



**THIS WEEKS POSTINGS TO THE CANADIAN FIREARMS DIGEST
National and International Gun Control News for the week ending May 22, 2020**

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POSTS FROM CANADA

CBC - TRUDEAU AVOIDS PROMISING FEDERAL INQUIRY INTO N.S. SHOOTING RAMPAGE

Premier Stephen McNeil has said it's up to Ottawa to call an inquiry. By Michael Tutton · The Canadian Press · Posted: May 22, 2020 <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/trudeau-avoids-promising-ns-shooting-inquiry-1.5580834>

YELLOWKNIFER EDITORIAL: GUN OWNERS OVER A BARREL

Place that rhetoric alongside images of mass shootings in the news, such as the Nova Scotia shooting spree that took so many lives or the Quebec City mosque shooting in 2017, plus the lunacy of American “anti-lockdown protesters” brandish guns inside the state capitol in Michigan, and it’s easy to see why the Canadian gun rights lobby has such a hard time finding empathy among people who don’t own guns. By Editorial Board - NNSL MEDIA - May 22, 2020

<https://nns1.com/yellowknifer/yellowknifer-editorial-gun-owners-over-a-barrel/>

COURT CHALLENGE SEEKS TO OVERTURN FEDERAL GUN BAN

Cassandra Parker, co-owner of K.K.S. Tactical Supplies Ltd. filed the application for judicial review this week after retaining the services of Ottawa criminal defence lawyer Solomon Friedman, a noted firearms law expert and co-author of the Annotated Firearms Act. The evidence will demonstrate, according to Friedman, that “virtually every statement” contained either within the order or in various public pronouncements “is either false, out-of-context or otherwise misleading.” By Aedan Helmer, Ottawa Citizen - May 22, 2020

<https://ottawacitizen.com/news/court-challenge-seeks-to-overturn-federal-gun-ban/>

<https://edmontonsun.com/news/court-challenge-seeks-to-overturn-federal-gun-ban/wcm/e5b1f8a5-792b-4678-ae2c-b4050658f838>

PAROLE ENDED FOR MAN WHO ONCE SOLD GUNS TO DELLEN MILLARD

The man who peddled guns to a notorious triple killer had his parole revoked last month for allegedly trafficking women and drugs. Matthew Ward-Jackson sold three guns to Dellen Millard in 2012. Millard used the weapons in the murders of his father, his former lover and a complete stranger. A judge sentenced Ward-Jackson, who was also convicted of possessing a loaded AK-47, to 11 years behind bars. He was given credit for time served and in January 2019, the Parole Board of Canada granted him day parole. By Liam Casey, The Canadian Press - Published Friday, May 22, 2020

<https://www.cp24.com/news/parole-ended-for-man-who-once-sold-guns-to-dellen-millard-1.4950761>

DRUG- AND GUN-TRAFFICKING RING IN TORONTO AREA BUSTED: YORK REGIONAL POLICE

In total, 17 men and women were arrested and face a slew of charges including numerous counts of drug- and firearm-trafficking offences and robbery, York regional police said. Police said they seized 15 guns along with cocaine, fentanyl, oxycontin and cash. By Liam Casey, The Canadian Press - May 22, 2020 <https://nationalpost.com/pmn/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/drug-and-gun-trafficking-ring-in-toronto-area-busted-york-regional-police>

RCMP SAYS OVER 100,000 GUN OWNERS MAY BE TARGET OF CONFISCATION

RCMP STATEMENT: Catherine Fortin, a spokeswoman for the RCMP in Ottawa, made the following comment to TheGunBlog.ca today by e-mail in response to our request for information on the number of targeted people and guns. More than 1,500 models of assault-style firearms are affected, along with certain component parts of some newly prohibited firearms, (upper receivers of the M16, AR-10, AR-15 and M4 pattern of firearms). This number includes firearms that are now prohibited by maximum thresholds for muzzle energy, (greater than 10,000 Joules), and bore diameter (20 mm bore or greater). Any firearm that exceeds these thresholds is now a prohibited firearm. Overall, the prohibition includes over 105,000 restricted firearms and could potentially impact over 100,000 owners. The number of non-restricted firearms is unknown. Source: RCMP, Response to TheGunBlog.ca, 21 May 2020

WHY IT MATTERS: The May 1 order threatening jail unless owners surrender their gear within two years is one of the biggest crackdowns against honest citizens by any democracy in history. The governing Liberal Party, which instantly made it a crime to buy, sell, transport or import more than 125,000 rifles and shotguns, is going after Canada's 300,000 handgun owners next. <https://thegunblog.ca/2020/05/21/rcmp-says-over-100000-gun-owners-may-be-target-of-confiscation/>

DID TRUDEAU BAN 12 GAUGE SHOTGUNS?

Contrary to statements by the Minister, many shotguns have been banned, including pump and bolt action models. Further, there is no simple way to know if an owner of a previous legal firearm is now a criminal. Here's a list of firearms variants whose FRT entries have been changed to prohibited, but were not in the gazette. Examples of shotguns that have been subsequently prohibited are: • Adler B210 Bolt-Action Shotgun • AlphaArms 15SA Semi-Automatic Shotgun • Canuck Havoc Pump-Action Shotgun • Eternal FX12 Semi-Automatic Shotgun. Firearms dealers in both the US and Canada are told to consider them prohibited weapons. **Owners are warned** not to take any prohibited firearm out hunting or even to the range. By Gary Mauser, JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS - May 21, 2020
<https://justiceforgunowners.ca/did-trudeau-ban-12-gauge-shotguns/>

TRUDEAU'S FIREARMS BUY BACK PLAN WILL BE BILLION-DOLLAR BOONDOGGLE, SAYS EXPERT

Gary Mauser, Senior Fellow at the Fraser Institute, said whatever plan the Liberals come up with will likely end up being a billion-dollar boondoggle. By Dave Naylor, Western Standard - May 21, 2020
<https://www.westernstandardonline.com/2020/05/trudeaus-firearms-buy-back-plan-will-be-billion-dollar-boondoggle-says-expert/>

CIVIL DISARMAMENT AGENDA UNRELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Dr. Caillin Langmann's 2012 paper, Canadian Firearms Legislation and Effects on Homicide 1974 to 2008 (published in 2012 in the Journal of Interpersonal Violence, available online) illustrates no significant benefit of Canada's three large round of firearms controls (C-51, 1977; C-17, 1991; and C-68, 1995) on rates of homicide, using three methods of statistical analysis. By Robert Bracken, The Chronicle Herald - May 21, 2020
<https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/local-perspectives/robert-bracken-civil-disarmament-agenda-unrelated-to-public-safety-452388/> Robert Bracken, Atlantic regional director, Canada's National Firearms Association, lives in Dartmouth.

GUN BANS IN CANADA'S TWO-TIERED JUSTICE SYSTEM

• "The Governor in Council is not of the opinion that any thing prescribed to be a prohibited firearm or a prohibited device, in the Annexed Regulations, is reasonable for use in Canada for hunting or sporting purposes..." – SOR/2020-96: The Liberal government's Order in Council immediately Prohibiting 1,500 makes and models of guns owned by federally-licensed RCMP-vetted firearm owners because they are "not suitable for hunting."

• “There will be an exception for indigenous peoples exercising a section 35 hunting right.” – Justice Minister David Lametti, May 1, 2020 Press Conference. Published May 21, 2020 by Christopher di Armani - “All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.” – George Orwell, Animal Farm

<https://christopherdiarmani.com/15211/common-sense/politically-correct-madness/gun-bans-and-canadas-two-tiered-justice-system/>

BLACK CREEK LABS EXITS CANADA SEMI-AUTO RIFLE MARKET AFTER BANS

TheGunBlog.ca — Black Creek Labs is exiting Canada’s semi-auto rifle market after politicians and police working to weaken citizens and cripple the firearm industry banned the company’s flagship product. Black Creek Labs “has made the decision to halt all research, development and manufacturing of semi-automatic rifles made specifically for the Canadian commercial market,” the Peterborough, Ontario-based manufacturer said on its website. THEGUNBLOG.CA - MAY 21, 2020 <https://thegunblog.ca/2020/05/21/black-creek-labs-exits-canada-semi-auto-rifle-market-after-bans/>

LIBERAL GUN BANS, OPINION POLLS AND THE TRUTH

On May 1st, 2020, the Liberal Government banned over 1,500 makes and models of guns they labelled “military-style assault rifles.” The same day, Angus Reid Institute trotted out a poll to support the ban, saying “an overwhelming majority” of poll respondents – 78% – “support or strongly support” the ban on assault-style weapons.[i] Interestingly, the Angus Reid poll also showed “an overwhelming majority” of poll respondents – 86%[ii] – do not own firearms, nor do they know much about Canada’s gun laws. That section of the poll was not so widely reported. May 20, 2020 by Christopher di Armani <https://christopherdiarmani.com/15038/guns/gun-politics/liberal-gun-bans-opinion-polls-and-the-truth/> Sources: [i] <http://angusreid.org/assault-weapons-ban/> [ii] 73% of respondents never owned a gun, plus 13% of respondents owned guns in the past but do not own guns today.

BV ROD AND GUN CLUB RESPONDS TO FEDERAL GUN BAN

Past-president says ban will impact law-abiding owners while doing nothing to curtail illegal trade

By Thom Barker - May. 20, 2020 <https://www.interior-news.com/sports/bv-rod-and-gun-club-responds-to-federal-gun-ban/>

U.S. GUN CULTURE INFECTING CANADA

Mr. Prime Minister, I would urge you to follow the lead of New Zealand

By Robert T. Rock, Cowichan Valley Citizen - May. 20, 2020 <https://www.cowichanvalleycitizen.com/opinion/u-s-gun-culture-infecting-canada/>

LETTER APPLAUDS GUN BAN

DeVries sounds more like a card-carrying NRA member than a candidate for the Christian Heritage Party.

By Terry Filce, Wellington Advertiser - Letters to the Editor - May 20, 2020

<https://www.wellingtonadvertiser.com/letter/applauds-gun-ban/>

FEDERAL GUN BAN FRUSTRATES TIMMINS’ FIREARM OWNERS

Buy-back program to be implemented. By Elena De Luigi, Timmins Press - Published on: May 19, 2020

<https://www.timminspress.com/news/local-news/federal-gun-ban-frustrates-timmings-firearm-owners>

N.S. MASS SHOOTING: DOCUMENTS SHOW KILLER WAS 'PARANOID' ABOUT COVID-19 PANDEMIC BEFORE RAMPAGE

- The 40-pages, although heavily redacted of details, paints a dark picture of the horror faced by his victims, the gunman’s apparent mental state, alarming predilections and ready arsenal. It also includes testimony from

witnesses who watched the rampage unfold over a terrifying two days and a night last month. The document was prepared April 24 by the RCMP to get a judge's approval to search Wortman's properties after his rampage. The document was ordered released as part of a larger request by media organizations. By Adrian Humphreys, NATIONAL POST - May 19, 2020 <https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/n-s-mass-shooting-new-documents-show-killer-had-five-guns-ready-to-fire-when-he-was-killed-at-gas-station>

CBC - THOSE WHO WANT TOTAL BAN ON HANDGUNS LACK UNDERSTANDING OF FIREARM

SPORTS - Highly supervised shooting sports in Canada are operated under strict monitoring and rules of safety

By James Melnick · for CBC News Opinion · Posted: May 19, 2020 (2,363 Comments) -

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/opinion/opinion-handguns-gun-control-1.5572268>

This column is an opinion by James Melnick, a criminal defence and human rights lawyer. For more information about CBC's Opinion section, please see the FAQ.

CANADIAN GUN LAWS: A PRIMER FOR PEOPLE WHO KNOW LITTLE ABOUT GUN LAWS

This primer on Canadian firearm law is intended for anyone who:

1. Doesn't know much about guns;
2. Doesn't know much about Canada's firearm owner licensing system;
3. Doesn't know much about Canada's legislative framework for controlling access to firearms;
4. Wants to learn a little bit about how Canada deals with firearms and access to them.

Published May 19, 2020 by Christopher di Armani <https://christopherdiarmani.com/15213/guns/canadas-firearms-act/canadian-gun-laws-a-primer-for-people-who-know-nothing-about-gun-laws/>

LOCAL GUN OWNERS STILL SEETHING OVER "UNDEMOCRATIC" FIREARMS BAN

Both Malo and Holland mourn the Nova Scotia tragedy but do not feel the actions of a murderer with no legal firearms license should be able to upend the hobbies of law abiding gun owners.

Steinbach Online - Tuesday, 19 May 2020 <https://steinbachonline.com/local/local-gun-owners-still-seething-over-undemocratic-firearms-ban>

NEW ZEALAND GUN GRAB: AN UPDATE

How successful was the New Zealand Amnesty and Buy-Back? Unsurprisingly, the gun grab was not successful in reducing crime. Quite the reverse. New Zealand Police reported criminal violence increased. As did violent crime involving guns. Justice for Gun Owners Posted By Gary Mauser May 18, 2020 <https://justiceforgunowners.ca/new-zealand-gun-grab-an-update/>

CANADA IS AN "AFTER-THE-FACT COUNTRY"

Could a red flag law have helped prevent the mass shootings in Nova Scotia or help reduce gun violence in Canada? Or do such laws give cover to the failure of policing agencies to act under the authority they already have? By Joan Baxter, Halifax Examiner - May 18, 2020

<https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/featured/canada-is-an-after-the-fact-country/>

MY COMMENT: DEFICIENCIES IN CANADA'S 'RED FLAG' LAW: Firearms Interest Police (FIP) Database

15 posts on my website: <https://dennisryoung.ca/?s=FIP>

HAMMONDS PLAINS MAN SEEKS MORE DETAILS FROM CROWN ON GUN CHARGES

Travis James Terry Laing, 29, was arrested last month following an RCMP investigation that began in January after a report of someone erratically driving a white Ford Crown Victoria with a black hood and roof on Lucasville Road while

waving an assault rifle out a window. Laing was denied bail in Halifax provincial court April 17 on 50 charges, including 11 counts of unauthorized possession of a firearm, nine counts of careless use of a firearm, eight counts of recklessly discharging a firearm and seven counts of unauthorized possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle. By Steve Bruce, The Chronicle Herald - May 18, 2020 <https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/local/hammonds-plains-man-seeks-more-details-from-crown-on-gun-charges-450995/>

CANADIAN LOCAL MPS UPSET OVER GUN BAN

The gun ban has been met with criticism by gun owners and Conservative leaders because they say it targets legal gun owners. “Taking firearms away from law-abiding citizens does nothing to stop dangerous criminals who obtain their guns illegally,” said Conservative Party Leader Andrew Scheer. “The reality is, the vast majority of gun crimes are committed with illegally obtained firearms.” Ontario Premier Doug Ford said Ottawa should be focussed on the smuggling of illegal weapons at the border and work on strengthening jail sentences for gun crimes. Local members of parliament (MP) say their constituents are not happy with the gun ban Trudeau introduced and have been hearing about the negative impact this issue will have on their areas. By The Canadian Press May 17, 2020 https://www.thepochtimes.com/canadian-local-mps-upset-over-gun-ban_3353982.html

EVIDENCE MOUNTS THAT CANADA'S WORST-EVER MASS SHOOTER WAS A WOMAN-HATER AND MISOGYNY FUELLED HIS KILLING SPREE THAT LEFT 22 DEAD

By Sophia Ankel, The Business Insider - May 16, 2020 <https://www.businessinsider.com/ex-neighbor-nova-scotia-gunman-said-she-reported-domestic-violence-2020-5>

- Misogyny could be investigated as a key aspect in the Nova Scotia mass shooting after a former neighbor revealed the gunman's history of domestic violence and weapon possession.
- Brenda Forbes said that shooter Gabriel Wortman — who committed the worst mass shooting in Canada's history — had a reputation in the rural town of Portapique for being violent and intimidating.
- Wortman had been seen on numerous occasions assaulting and beating his partner, who was too afraid to come forward to police as she feared repercussions.
- But when Forbes went to police to report the domestic violence and Wortman's possession of illegal weapons, no firm action was taken.
- A month after the mass shooting, activists are saying that police ignored "red flags" that could have prevented the killings and that they were fuelled by misogyny.
- Research has shown that many male perpetrators of mass shootings have a history of hating women and domestic violence.

J.R. COX RAISES \$60,000 IN 4 DAYS TO FIGHT LIBERAL GUN-BAN ORDER

TheGunBlog.ca — J.R. Cox, the owner of two Canadian gun stores and ranges, raised almost \$60,000 in four days for a lawsuit to stop the government’s mass firearm confiscations against hunters, sport shooters and stores. More than 850 people, including the owner of TheGunBlog.ca, donated \$57,418 as of 2:15 p.m. in Toronto today through GoFundMe.com. (Click the image at top to go to Cox’s page.) “It’s not only the money, it’s also the number of supporters,” Cox told TheGunBlog.ca in a telephone interview from Calgary yesterday.

“We aren’t talking gun rights. We’re talking rights.” —J.R. Cox - THEGUNBLOG.CA - 16 May 2020

<https://thegunblog.ca/2020/05/16/j-r-cox-raises-60000-in-4-days-to-fight-liberal-gun-ban-order/>

DALHOUSIE LAW PROFESSORS ASK N.S. PREMIER TO LAUNCH PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO MASS SHOOTING

However, 33 of the roughly 40 faculty members of the Halifax university's Schulich School of Law signed a letter on Friday urging McNeil to initiate a public inquiry with broad terms of reference. "An internal investigation will not suffice. Independence, impartiality and transparency are essential components of maintaining public confidence in the administration of justice. Only a public inquiry can satisfy these requirements," they say in the letter. By Michael Tutton, The Canadian Press - Last Updated Friday, May 15, 2020 <https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/dalhousie-law-professors-ask-n-s-premier-to-launch-public-inquiry-into-mass-shooting-1.4940970>

EXCERPT: Earlier this week, a former neighbour of Wortman said she reported an account of a 2013 incident of domestic violence by Wortman to the RCMP in Truro. Brenda Forbes said she reported witnesses telling her that Wortman had strangled and beaten his common law partner, and she said she told police there were guns in the house. The RCMP said in an email Friday they can't find a record of the complaint at this point.

PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA INTERIM ATIP RESPONSE ON OPTIONS FOR BANNING GUNS

Public Safety Canada Access to Information Act: Requested November 10, 2018 - Interim response received May 15, 2020 <https://dennisyoung.ca/2020/05/18/public-safety-canada-atip-options-for-banning-guns/>

WORDING OF REQUEST: This is further to your request under the Access to Information Act for: (As clarified on August 11, 2019) - "For the period from October 2015 to present please provide copies of all studies, papers, proposals, impact assessments, cost-benefit analyses, recommendations, polls, focus groups, Briefing Notes to the Minister and Advice to the Minister examining the efficacy, arguments for and against and advantages and disadvantages of gun control measures considered by the government including the following: 1. Banning handguns 2. Banning semi-automatic firearms 3. Banning all firearms 4. Central Storage/Repositories for firearms in urban centres. **INTERIM #1**

RESPONSE 409 PAGES: <https://dennisyoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Public-Safety-Interim-1-Release-package-A-2018-00301.pdf>

POSTS FROM THE UNITED STATES & OTHER COUNTRIES

CANADIAN GUN-GRABBER ADMITS DISARMAMENT IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL

U.S.A. --(Ammoland.com)- "The government has finally moved to ban military-style assault rifles. Great. So now let's go to the next step, a complete and comprehensive ban on the sale and ownership of all handguns," Canadian Broadcasting Corporation opinion writer Tony Keene demands. It's not just "military-style assault rifles." Per The Daily Wire: "[T]he list of banned guns includes 10- and 12-gauge shotguns — a necessity for hunting in many of Canada's more remote locales — hunting rifles, a BB gun, and even the website AR15.com. There is no conceivable reason why an ordinary person needs to own a handgun," Keene asserts. "No reason whatsoever." People who have used guns to save their lives and to stop violent criminals would disagree with Tony. So would the National Academies' Institute of Medicine and National Research Council, which concludes: "Almost all national survey estimates indicate that defensive gun uses by victims are at least as common as offensive uses by criminals, with estimates of annual uses ranging from about 500,000 to more than 3 million, in the context of about 300,000 violent crimes involving firearms in 2008.

Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 22, 2020 by David Codrea <https://www.ammoland.com/2020/05/canadian-gun-grabber-admits-disarmament-is-the-ultimate-goal/#axzz6NI0141we>

HOW CANADA GOT TOUGH ON GUNS

Within weeks of a mass shooting, the Canadian government passed an assault-weapons ban despite widespread firearms ownership and vocal gun rights groups. "If a gun law changes that by even 1 percent that's 1,000 fewer people shot, hundreds more still living—those are enormous, enormous figures," said Joseph Blocher, a law professor at Duke

University who studies gun rights and regulation. By Jillian Kestler-D'Amours, Foreign Policy - May 22, 2020
<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/05/22/how-canada-got-tough-on-guns-trudeau-nra-nova-scotia-assault-weapons-ban-ar15/>

DOCUMENT DETAILS CANADA MASS SHOOTER'S PARANOIA, WEAPONS

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — A document released Tuesday in a Canadian court details warning signs of paranoid behavior and the stockpiling of guns and gasoline by the man who went on a rampage that killed 22 people in Nova Scotia last month. In the document made public following an application by media organizations, seven witnesses who had encountered Gabriel Wortman told of his personality issues or recounted seeing some of his weapons at his clinic in Dartmouth and a property in Portapique that he dubbed “the warehouse.” By The Associated Press - Tuesday, May 19th 2020 <https://wsbt.com/news/nation-world/document-details-canada-mass-shooters-paranoia-weapons>

WASH. POST - ONE OF THESE STORIES ABOUT GUNS IN PUBLIC PLACES IS NOT LIKE THE OTHERS. HERE'S WHY. - Black state representatives and recreational runners should not need to be armed to feel safe in our country. But if white gun owners continue to use their guns as weapons — both political and lethal — at the expense of black citizens, they shouldn't be surprised when more black Americans exercise their rights to keep and bear arms. By Jonathan Blanks - May 18, 2020 - Jonathan Blanks is a visiting fellow at the Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/05/18/one-these-stories-about-guns-public-places-is-not-like-others-heres-why/>

NZ - RATES OF GUN CRIMES AND KILLINGS USING GUNS AT HIGHEST LEVELS IN A DECADE

New figures obtained by RNZ show last year had the highest rates of gun crime and deaths involving firearms for nearly 10 years. By Ben Strang of RNZ - May 18, 2020 <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/rates-gun-crimes-and-killings-using-guns-highest-levels-in-decade>

EXCERPT: In each of the last two years, New Zealand recorded 2.4 gun-related deaths per million people. But if you go back to 2014, New Zealand had less than 1 death per million people, so there has been a steep rise over the past few years. In the face of increased firearms use, the police data shows officers are not doing the same. Police assistant commissioner Tusha Penny said policing is a scary job, and officers are taking on a great deal of risk. But the data shows officers presented their firearms 305 times in 2019, while faced with more than 3500 firearms incidents.
<https://www.theblaze.com/news/new-zealand-gun-crimes-highest>

GUNS ON CRETE SET BACK GREEK EFFORTS TO SAVE LIVES

It is estimated that there are between 600,000 and a million illegal guns on Crete. Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis comes from Crete and has first-hand knowledge of the problem. He could take a personal initiative for the disarmament of the island with the backing of the island's MPs. COMMENT MAY 17, 2020 Ekathimerini.com
<https://www.ekathimerini.com/252715/opinion/ekathimerini/comment/guns-on-crete-set-back-greek-efforts-to-save-lives>

OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

WHY MAY, BLANCHET ARE DEAD WRONG ABOUT OIL'S FUTURE

Stores will open again, cars and trucks will begin to run and planes will fly. Our lives will continue – and life takes energy. By Tim McMillan, President and CEO of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers - May 18, 2020
<https://troymedia.com/politicslaw/why-may-blanchet-are-dead-wrong-about-oils-future/>

EXCERPT: While May and Blanchet show derision for Canadian oil and natural gas, they're in the minority. A Global Energy Pulse survey conducted by IPSOS in 2019 showed that 70 per cent of Canadians would prefer to use Canadian oil and natural gas than foreign imports. About half of Canadians surveyed believed critics' views of the industry are about political confrontation and not the realities of the sector. Oil and natural gas are Canada's largest export products and the

sector generates over \$100 billion in gross domestic product and \$8 billion annually in revenues for governments in the form of royalties and taxes. It employs more than half a million Canadians and has a supply chain that reaches across the country. The sector is also the largest investor in environmental protection and clean technology in the country, to the tune of more than \$3 billion annually. A strong oil and natural gas industry can drive our recovery, rebuild our industries and help restart our lives – something the majority of Canadians are looking forward to.

GOLDSTEIN: TAIWAN, UNLIKE CANADA, HAS DEFEATED COVID-19

Decisions, or the lack of them, have consequences. As of Saturday morning, Taiwan, with a population of 23.78 million, located 130 km off the coast of mainland China, with 2.71 million visitors from China annually, has 440 cases of COVID-19 (18 per million of population) and seven deaths (0.3 per million of population). Taiwan is now widely considered the world leader in containing COVID-19. Canada, with 37.59 million people and 571,000 visitors from China last year, has 75,004 cases (1,989 per million of population) and 5,595 deaths (148 per million). By Lorrie Goldstein, TORONTO SUN - May 16, 2020 <https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-how-taiwan-unlike-canada-defeated-covid-19>

THE REAL MEANING OF THE SNC-LAVALIN AFFAIR

What should we do? One reform proposed here is to separate the roles of minister of justice and attorney-general – to split up, that is, the “judicial” and political roles. This would be a step in the right direction. But it needs to be accompanied by much stronger protection for the Shawcross principle, including more stringent legal restrictions on the attorney-general’s authority to issue a directive to the director of public prosecutions, or to take over a case. The lesson of the SNC-Lavalin affair and of events in Trumpland is both the importance and the fragility of the firewall between politics and prosecutions. **We should learn from them to strengthen the firewall, so our criminal justice system remains a protection for freedom under law, and does not become, as elsewhere, simply a tool for the private and political interests of those in power.** By Ralph Heintzman, The Globe and Mail - Updated May 15, 2020 <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-the-real-meaning-of-the-snc-lavalin-affair/> Ralph Heintzman is a senior fellow of Massey College in the University of Toronto. He previously held senior roles in the public sector and received the Vanier Medal, Canada’s highest honour in public administration.

SMITH: OUR FOCUS SHOULD BE ON DEADLY AIR POLLUTION, NOT CARBON DIOXIDE

So researchers at IQAir set out to quantify just how much the air had cleared over several weeks of shutdown. In New Delhi, the number of hours at an unhealthy level of PM25 dropped to 17 per cent from 68 per cent. In Seoul, it dropped by 54 per cent; Wuhan dropped by 44 per cent; Los Angeles, London and Madrid were all down significantly and measurably too. So, I thought, surely carbon dioxide levels would be down. But they are not. They are up. Here’s my conclusion. If shutting off our world economy for several months has no impact on carbon dioxide, but a massive impact on dangerous air pollution, then we are focusing on the wrong thing. By Danielle Smith, CALGARY HERALD - May 15, 2020 <https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/smith-our-focus-should-be-on-deadly-air-pollution-not-carbon-dioxide/>

DIANE FRANCIS: TRUDEAU CHANGES HIS TONE ON CHINA — BUT NOT NEARLY ENOUGH

China is a pariah that thumbs its nose at global norms, laws and institutions and has repeatedly kicked sand in Canada’s face because of its weak leadership. By Diane Francis, NATIONAL POST - May 14, 2020 <https://nationalpost.com/diane-francis/diane-francis-trudeau-changes-his-tone-on-china-but-not-nearly-enough/wcm/c7c808b0-fa02-4622-b6a1-30487cd4de6e>

EXCERPT: The prime minister should be saying that Canada, in accordance with the Five Eyes’ report that provides evidence of a COVID-19 cover-up, will sue China for damages; will impose tariffs on all Chinese goods to pay for the billions of dollars in canola, pork and other products it refused to buy without cause; will fully recognize Taiwan and back

Hong Kong reformers in fighting for their democratic rights; will halt financial and trade assistance to projects involving China; will ban Huawei and other Chinese companies from investing in, or contributing to, Canadian infrastructure projects; and will stop providing visas to Chinese students until the two unjustly imprisoned Canadians are released and compensated. Anything less constitutes an absence of judgment and leadership

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LATEST NEWS FROM JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS

<http://mailchi.mp/36033a2955cf/living-under-the-gun?e=bc1823b8e2>

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The Canadian Firearms Magazine

<http://calibremag.ca/>

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