



TRUDEAU'S FIREARMS QUOTES FROM A 2011 HILL TIMES REPORT

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In a 2011 interview with The Hill Times newspaper, the Liberal Party politician dismissed Conservative Party concerns that a future government might use its registry of federally licensed firearm owners to order mass gun confiscations.

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Trudeau told The Hill Times in the 2011 report by Tim Naumetz:

- He owned guns and was "raised around guns, raised shooting."
- He had a licence to own handguns, shotguns and rifles including the AR-15.
- He was taught to shoot by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- He's "okay with a handgun, quite good with a rifle, but best with a shotgun."
- His family's firearms were stolen from their "country place" some years earlier.

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Mr. Trudeau—who disclosed in an interview he has long been familiar with firearms and has a licence to buy and own both long guns and restricted weapons such as handguns—told The Hill Times that the Conservative gun registry measures promote fears among gun owners that the registry records might some day help a government of another stripe confiscate hunting rifles and shotguns. "There's no question that this is a very, very ideological exercise," Mr. Trudeau said. "Listen, I'm a gun owner and the fact is that the underpinning of the entire message of the Conservatives is 'Once we know where the guns are, they're going to come and take your guns away,' which is not at all part of the Canadian psyche or possibility.

Trudeau said he has been around guns his entire life, in his upbringing with his outdoors-loving father, former prime minister Pierre Trudeau, to now, with his brother, Alexandre, keeping a firearm at the family's country place in Quebec. "I was raised around guns, raised shooting, we have guns up at our country place, they were registered until they were stolen in a break in a few years ago, but it's something that is part of my life," Mr. Trudeau said. "I'm not much of a hunter. I'm not a hunter at all actually, but I certainly understand that it's a part of Canada," he said. "Last time I wielded a gun I was a high school teacher on a trip through the North and we were hiking with kids in polar bear territory and I had a loaded 30.06 slung over my shoulder." Mr. Trudeau told The Hill Times that his father was also not a "big hunter" and that RCMP officers around him taught them how to shoot guns. "I mean I'm okay with a handgun, quite good with a rifle, but best with a shotgun, things like clay pigeons. It's something, for me, that is Canadian. I just don't think there is cause for tremendous fear or angst about this, and it certainly is no cause to create divisions between Canadians," he said.

He said he is not concerned the government maintained records on the family's firearms. "No, they know what kind of car I drive too," he said. "I mean this worry about the man, it goes back almost to the mountain man in the United States, the anti-government activist. I mean we've got an anti-government government [in Canada] right now, and there is this lack of faith that we are all trying to figure out collectively what is best for Canada." Mr. Trudeau said the NRA interest in the Canadian firearms registry since its controversial launch in the mid-1990s under the Liberal government of Jean Chrétien is a reminder of the kind of polarization that has seized the issue of gun regulation in the U.S., and other aspects of political and national life. "The arrival of, not just American right-wing politics like this, but the polarization that comes with it, as we look at how polarized the United States is, that really worries me," said Mr. Trudeau. "The entire long-gun registry debate has been pitting urban against rural, in ways that for me seem completely irresponsible."