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Some Cops Should NEVER Speak

They Show Their Ignorance and Anti-Gun Agenda When They Do

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This past week Staff Sergeant Mark Patterson of the Ottawa Guns and Gangs Unit made the mistake of getting on the air during an Ottawa 580 radio show. On that show this so-called *defender* of our Rights and Freedoms explained how Canadians were now in far greater danger than they were just a year ago.

His rationale? The long gun registry was dismantled.

Staff Sergeant Patterson insisted on the radio show that we will see more long guns used to commit crimes because the Conservative government shut down the useless long gun registry.

This attitude by Staff Sergeant Patterson is consistent with that of police agencies across the country, most notably the RCMP. They believe, at least publicly, that the long gun registry was useful in solving crimes. Why they believe this is a mystery given the fact the registry was so full of errors they could not use it in court.

But worse than this senseless attitude by police is the sheer stupidity of their position.

Canada will now have MORE long guns used in crimes because the long gun registry is no more, yet they have absolutely NO ANSWER when asked why the handgun registry does not stop any of the shootings in downtown Toronto, Ottawa or other major cities in Canada.

If the long gun registry somehow (*magically*) stopped criminals from using long guns in crimes, why doesn't the handgun registry stop criminals from using handguns?

Darn... there I go again... asking questions they refuse to answer.

Silly me.

[Listen to the interview here](#) if you want your blood pressure to rise. :)

Yours in Liberty,

Christopher

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Freedom of Speech

Freedom of Speech? Not in Vietnam... New Internet Restrictions Now In Force

Do you want to write a blog about current events? Then you'd best find another country to live it if you are a Vietnamese citizen or even a person living there. You no longer have the right to [publicly comment on current events](#) in the communist state.

A controversial law banning Vietnamese online users from discussing current affairs has come into effect.

The decree, known as Decree 72, says blogs and social websites should not be used to share news articles, but only personal information.

The law also requires foreign internet companies to keep their local servers inside Vietnam. It has been criticised by internet companies and human rights groups, as well as the US government.

Vietnam is a one-party communist state and the authorities maintain a tight grip on the media.

Dozens of activists, including bloggers, have been convicted for anti-state activity in the country this year.

The new law specifies that social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook should only be used "to provide and exchange personal information".

It also prohibits the online publication of material that "opposes" the Vietnamese government or "harms national security".

Last month the US embassy in Hanoi said it was "deeply concerned by the decree's provisions", arguing that "fundamental freedoms apply online just as they do offline".

[Reporters Without Borders](#), an organization dedicated to freedom of speech, said the following in their [press release](#) about Decree 72:

The decree's announcement came just days after Vietnam decided to be a candidate for membership of the UN Human Rights Council for 2014-2016. Reporters Without Borders points out that Article 9 of the General Assembly resolution creating the council – Resolution 60/251 of 3 April 2006 – states that "members elected to the Council shall uphold the highest standards in the promotion and protection of human rights."

Vietnam falls far short of the highest standards and persecutes bloggers and netizens.

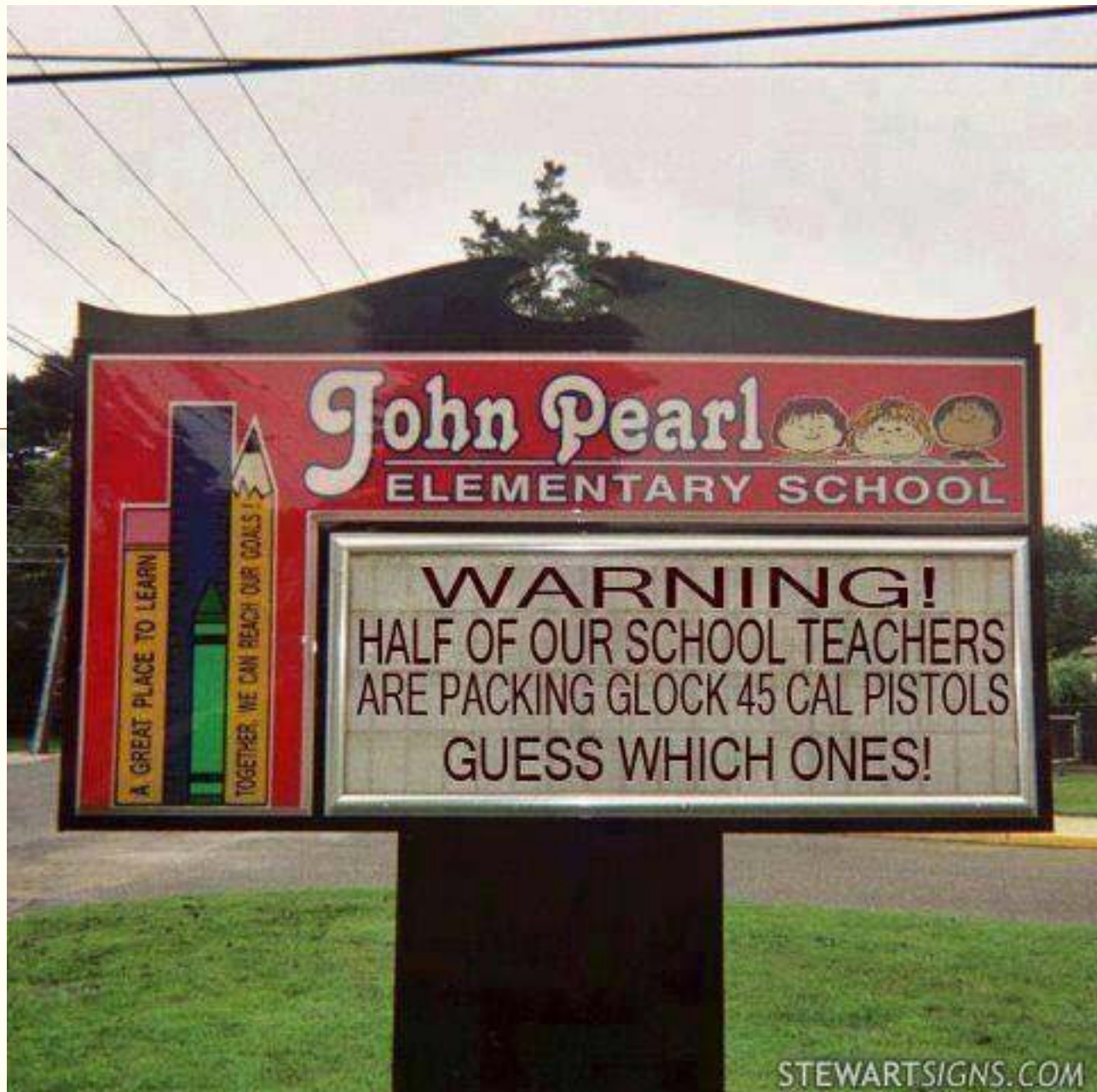
We've already got Facebook and Twitter. If a blog is useful ONLY for sharing personal information then a blog has no use at all. Good thing I don't live in Vietnam or I'd be in prison... and all the more reason for us to fight censorship here at home. The last thing we need is a government telling us what we can and cannot say in public.



Self Defense

Defending Students From Would-Be Mass Killers is a Virtue, not a Sin

Regardless of whether or not the photo below is real, the sentiment expressed within it is. When criminals don't know who, if anyone, is armed, they go elsewhere looking for softer targets. Children are our most precious resource yet when we insist they be vulnerable to lunatics by enforcing "gun-free zones" in our schools all we accomplish is guaranteeing there will be MORE school shootings, not LESS.



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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!

The Firearms Act

Osoyoos Man, Tyler Ryan Cuff, charged with smuggling guns to BC gangs

Despite my love of firearms, there are certain folks I never want to see with them. Criminal gang members would definitely fall into that category.

Tyler Cuff allegedly used his dual citizenship to legally buy rifles and handguns in the United States, then smuggled them into Canada at the Osoyoos, BC, and Oroville, WA, border crossing and sold them to BC-based gang members.

According to news reports, in the first 5 months of 2013 the Canada Border Service Agency seized 61 firearms in the Pacific region, the majority of which were classed as either restricted or prohibited firearms in Canada.

That Cuff was arrested at all is some pretty dumb luck by the cops. They did not know of Tyler Cuff at all. He was not on their radar and had no criminal record.

Cuff allegedly made the mistake of [selling a Norinco MAK-90 to an undercover cop](#) in Langley, BC on August 29, 2013.

Should he be convicted of illegally possessing and selling restricted and prohibited firearms Tyler Cuff will likely spend a long time in prison, so I hope the money he made was worth it.

Why anyone would want to risk years in federal prison for selling a few knock-off AKs is beyond me, but obviously there are folks out there that think that's a worthwhile risk to take. Tyler Cuff obviously felt it was worthwhile and will now, if convicted of smuggling and illegally selling restricted and prohibited firearms, get to pay for that stupidity with a big chunk of his life.

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Liberty

Can you imagine promising to return to a prison camp with only your word at stake?

In today's world I cannot imagine this could happen.

The concept of honour and being a "man of your word" seems lost in the 21st century.

It's that backdrop that makes the story of British Army Captain Robert Campbell all the more compelling.

During the First World War Captain Campbell was captured and sent to the Magdeburg prisoner of war camp.

He was there for over two years when he received word his mother, Louise Campbell, had cancer and was soon to die.



Desperate to see his mother one last time before she passed on Captain Robert Campbell wrote a letter to Kaiser Wilhelm II in which he begged to be granted leave to return home.

As incredible as it sounds, Kaiser Wilhelm II granted Captain Campbell's request. He granted the army officer 2 weeks leave on Campbell's word as an army officer that he would return. His word was his bond.

The story continues on [The Telegraph's website](#) in an article written by Victoria Ward.

The young soldier returned to his family home in Gravesend, Kent, in December 1916 and spent time with his mother before returning to the camp, where he was held until the war ended in 1918. His "unique" story was discovered by historian Richard Van Emden, 48.

"Capt Campbell was an officer and he made a promise on his honour to go back," he said.

"Had he not turned up there would not have been any retribution on any other prisoners. What I think is more amazing is that the British Army let him go back to Germany. The British could have said to him 'you're not going back, you're going to stay here'.

"I think it is such a unique example that I don't think you can draw any parallels. In my experience this is a one off."

Capt Campbell had been leading the 1st Bn East Surrey Regiment when he was captured during the Battle of Mons in France in August 1914, just weeks after the war began.

When eventually freed, he returned home and retired from the military in 1925. But he rejoined in 1939, taking up the role of Chief Observer of the Royal Observer Corps on the Isle of Wight for the duration of the Second World War.

He died in July 1966 aged 81.

What an amazing story! It is a stark reminder of the kind of men we once were, and should be again. Men and women who held their word, their handshake alone, as the measure of their character.

Today we think nothing of breaking promises and dishonouring ourselves even when the stakes are far, far less than what Captain Robert Campbell faced: the certain knowledge he must return to a prisoner of war camp if he was to be an honourable man and keep his word.

Human Rights

United Nations Demands Answers! George Zimmerman guilty of a “Hate Crime”?

It sounds utterly bizarre, but what else can we expect from the intellectual giants inhabiting the United Nations building in New York? These [morally-bankrupt lemmings](#) want to challenge the United States to “examine” US law to see if it has a “*discriminatory impact*” on African-Americans.

Any rational and sane person would be far more concerned about civil rights violations in many African nations. Any person with even the slightest moral backbone would demand that the [United Nations stop sanctioning genocide](#) and standing idly by while lunatics with machetes carve up every member of entire African villages, but hey, why do that when you can point your finger at the United States instead?

We Canadians shouldn't get up too far on our moral high horse either. We made Romeo Dallaire, the leader of the United Nations force in Rwanda and the coward who “followed orders” instead of doing what was right, a [Liberal Senator](#).

We now pay this [self-admitted coward](#) hundreds of thousands of dollars every year for his “expertise”.

3 September 2013 – A group of United Nations independent experts today called on the Government of the United States to finalize the ongoing review of the case involving the death of teenager Trayvon Martin, an African –American teenager who was shot in 2012 by a neighbourhood watchman in the state of Florida.

“We call upon the US Government to examine its laws that could have discriminatory impact on African Americans, and to ensure that such laws are in full compliance with the country's international legal obligations and relevant standards,” said human rights expert Verene Shepherd, who currently heads the UN Working Group of Experts of People of African Descent.

The death of Trayvon Martin sparked a new debate about racial profiling in the United States after the unarmed black 17-year-old was shot and killed in Florida by George Zimmerman, a neighbourhood watchman. Mr. Zimmerman, who argued that he acted in self-defence and with justifiable use of deadly force, was found not guilty of all charges against him.

The US Department of Justice, the US Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are currently evaluating the evidence generated during the federal investigation, as well as the evidence and testimony from the state trial, trying to establish potential civil rights charges linked to the case.

“The Trayvon Martin case has highlighted the importance of the need to review those existing laws and policies that can have a discriminatory effect on the basis of race, as African Americans become more vulnerable to such discrimination,” Ms. Shepherd said, recalling that the US has been party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights since 1992, the International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination since 1994, and many other international human rights law treaties.

“States are required to take effective measures to review governmental, national and local policies, and to amend, rescind or nullify any laws and regulations which have the effect of creating or perpetuating racial discrimination wherever it exists,” said the Special Rapporteur on racism, Mutuma Ruteere.

According to the 2011 US Department of Justice Hate Crime Statistics, 71.9 per cent of the total number of victims of hate crimes reported to the nation's law enforcement agencies were victims of an offender's anti-black bias. In a 2012 survey, the local non-governmental organization Malcolm X Grassroots Movement found that at least 136 unarmed African Americans were killed by police, security guards and self-appointed vigilantes over the course of a single year.



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:

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House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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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.

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