by the National Taskforce to combat illegal importation, smuggling of goods, small arms, ammunition and light-weapons, (NATFORCE), indicated that much. The memo revealed that unidentified officers of some security agencies in collaboration with certain businessmen were involved in arms smuggling into Nigeria. The memo signed by then vice chairman operations of the Taskforce, Osita E Okereke, stressed the need for fast action, and further revealed that weapons such as AK 47, German G3, Belgian FN-FAL Assault Rifles, Czech Rocket Propeller, Grenade and RPGS were brought into Nigeria illegally. By SUNDAY ISUWA - Published March 11, 2020 <https://leadership.ng/2020/03/11/as-senate-moves-to-tackle-arms-proliferation/>

MARYLAND: NEW GUN CONTROL BILL DESIGNATES GUN OWNERS AS SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS

Senate Bill 664 treats one group of Marylanders - gun owners - as if they do not have this right. The proposed amendment states, “the right to privacy does not prohibit the state from regulating the sale or purchase of a firearm or ammunition.” No other conduct, let alone exercise of a Constitutional right, is explicitly excluded from the proposed amendment’s protection. The language of this amendment positions the Second Amendment right as a second-class right. NRA/ILA - Monday, March 9, 2020 <https://www.nraila.org/articles/20200309/maryland-new-gun-control-bill-designates-gun-owners-as-second-class-citizens>

JOE BIDEN TO GUN CONFISCATOR O'ROURKE: "YOU'RE GONNA TAKE CARE OF THE GUN PROBLEM WITH ME"

- On the Monday before Super Tuesday's multiple state primaries, O'Rourke endorsed Biden for president at a rally in Dallas. Biden reciprocated by offering his former rival in the Democrat primary a job. "I want to make something clear," Biden said to the cheering crowd of Democrat voters. "I'm going to guarantee you this is not the last you'll see of this guy." He continued by addressing O'Rourke: "YOU'RE going to take care of the gun problem with me. YOU'RE going to be the one who leads this effort. I'm counting on ya." NRA/ILA - Monday, March 9, 2020 <https://www.nraila.org/articles/20200309/joe-biden-to-gun-confiscator-o-rourke-you-re-gonna-take-care-of-the-gun-problem-with-me>

MAJOR GUN SAFETY GROUPS ENDORSE JOE BIDEN'S PRESIDENTIAL BID

Joe Biden has received endorsements from two of the nation's largest gun safety groups, the latest sign Bernie Sanders' spotty record on guns may be weighing him down in the presidential primary By ALEXANDRA JAFFE Associated Press - 9 March 2020 <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/major-gun-safety-group-endorse-joe-bidens-presidential-69479272>
<https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2020/03/09/us/politics/ap-us-election-2020-biden-gun-control.html>

EDITORIAL: AS EPIDEMICS GO, GUN VIOLENCE DESERVES AS MUCH CONCERN AS ANY

But when at least 36 Americans died that same day amid the nation's epidemic of gun violence, which has ended more than 6,700 lives in the U.S. this year alone, there was no national news about it. Instead, it was treated as just another Monday of gun-related deaths in America — which, strictly in statistical terms, it was. Las Vegas Sun - March 9, 2020 <https://lasvegassun.com/news/2020/mar/08/as-epidemics-go-gun-violence-deserves-as-much-conc/>

RECORD NUMBER OF MINNESOTANS HAVE PERMITS TO CARRY GUNS IN PUBLIC

More than 300,000 people are authorized to carry a gun in public in Minnesota. By Paul Walsh Star Tribune March 8, 2020 <http://www.startribune.com/record-number-of-minnesotans-have-permits-to-carry-guns-in-public/568597062/>

BANGKOK POST - AGGRESSIVE GUN OWNERS A NEW WORRY

As many as 34 people have been killed and 62 others injured in less than two months, which is leaving shoppers fearful and the government facing the uphill task of preventing a recurrence of such incidents. Despite the existence of laws to prevent the illegal possession of weapons, in practice it is not too difficult for people to acquire a gun, Crime Suppression Division (CSD) chief Jirabhop Bhuridej said. State gun-sale projects and trades through social media are to blame. Published : 8 Mar 2020 <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/special-reports/1874079/aggressive-gun-owners-a-new-worry>

OAKLAND RESIDENTS MARCH TO CELEBRATE DROP IN GUN VIOLENCE

Peace walk, which included the Golden State Warriors, aimed to amplify ground breaking work in Oakland, where gun homicides fell 44% from 2007 to 2017 By Abené Clayton in Oakland - Sat 7 Mar 2020 <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/mar/07/oakland-peace-march-gun-violence-warriors-gabby-giffords>

"ASSAULT WEAPONS" BANS INEFFECTIVE, SAY BLOOMBERG-BACKED RESEARCHERS

Bans on so-called "assault weapons" have no direct impact on mass shootings, concluded the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in a study published in a February issue of the Criminology & Public Policy journal. Researchers looked at fatal mass shootings involving four or more victims in 45 states between 1984 and 2017 and at the firearms laws for those states. Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska and Montana were excluded from the analysis due to "significant

gaps in reporting.” Additionally, all murders related to gang or narcotic activity were excluded. Guns In The News - March 7, 2020 <https://gunsinthenews.com/assault-weapons-bans-ineffective-say-bloomberg-backed-researchers/>

TONS OF TOURISTS ARE COMING INTO NEW YORK CITY WITH LOADED GUNS

In the past five years, the Queens District Attorney’s Office has prosecuted roughly 480 airport gun cases from JFK and LaGuardia, according to the Queens Daily Eagle. The bulk of the weapons were discovered in checked luggage by ticket agents and turned over to the Port Authority Police. Lots of the travelers don’t realize just how serious New York is about firearms, said lawyer Steve Raiser, who has defended tourists. “You should know the law wherever you’re going,” he said. “Here, it’s illegal. Period. By Melanie Gray, New York Post - March 7, 2020

<https://nypost.com/2020/03/07/tons-of-tourists-are-coming-into-new-york-city-with-loaded-guns/>

'THESE ARE WEAPONS OF WAR': BETO TO GOP REP WHO CHALLENGED HIM AND BIDEN TO COME TAKE GUN - "If you want to take everyone’s AR-15s, why don’t you swing by my office in Washington, D.C. and start with this one?" the Colorado lawmaker said, while grabbing the gun, wrapped with American flags, off the wall.

By Savannah Behrmann, USA TODAY - March 6, 2020 <https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/2020/03/06/buck-beto-ourke-biden-come-and-take-ar-15-gun-tweet/4979958002/>

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OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

THE UNGUARDED U.S.-CANADIAN BORDER

In 2017, the Canadian Parliament also passed a motion (M-103) that condemned Islamophobia and religious discrimination, although no other religions, such as Christianity, were mentioned. A poll showed that 71 percent of Canadians would not have voted for the motion, but it passed Parliament overwhelmingly because of Trudeau’s Liberal government. The motion required the government to condemn Islamophobia, but nowhere did it actually define what constitutes “Islamophobia.” It also called for a study into how to combat Islamophobia and to contextualize hate crimes. Fears were that it would quickly morph into something where if you criticize anything at all related to Islam, you’re only doing it because you’re a racist Islamophobe. Legislation might follow that would make it a criminal offense. By Brad Johnson, The Epoch Times - Updated: March 12, 2020 - Brad Johnson is a retired CIA senior operations officer and a former chief of station. He is the president of Americans for Intelligence Reform. https://www.theepochtimes.com/the-unguarded-u-s-canadian-border_3247434.html

DIANE FRANCIS: PARIS AGREEMENT A TROJAN HORSE THREATENING THE CANADIAN ECONOMY, NATIONAL UNITY

European fanatics and ecological radicals refuse to accept that Canada’s forests more than offset the country’s emissions. And Ottawa has capitulated. The Paris Agreement is a Trojan Horse threatening the Canadian economy and national unity. Since 1997, only 37 developed countries have reduced CO2 emissions by seven per cent and the rest — led by climate culprit China — have increased emissions by 130 per cent. By Diane Francis, Financial Post - March 9, 2020 <https://business.financialpost.com/diane-francis/diane-francis-paris-agreement-a-trojan-horse-threatening-the-canadian-economy-national-unity>

THE MULTICULTURE MESS: ATTACKING THE NATION STATE

Civilizations are never stable. They’re always either “rising” or “declining.” Rising civilizations defend and celebrate themselves, while declining ones are mostly self-critical, laying down their cultural arms to ignore, demean, or even shame their own history. At this point, the public square is dominated by people the late philosopher Roger Scruton aptly

described as oikophobes (people who hate their own national home). By William Gairdner, The Epoch Times - Updated: March 10, 2020 https://www.theepochtimes.com/the-multiculture-mess-attacking-the-nation-state_3248943.html
William Gairdner is an author who lives near Toronto. His latest book is “The Great Divide: Why Liberals and Conservatives Will Never, Ever Agree” (2015). His website is WilliamGairdner.ca

ADDING UN DECLARATION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON TOP OF CANADIAN LAW WILL LEAD TO LEGAL CHAOS - “Inserting yet more ambiguous language into Canadian law, which will inevitably affect the approval process for major infrastructure projects in Canada, is unwise and would likely lead to even more uncertainty,” said Tom Flanagan, Fraser Institute senior fellow and author of Squaring the Circle: Adopting UNDRIP in Canada. Fraser Institute News Release - March 10, 2020 05:00 ET | Source: Fraser Institute <https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2020/03/10/1997777/0/en/Fraser-Institute-News-Release-Adding-UN-declaration-on-Indigenous-peoples-on-top-of-Canadian-law-will-lead-to-legal-chaos.html>

FERNANDO: A PRIME MINISTER AND A WEAKLING

With Trudeau’s Weakness Dragging Us Down, The World Will Eat Canada Alive

By Spencer Fernando, Exclusive to the National Citizens Coalition - March 7, 2020

http://www.nationalcitizens.ca/fernando_trudeau_weakness_hurting_canada?utm_campaign=fernandomarch7&utm_medium=email&utm_source=nationalcitizens

BARNES SAYS ATTENDING CLIMATE-SKEPTIC GROUP’S EVENT WILL BE ABOUT ‘LISTENING AND LEARNING’

Cypress-Medicine Hat MLA Drew Barnes says his attending a lecture hosted by an organization that claims climate change is caused by the sun rather than CO2 emissions will be an exercise in “listening and learning.” Barnes tweeted Friday morning that he and a few of his constituency association board members will be attending Friends of Science’s April 6 lecture entitled “Freedom of Speech! NO Climate Emergency.” “While FoS does not do any original scientific research, it draws on the worldwide body of work by scientists in all fields relating to global climate change,” the Friends of Science position statement on its website says. “It is our opinion that the Sun (sic) is the main direct and indirect driver of climate change. By JEREMY APPEL on March 7, 2020. <https://medicinehatnews.com/news/local-news/2020/03/07/barnes-says-attending-climate-skeptic-groups-event-will-be-about-listening-and-learning/>

97% SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS: NOT JUST A LIE, BUT CALCULATED DECEPTION

The statement is a lie on its face because there is no existing survey of scientists anywhere that establishes as fact that alleged consensus of 97 percent of the world’s scientists on the truth of anthropogenic (man-made) global warming. This falsehood is made graver by the fact that individuals and organizations, including the United Nations, deliberately manufactured the claim of a 97-percent consensus to mislead governments and the international community into adopting policies and reforms that they espouse. The problem isn’t just that we don’t know what percentage of scientists agrees with this or that statement about global warming. It’s something much worse. All this talk of a 97-percent consensus amounts to a dishonest bullying campaign to stifle scientific debate just when we need it most because the question looms so large in public policy. By Yen Makabenta, The Manila Times - March 7, 2020

<https://www.manilatimes.net/2020/03/07/opinion/columnists/topanalysis/97-scientific-consensus-not-just-a-lie-but-calculated-deception/700771/>

SIX THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRUDEAU’S RADICAL HERITAGE MINISTER

Canadian MP and Minister of Canadian Heritage Steven Guilbeault has built himself quite the resume. In his time in the public spotlight, Guilbeault has made headlines for a variety of stunts, comments, and borderline un-Canadian proposals.

By Roberto Wakerell-Cruz, Montreal, QC. The Post Millennial - 4th March 2020 <https://www.thepostmillennial.com/six-things-you-need-to-know-about-trudeaus-radical-heritage-minister/>

For those of you who don't know much about our Heritage Minister, here are six quick facts about him.

1. He climbed a tree in protest at the age of five
2. He climbed the CN Tower and got arrested
3. He believes in thought-policing
4. He wants to create government media licences
5. He's a straight-up liar
6. He's a huge fan of propaganda

THE CLIMATE SENSITIVITY QUESTION: HOW BAD IS CO2?

With so many politicians and activists talking about a "climate emergency" you might think scientists have recently discovered something new and ominous about the effects of greenhouse gases. In fact, they've done exactly the opposite.

By John Robson, Sensitivity Backgrounder, Climate Discussion Nexus - 01 Mar 2020

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