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Fort Hood Murderer Sentenced

The Death Penalty Is Precisely What He Deserves

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When one human being randomly and wantonly takes the lives of others there is only one penalty that fits the heinousness of their crimes. They must forfeit their own life.

That's precisely what a jury took less than 2 hours to decide in the case of US Army Major Nidal Hasan, the man who murdered 13 innocent people and wounded another 31 at the Fort Hood Army Base in Texas in his self-proclaimed search for martyrdom.

He's no martyr. He's a murderer. There is a difference.

That he committed his atrocity in the name of the Muslim religion does not transform him into someone to be respected or admired. If anything it makes him someone to be despised even more. Murder in the name of God, any God, is simply repulsive even if you believe 70 virgins are waiting for you in Heaven when you die.

"A weight has been lifted off my shoulders," [said widow Joleen Cahill](#), who agreed with the sentence. Her husband, retired Chief Warrant Officer Michael Cahill, was among those killed. The other 12 were active duty soldiers.

Cahill's daughter Keely Vanacker added: "We are tired. We are hurt. We are resolved that justice has been served."

"He is not now and never will be a martyr. He is a criminal. He is a cold-blooded murderer," said prosecutor Colonel Michael Mulligan.

"He is not giving his life. We are taking his life."

That is also an important distinction. The coward who murdered a pregnant woman and 12 others deserves to forfeit his own life as payment for the evil he committed.

And rot in Hell for eternity.

Yours in Liberty,

Christopher

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Privacy Rights

Pew Research Center - Teens and Mobile Apps Privacy Report



OVERVIEW

As teens gain access to mobile devices, they have embraced app downloading. But many teen apps users have taken steps to uninstall or avoid apps over concern about their privacy. Location information is considered especially sensitive to teen girls, as a majority of them have disabled location tracking features on cell phones and in apps because they are worried about others' access to that information.

Here are some of the key findings in a new survey of U.S. teens ages 12-17:

- 58% of all teens have downloaded apps to their cell phone or tablet computer.
- 51% of teen apps users have avoided certain apps due to privacy concerns.
- 26% of teen apps users have uninstalled an app because they learned it was collecting personal information that they didn't wish to share.
- 46% of teen apps users have turned off location tracking features on their cell phone or in an app because they were worried about the privacy of their information.

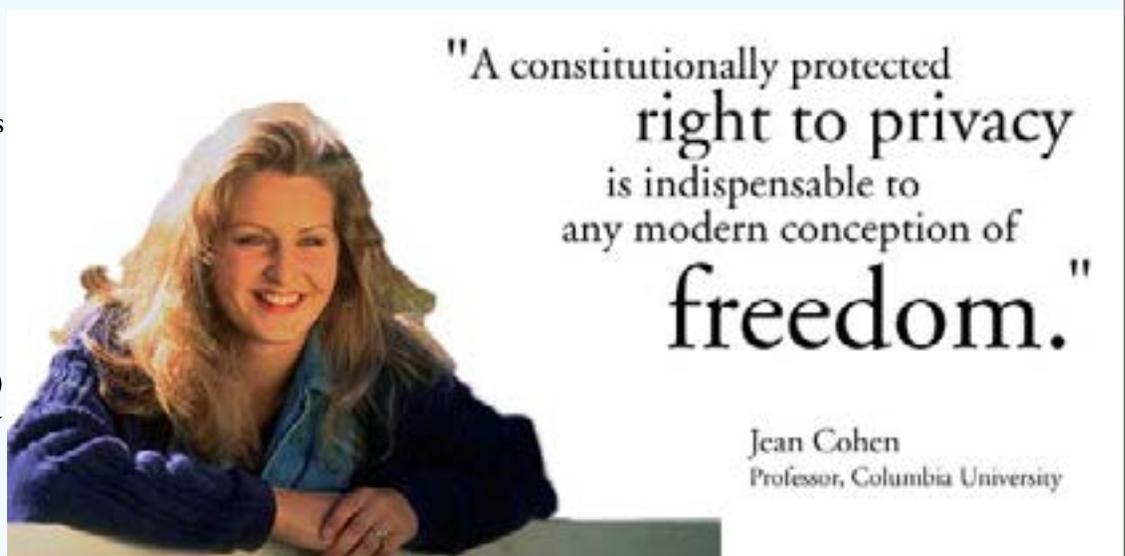
ABOUT THE SURVEY

The 2012 Teens and Privacy Management Survey sponsored by the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project obtained telephone interviews with a nationally representative sample of 802 teens aged 12 to 17 years-old and their parents living in the United States.

The survey was conducted by Princeton Survey Research Associates International. The interviews were done in English and Spanish by Princeton Data Source, LLC from July 26 to September 30, 2012. Statistical results are weighted to correct known demographic discrepancies. The margin of sampling error for the complete set of weighted data is ± 4.5 percentage points.

In collaboration with the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard, this report includes quotes gathered through a series of exploratory in-person focus group interviews about privacy and digital media, with a focus on social media sites, conducted by the Berkman Center's Youth and Media Project (www.youthandmedia.org) between February and April 2013. The team conducted 24 focus group interviews with a total of 156 participants across the greater Boston area, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara (California), and Greensboro (North Carolina) beginning in February 2013.

[Download Full Report Here](#)



Personal Privacy

Encrypted Email Service LavaBit Shuts Down, Citing Government Interference

The email service reportedly used by surveillance whistleblower Edward Snowden abruptly shut down on Thursday after its owner cryptically announced his refusal to become “complicit in crimes against the American people.”

Lavabit, an email service that boasted of its security features and claimed 350,000 customers, is no more, apparently after rejecting a court order for cooperation with the US government to participate in surveillance on its customers. It is the first such company known to have shuttered rather than comply with government surveillance.

Silent Circle, another provider of secure online services, announced on later Thursday night that it would scrap its own encrypted email offering, Silent Mail.

The founder of Lavabit, Ladar Levison, wrote on the company’s website: “I have been forced to make a difficult decision: to become complicit in crimes against the American people or walk away from nearly ten years of hard work by shutting down Lavabit.”

The news was first reported by Xenj Jardin the popular news site Boing Boing.

I highly recommend the article “[Lavabit founder: ‘My own tax dollars are being used to spy on me’](#)” by Dominic Rushe for a broader understanding of the Lavabit case and why it is important to us all, American or not.

If private communication is illegal in America, do you really think Canadians will be safe from this type of privacy intrusion? I certainly don’t.

My Fellow Users,

I have been forced to make a difficult decision: to become complicit in crimes against the American people or walk away from nearly ten years of hard work by shutting down Lavabit.

After significant soul searching, I have decided to suspend operations.

I wish that I could legally share with you the events that led to my decision. I cannot. I feel you deserve to know what’s going on--the first amendment is supposed to guarantee me the freedom to speak out in situations like this. Unfortunately, Congress has passed laws that say otherwise.

As things currently stand, I cannot share my experiences over the last six weeks, even though I have twice made the appropriate requests.

What’s going to happen now? We’ve already started preparing the paperwork needed to continue to fight for the Constitution in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. A favorable decision would allow me resurrect Lavabit as an American company.

This experience has taught me one very important lesson: without congressional action or a strong judicial precedent, I would strongly recommend against anyone trusting their private data to a company with physical ties to the United States.

Sincerely,

Ladar Levison

Owner and Operator, Lavabit LLC



Property Rights

Join us at the 2nd Annual Canadian Property Rights Conference

We hope to see you at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa from September 13th to the 15th for the Second Annual Canadian Property Rights Conference.

Following on the tremendous success of last year's conference, we've lined up a list of who's who when it comes to property rights from Canada and the United States. Attendees this year will have the opportunity to hear prospective on property rights from city planners, academics, former politicians and business people. This year's keynote speaker will be Stockwell Day, the former leader of Canada's Official Opposition.

The conference will start on the Friday night with a social, run through Saturday and Sunday morning. For a great early bird rate of \$99 and \$50 for students, attendees will also receive meals for the conference and hear from speakers including:

- ✓ Stockwell Day, Former Leader of the Canadian Alliance
- ✓ Randal O'Toole, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute
- ✓ Dwight Newman, Professor of Law, University of Saskatchewan
- ✓ David Seymour, Senior Fellow, Manning Foundation for Democratic Education
- ✓ Glenn Fox, Professor of Economics, University of Guelph
- ✓ Howard Knopf, IP Lawyer
- ✓ And more!

For more information on our speakers and the conference, make sure to visit the official conference page by clicking here. Don't forget to register for the conference and to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates. Register at <http://readthis.rightsandfreedoms.org/property-rights-conference-2013>

ILS Essay Contest

Can individual liberty and social justice be reconciled? We want to hear what you think. We'll be accepting essays of up to 2,000 words that answer this question and awarding \$3,000 in prizes! Essays must be received by September 1, 2013. Entrants must be studying at a recognized Canadian educational institution, or be Canadian citizens studying abroad. We'll be awarding the following prizes:

- ⇨ 1st Place - \$1,000 plus a trip to Atlas Liberty Forum in New York City (Nov 13-14).
- ⇨ 2nd Place - \$500
- ⇨ 3rd Place - \$250
- ⇨ 4th Place - \$250

Entries will be accepted at <http://readthis.rightsandfreedoms.org/ils-essay-contest>.



Institute for Liberal Studies

Civil Asset Forfeiture

Canadian Constitution Foundation and Bruce and Donna Montague Need Your Help

The Canadian Constitution Foundation announced on April 17, 2013 that it would provide legal counsel to Bruce and Donna Montague of Dryden, Ontario in their ongoing legal battle against government efforts to seize virtually all of their assets. Their court hearing is now scheduled for November 15, 2013, at Queen's Park in Toronto.

Bruce Montague was a licensed gunsmith and firearms dealer who believed that Canada's gun licensure laws were unconstitutional. He deliberately allowed his firearms licences to expire in 2003 so that he would be charged with an offence and could challenge the constitutionality of the law in court.

However, the Ontario courts rejected his constitutional arguments, and the Supreme Court of Canada declined to hear his appeal.

As a result, Bruce was convicted of 25 paperwork crimes involving his firearms. He was sentenced to 18 months in jail plus probation, and is now permanently prohibited from possessing firearms. He therefore cannot resume his career as a gunsmith.

Donna Montague, Bruce's wife, likewise let her firearms licence expire and was convicted of a single offence.

The federal government has applied under the Criminal Code to force the Montagues to forfeit ownership of all the firearms they own, including Bruce's business inventory. The value of these assets exceeds \$100,000.

The Ontario government has also brought a civil action claiming forfeiture of the same firearms plus the Montagues' home, which contained Bruce's shop. Ontario alleges the properties are either "proceeds of unlawful activity" or "instruments of unlawful activity" as defined by the Civil Remedies Act of 2001.

The Montagues were previously represented by lawyer Doug Christie, who died in March, 2013 of cancer.

Karen Selick, litigation director for the CCF, said: "I have been concerned about the Civil Remedies Act here in Ontario ever since it was introduced as a bill in December, 2000. I welcome the opportunity to defend this couple against financial ruin by a rapacious, opportunistic government."

Karen wrote about the Montague case in the Calgary Herald last summer in her article: "[Just like Russia, Canada Persecutes Its Protesters.](#)"

Karen has also written several newspaper articles opposing the Civil Remedies Act, including these :

- ✓ "[Ontario Wants to Put a Grab on Property Rights](#)"
- ✓ "[Go Ahead—Make Our Day](#)"
- ✓ "[Civil Asset Forfeiture Laws Punish the Innocent and Corrupt the State](#)"

Karen also appeared as a witness before the Ontario legislature's Standing Committee on Justice and Social Policy in 2001, opposing the passage of the Civil Remedies Act. Here is a [transcript of her remarks](#).

In September, 2012, Karen spoke about civil asset forfeiture at an Ottawa conference on property rights. Her talk, "[Property Forfeiture - the Trojan Horse of Law Enforcement](#)" can be seen on YouTube.

If you would like to help Bruce and Donna, [please make a donation to the CCF today](#). The CCF is a registered charity in Canada and the United States and we issue tax receipts for donations of \$25 or more.

If you prefer to [donate by check](#), please [download the CCF Donation Form](#) and send it in with [your donation in support of the Bruce and Donna Montague civil asset forfeiture case](#).

[Donations to the Canadian Constitution Foundation](#) of \$25 or more are **fully tax deductible**, meaning **it will cost you a fraction of your actual donation** in support of this critical case, where our very Rights and Freedoms are under attack.

The Canadian Constitution Foundation is fighting for our Rights and Freedoms. Please donate generously!

Firearm Politics

Firearms - If You Can't Ban Them Then Tax Them Out Of Existence!

That's the latest [moronic plan](#) by New Jersey Democrat Representative Bill Pascrell, since he can't get his way and ban guns.

Under Pascrell's proposed plan all handguns would be taxed at 20% and all ammunition would be taxed at 50%. His rationale for the tax hikes?

Taxes on handguns and ammunition haven't been raised in decades, and he wants those tax rates to get "caught up".

"The tax on handguns was last increased in 1955. Worse yet, the tax rate on ammunition and other types of firearms has remained the same since 1941. Now we got to make priorities here."

There's that old liberal logic. Tax rates must rise forever, especially on items liberals despise. It's a shame liberals don't despise "stupid"... then we could simply tax *them* out of existence!

Pascrell's grossly misnamed "*Gun Violence Prevention and Safe Communities Act*" would double the excise tax on guns to 20 percent and quintuple the existing rate on ammunition from 11% to 50%.

While he grudgingly admitted his bill only had the "potential" for cutting gun violence, he was quite positive it would raise an additional \$600 million in revenue.

Of course it's never about "preventing violence" is it? It's always about [revenue generation](#).

"*If those darned gun owners won't give up their guns, we'll at least make them pay for the privilege,*" says the liberal mindset.

Only it's NOT a privilege, is it? No, it's a RIGHT, another thing liberals can't stand and refuse to comprehend.

Here in Canada we'd best be prepared to fight this garbage as well. Canadian gun banners, fresh from their defeat over the long gun registry, will be on the lookout for other ways to harass gun owners out of existence.

In fact, that's already happening. For more information on that, please see the **Action Alert** at the end of this issue of Canadian Rights and Freedoms Bulletin.



Technology

New York City, New York State and Washington, DC, Move to Ban 3D-Printed Guns

Horrified that someone might manufacture a firearm without government permission, knowledge or approval, [Nanny State lawmakers](#) want to ban the creation of 3D-printed guns.

“If left unregulated, these would be weapons without histories -- potentially no identifying marks or sales histories,” New York City Council Member Lewis Fidler said. “We wouldn’t even know these weapons exist, until they were fired.”

Oh, the horror!

Governments exist to protect and defend the Liberty of citizens. I know that statement flies in the face of all evidence in the last dozen decades, but that is the truth of the matter.

Politicians with political agendas, generally anti-gun and anti-freedom agendas, forget or ignore that unpalatable fact.

“It can become dangerous if people start printing their own firearms and there is no regulation,” New York State Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal told New York Daily News.

Dangerous? Of course. Accepting risk for one’s actions is part of being a free human being. Actions have consequences and those of us willing to act like adults comprehend that. We take responsibility for our actions and accept the consequences of those action. Sadly, politicians like Rosenthal and Fidler don’t want adults, they want perpetual children so they may rule uninterrupted over their child paradise.

Thankfully Cody Wilson, the head of Defense Distributed, made sure no government can ever control the technology. He released the plans for his 3D-printed handgun on the internet and hundreds of thousands of digital copies were downloaded overnight.

Despite the US State Department’s crackdown on Defense Distributed’s website, the digital files are readily available on torrent sites like The Pirate Bay and KickAss Torrents.

“These laws are exercises in containment -- the containment of technical progress, necessary for its growth in the establishment’s preferred direction. These NY lawmakers (And congressmen, don’t forget there are companion bills in both the US House and Senate sponsored by Israel and Schumer) are defying the possibility of transcendence with strategies of containment. Progress, yes, but only at our direction and under our supervision,” Cody Wilson said.

“Sorry, that’s not how technology works.”

As I wrote about back in may in my article [“US State Department Gets Knickers In a Twist over 3D Printable Handgun”](#) US Representative Steve Israel (D-NY), is also trying to ban this innovation in his attempts to pass the [Undetectable Firearms Modernization Act](#).

Steve Israel (Dem-Moron) begged for an update to the 1988 “Undetectable Firearms Modernization Act” which makes it a federal offense to “manufacture, import, sell, ship, deliver, possess, transfer, or receive” any type of weapon that is undetectable by an airport metal detector.

Since it’s already illegal to do these things, the only answer for Steve Israel is make it “more” illegal. Yeah, that will solve things!

Cody Wilson and Defense Distributed are complying as best they can with the State Department directive. They removed the files from their website, DefCad.org, and placed the following notice at the top of their homepage:

“DEFCAD files are being removed from public access at the rest of the US Department of Defense Trade Controls. Until further notice, the United States government claims control over the information.”

Isn’t that just like a tyrant... steal the intellectual property of the creator and claim ownership or, as happened here, claim that it’s “illegal” for the creator to possess that knowledge as well.

Citizen Abuse of the Week

SWAT Team Raids Organic Garden but Comes Up Empty

It just doesn't pay to operate an enterprise that the government does not approve. News out of Texas, the state supposedly standing up for Liberty and Freedom (Ha!), is shocking but not unexpected. Out of control bureaucrats decided The Garden of Eden was up to no good and sent in an Arlington SWAT Team to prove it.

They came up with nothing except an outstanding traffic ticket and a couple of city code violations for their massive effort.

To quote [Phillip Hodges](#),

The latest example of the militarization of police comes out of the Lone Star State. A community of people had the audacity to live on a 3.5-acre self-sustaining organic farm in Arlington, Texas they called the Garden of Eden. That alone is enough of an offense these days that warrants drone surveillance and swift action from a SWAT team decked out in military gear, wielding automatic weapons.

Welcome to the Police State, where only "approved" activities are tolerated.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No Weed, Just Weeds

City of Arlington SWAT Raid on Peaceful Organic Farmers is a Big Budget Bust

[Click here for updates and progress in this matter](#)

Arlington, TX August 5, 2013

At around seven thirty last Friday morning, inhabitants of The Garden of Eden, a small Intentional Community based on Sustainability, were awakened by a SWAT raid conducted by the City of Arlington for suspicion of being a full fledged marijuana growth and trafficking operation.

Ultimately only a single arrest was made based on unrelated outstanding traffic violations, a handful of citations were given for city code violations, and zero drug related violations were found.

The entire operation lasted about 10 hours and involved many dozens of city officials, SWAT team, police officers, and code compliance employees, and numerous official vehicles including dozens of police cars and several specialized vehicles that were involved in the "abatement" operation.

Witnesses say that there were helicopters and unmanned flying drones circling the property in the days prior to the raid that are presumed to have been a part of the intelligence gathering. The combined expenses for the raid itself and the collection of information leading up to the fruitless raid are estimated in the tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars.

All 8 adults present in the house were initially handcuffed at gunpoint by heavily armed SWAT officers, including the mother of a 22 month old and a two week old baby who was separated from her children during the raid.

The majority of police activity on the day of the raid included mowing the grass, the forcible destruction of both wild and cultivated plants like blackberries, lamb's quarters and okra, and the removal of other varied materials from around the premises such as pallets, tires and cardboard that the Community members say they had collected for use in sustainability projects.

No marijuana or other drugs were found on site and the inhabitants of the premises were all unarmed.

After several hours and many requests from the community members, the City Police Officers finally produced two warrants.

The first was a Search Warrant for a suspected marijuana growth and distribution operation purportedly being concealed on the premises.

There was also an Inspection & Abatement Warrant for code compliance violations such as tall grass and storage in the yard, an issue that the City of Arlington and The Garden of Eden have been disputing since February of this year.

The marijuana warrant was issued based on an unsubstantiated claim by an Arlington City Police Officer of possession of marijuana by one of the community members for which there is no police record. Garden of Eden community members also say they have a series of documents showing that their dispute with the City of Arlington over the code compliance violations had already been addressed and settled.

Landowner Shellie Smith states that she has been requesting a peaceful and honorable resolution since the onset of the dispute in February, requesting the aid of the City Manager Trey Yelverton, Sheriff Dee Anderson and Mayor Robert Cluck, but has received no response in the matter.

Ms. Smith says

“the City codes are in violation of our natural and Constitutional rights to live freely while causing damage to no one, and since there is no damaged party, there has been no crime committed on our part. Rather, the City of Arlington has trespassed and committed robbery against us, amongst other crimes, and will be held accountable in a court of law in due time. We have been targeted by the system because we are showing people how to live without it. We are growing more than just tomatoes here, we are growing the consciousness that will allow people to live freely and sustainably, and the system doesn't want that to be known.”

[For updates on the unfolding of these matters click here](#)

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The Garden of Eden is a small intentional community in southwest Arlington dedicated to Freedom, Sustainability and Responsibility. Since 2009 they have been providing food, shelter and sustainability education classes and workshops to the public for free.

Their 3.5 acre land contains chickens, bees, composting stations, a large vegetable garden and many wildcrafted trees and plants that are used for foods, medicines, and household and beauty products. Their vision is to be a fully self-sustaining center for education on sustainable living.

To learn more about the Garden of Eden, or be in support, visit intothegardenfedden.com or contact them at gardenofedenvortex@gmail.com.

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Political Accountability

Why the UN Should Take Responsibility for Haiti's Cholera Outbreak

by [Celso Perez](#) and [Muneer I. Ahmad](#)

Despite much evidence to the contrary, for nearly three years, the United Nations has categorically denied that it introduced cholera into Haiti after the country suffered a devastating earthquake in 2010. Since then, cholera has killed more than 8,000 people and infected more than 600,000, creating an ongoing epidemic. As new cases continue to emerge, and the UN's legitimacy continues to erode, it is time for the organization to apologize and take responsibility for the consequences of its actions and its inaction.

In a new report, [Peacekeeping Without Accountability](#), which was released Tuesday, members of the Transnational Development Clinic at Yale Law School (YLS) and the Global Health Justice Partnership, an initiative of YLS and the Yale School of Public Health, provide scientific evidence showing that the UN brought cholera to Haiti and argue that the organization's refusal to hold itself accountable to the Haitian people is both immoral and illegal.

As we detail, international law, including the UN Charter, human rights treaties, and status-of-forces agreements (SOFAs), requires that the UN provide individuals affected by its peacekeeping operations with mechanisms for bringing claims against the organization. The failure to provide remedies in Haiti is part of a recent pattern of the UN neglecting its legal and moral responsibilities in peacekeeping operations worldwide. A continued refusal would further undermine the organization's claim to promote the rule of law and human well-being in its missions.

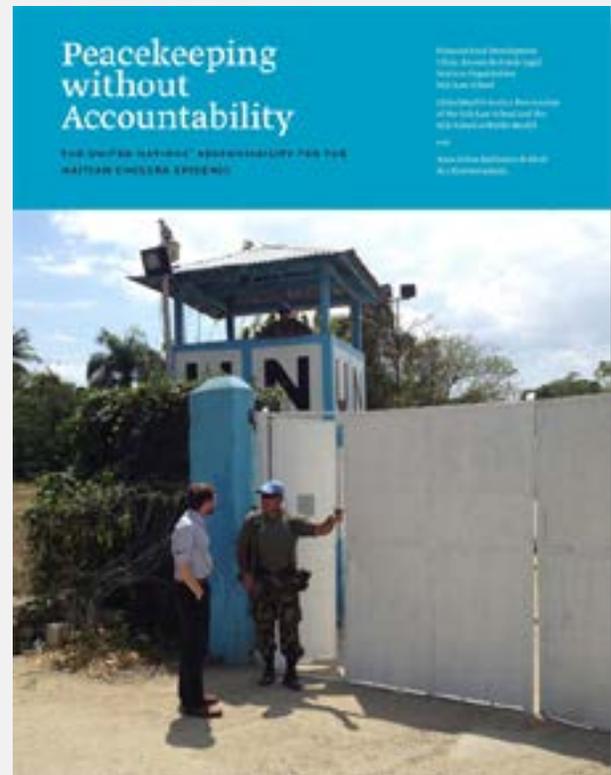
According to extensive documentation by scientists and journalists, including Armin Rosen at The Atlantic, peacekeeping troops belonging to the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) inadvertently but negligently brought cholera into the country several months after the January 2010 earthquake.

That October, troops from Nepal carrying the disease were stationed at a military base near the town of M \acute{e} y \grave{e} . Because of inadequate water and sanitation facilities at the base, cholera-infected sewage contaminated the Artibonite River, the largest river in Haiti and one of the country's main water sources.

As locals consumed the contaminated water, cholera spread across the country. Absent from Haiti for over a century, cholera is now projected to plague the country for at least another decade.

The UN has disingenuously claimed that the scientific evidence on the introduction of cholera into Haiti is "inconclusive," citing a 2011 epidemiological report that the UN itself commissioned. In late July, however, the same experts who wrote the 2011 report -- and who are [no longer employed by the UN](#) -- retreated from their earlier findings.

While the exact source of cholera in Haiti "may never be known with scientific certainty," they said, the "preponderance of the evidence" leads to the conclusion that MINUSTAH troops brought cholera to Haiti. Our report concurs with this conclusion, finding unequivocally that epidemiological and other scientific evidence points overwhelmingly to UN troops as the source of the epidemic.



In addition to rejecting scientific proof, UN officials have repeatedly denied their legal and moral obligations in Haiti. In a recent letter to the U.S. Congress, UN Secretary-General Ban-Ki Moon noted that Haitian claims for redress are not receivable under international law, as the UN has legal immunity.

Ironically, however, the secretary-general cited the same treaty -- [the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations](#) -- that requires the organization to “make provisions for appropriate modes of settlement” for claims that arise from its missions.

While the UN does have legal immunity in very specific instances, it does not have carte-blanche impunity. Treaty law requires that when UN missions harm innocent bystanders, the organization must provide a forum for victims to seek justice--even if that forum is not a court of law.

Along with its standing responsibilities under treaty law, the UN accepted obligations to respect the human rights of Haitians, including their right to health, when it signed a SOFA with Haiti in 2004. Among other guarantees, this agreement explicitly promised to create a “standing claims commission” to review “any dispute or claim of a private-law character”--meaning, claims arising from injuries or contract violations attributable to the UN. Yet the UN has not established a claims commission in Haiti.

In fact, our research shows that, while the UN has promised claims commissions, if needed, in over 30 SOFAs since 1990, the organization has not established a single commission. Given reports in several countries, including Haiti, of [wrongdoing and negligence by peacekeepers](#), the failure to establish claims commissions has left countless victims without access to justice.

The UN has suggested that accepting accountability for the cholera epidemic would prove a slippery, dangerous slope. It claims that owning up to its deeds would complicate and possibly compromise MINUSTAH and other peacekeeping missions, set an untenable precedent for addressing the consequences of peacekeeping around the world, and pose a large financial burden.

However, these are inadequate reasons to deny responsibility.

We argue here and in our report that the outcomes of the UN apologizing for the cholera epidemic and establishing a claims commission, looking to models like the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund and UN Compensation Commission in Iraq, would in fact improve its operations, set a stronger precedent for future accountability in peacekeeping missions, and enhance the UN’s overall legitimacy.

The UN has played an important role in Haiti’s post-earthquake recovery effort, yet it has also caused great harm.

The organization’s ongoing unwillingness to hold itself accountable to the victims of cholera violates existing obligations under international law. Moreover, by failing to lead by example, the UN is undercutting its core aims of promoting international peace, law, and human rights.

As the third anniversary of the Haitian epidemic approaches this October, it is time for the UN to live up to its mandate.

MOLON LABE



Action Alert

The Following Issue Requires Immediate Action

Wendy Cukier's Coalition for Gun Control is desperately attempting to salvage the Quebec long gun registry. She's asked the Supreme Court for permission to intervene on the Province of Quebec's behalf in support of keeping the grossly incorrect database, even though it is unknown if the Supreme Court will hear the case.

Horrified that her annual parade of the dead women from 1989's L'Ecole Polytechnique shooting rampage by [Gamil Gharbi](#) hasn't garnered her more support, she's also teamed up with a Quebec anti-gun group to pressure Steven Blaney, our new Minister of Public Safety.

Complaining that the loss of Quebec's gun registry will endanger the lives of Quebecers as it has already done in the rest of the country, she is demanding Minister Blaney support her request to transfer the database to Quebec to "*maintain security and safety of your fellow citizens.*" The lack of shooting deaths since the database was destroyed for the rest of Canada simply proves Cukier is a fraud with an agenda; that the truth doesn't matter.

Despite Windy Wendy's protestations otherwise, the rest of the nation has not suffered a spike in shooting deaths with the loss of Canada's useless long gun registry, and it is critical that Public Safety Minister Blaney hear something other than the bleating cries and pathetic mewling of Wendy and her ilk.

Please take a few minutes to write a letter to Minister Blaney supporting the Harper government's decision to scrap the long gun registry and to encourage him to continue fighting Quebec's quest to keep that database.

We've already won this legal battle at the Quebec Superior Court level. The Quebec Government now wants to bring the issue before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Minister Blaney needs to hear from Canadians who support the scrapping of this database, as it has absolutely nothing to do with protecting Canadians from so-called "*gun violence.*"

There is no such thing as "*gun violence.*" It's one in a long line of misnomers used by those who despise guns to tug on the heartstrings of those who haven't educated themselves on this issue.

Do we call it "*car violence*" when drunk drivers kill people? Or "*knife violence*" when someone stabs another human being? No, of course not.

We hold the individual accountable for their criminal actions, not the piece of private property they used to commit their crime. That's precisely as it should be.

Tracking law-abiding citizens does not promote safety or prevent murderers from committing crimes.

Canada's law-abiding firearm owners are NOT the problem. Canada's law-abiding firearm owners didn't kill anyone yesterday. Canada's law-abiding firearm owners didn't kill anyone today. Canada's law-abiding firearm owners are not going to kill anyone tomorrow either. Not even when the law no longer requires us to register our rifles and shotguns.

Contact to Minister Blaney using the following information:

The Honourable Steven Blaney
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House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

You can also contact him by phone or fax at:

Phone: (613) 992-7434

Fax: (613) 995-6856

His email addresses are:

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Political Action

The Political Action Wizard Free Senate Edition - Download and Use it Today

On June 23, 2013 I announced that the [political action software program](#) I had created for contacting every Senator in Canada was ready for you to [download and use](#). While the reason I created the software is no longer relevant (The Senate repeal Section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act on June 28) the Canadian Senate still has a lot of power over the lives of ordinary Canadians.

While they did a great thing by finally passing Bill C-304 to repeal Section 13, the very same day they absolutely gutted Bill C-377, a bill that would have forced Canadian labour unions to become more transparent. They did this and got away with it because nobody was watching them and they knew it.

[The Political Action Wizard Free Senate Edition](#) is a tool for every Canadian to use to write to our Senators and express our views on the legislation before them. As their actions on Bill C-377 proved, we must let our Senators know we're watching otherwise all kinds of silliness takes place.

<http://download.politicalactionsoftware.org/senate-free-edition/>

