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Premier Redford's View

of Albertans' Property Rights: They Don't Have Any

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Premier Alison Redford came to her current view of property rights during her time at the United Nations. In other words, she believes that Albertans should shut up and do what they're told, not stand up for their Rights and Freedoms like they're doing currently in High River, Alberta.

That Premier Redford believes the RCMP invasion of homes and theft of private property during recent flooding is "no big deal" shows she has no respect for Albertans, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, nor for the office she currently holds.

Someone gave the order for the RCMP to kick in doors and seize firearms. We will probably never know who that person is, but it is possible the order came from Redford's office, or that she knew about it and didn't think it worthwhile to stop the order.

Regardless, as the Premier of Alberta, she is ultimately the person on the hook for paying compensation to every single resident of High River who had their homes damaged by rampaging and out of control RCMP members earlier this year.

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That Ian Shardlow, the new head of the RCMP in High River, cannot get answers to this simple question despite trying repeatedly to do so shows the utter cowardice and incompetence of both the RCMP and Premier Alison Redford and her entire cabinet.

Alison Redford and the RCMP: You Screwed Up. Now you must fix it.

Stop playing politics with the lives of High River residents. They deserve better from Alberta's premier and the police force that's supposedly there to protect them.

Yours in Liberty,

Christopher

Freedom of Speech

Is Arthur Topham on Trial for Wilful Promotion of Hatred, or Freedom of Speech itself?

I've been writing about Arthur Topham's case for a while now, primarily because his case shows the extremes to which our police and government will go to trample on our Right to Freedom of Speech.

With the repeal of Section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act, those who despise our Right to Freedom of Speech, as guaranteed under Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, have no choice but to use another law that must also be repealed: Section 319(2) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Here is the entire section of law that is currently "*dealing with*" the so-called public menace known as Arthur Topham and his website, RadicalPress.com.

319. (1) Every one who, by communicating statements in a public place, incites hatred against any identifiable group where such incitement is likely to lead to a breach of the peace if guilty of

- (a) an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years; or
- (b) an offence punishable on summary conviction.

(2) Every one who, by communicating statements, other than in private conversation, wilfully promotes hatred against and identifiable group is guilty of

- (a) an indictable offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years; or
 - (b) an offence punishable on summary conviction.
- (3)** No person shall be convicted of an offence under subsection (2)
- (a) if he establishes that the statements communicated were true;
 - (b) if, in good faith, he expressed or attempted to establish by argument an opinion on a religious subject;
 - (c) if the statements were relevant to any subject of public interest, the discussion of which was for the public benefit, and if on reasonable grounds he believed them to be true; or
 - (d) if, in good faith, he intended to point out, for the purpose of removal, matters producing or tending to produce feelings of hatred toward an identifiable group in Canada.

Definition of "identifiable group"

318 (4) In this section, "identifiable group" means any section of the public distinguished by colour, race, religion, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.

What is important to note about charges under Section 318 (advocating genocide) and 319 (public incitement of hatred) is that a person can ONLY be charged with these offenses if the Attorney General of the province agrees.

318 (3) & 319 (6)

No proceeding for an offence under subsection (2) shall be instituted without the consent of the Attorney General.

Arthur Topham expresses his opinions on a variety of social issues, much as I do here in the pages of Canadian Rights and Freedoms Bulletin each week. He has a Right to express those views, regardless of whether or not anyone else on the planet agrees with him. Expressing an opinion that is "approved of" by the majority should NEVER be the test for Freedom of Speech. Should it be, we may never have learned the Earth is round, for that very thought was considered heretical in its early days.

An unpopular idea, no matter how it is expressed, must not be criminalized. Doing so only guarantees our collective ignorance and bigotry against those who "*do not think like us*" ... whatever that is supposed to mean.

Freedom of Speech

Anti-Israel Ads incite rage from Jewish Groups, but Translink Isn't Listening.

The greater Vancouver area transit system is run by a consortium called TransLink. This group routinely seeks tax hikes on gasoline to generate revenue for themselves and their spending addiction, but that's a story for another time and another section of this *Bulletin*.

TransLink recently made headlines for another reason. They accepted a series of ads that are called controversial and, if B'nai Brith Canada is to be believed, violate Translink's own policy on acceptable advertising.

A [press release](#) issued by B'nai Brith said the following:

August 28, 2013, Toronto – Translink has become the latest platform for anti-Israel agitators by allowing misleading ads to appear on its Vancouver buses, says B'nai Brith Canada.

“There are many reasons why Translink should exercise its corporate discretion and refuse to carry the ads,” commented Frank Dimant, CEO of B'nai Brith Canada. Clearly, the advertisements are misleading and designed to deceive the public as to both the real history of Palestine as well as the facts on the ground today. The ads are designed to lead viewers to conclude that Israel is the culprit – contrary to Translink's advertising policies against ads which are “*demeaning, derogatory, exploitative and unfair comment or representation of a group of persons*”.

“The true intent of the ad campaign becomes clear if the groups behind the ads are examined. In fact Translink's policy requires that the advertisers identity be revealed. Rabid anti-Israel groups including CanPalNet and Independent Jewish Voices have come together as part of their ongoing attempt to *Demonize, Denigrate and Delgitimatize the only democratic state in the Middle East – the 3 d's in the latest evolution of anti-semitism*.

“The ad is just one more attempt to literally wipe Israel off the map thereby making common cause with terrorist entities like Hamas or Hezbollah. We encourage members of the community to write to Translink and let them know that such a vicious campaign is not welcome and should be stopped by pulling the ads immediately.”

That's an interesting press release, to say the least. As noted on the previous page of this edition of Canadian Rights and Freedoms Bulletin, Quesnel, BC, resident Arthur Topham is currently on trial for allegedly expressing “anti-jewish” thoughts and opinions as is his Right under Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. For the *crime* of expressing his personal thoughts and opinions on the internet, Arthur Topham faces charges under Section 319(2) of the Criminal Code of Canada, in what many call a violation of his Charter Section 2 Rights.

Given the B'nai Brith interpretation of the ads currently running on TransLink ad space, a reasonable person might think the individuals and groups behind the ads **must also be charged** for “*wilfully promoting hatred against an identifiable group*”, but they are not. Nor should they be.

As [Robyn Urback wrote](#) in the *National Post*,

“*The suggestion that criticism of Israel necessarily amounts to hatred of its supporters is a ridiculous position.*”

If a person or group cannot express his, her or their opinions on public policy and/or current events (as the poor citizens of Vietnam as noted in [last week's Rights and Freedoms Bulletin](#)) then Freedom of Speech simply does not exist.

That Jewish groups are incensed by someone saying things they don't like is their right, but their crass attempts at censorship only exposes their hypocrisy and double-standards for all to see. It's perfectly okay for Jewish groups like B'nai Brith to comment on the actions of others, yet the shoe must never be on the other foot?

Let's not be quite that absurd, okay? If you cannot handle someone saying something you don't like, you need to grow up. **Freedom of Speech is and must always remain a two-way street.**

SLAPP of the Week (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation)

Lytton, BC, Residents Lose Their Bid to have possible SLAPP Lawsuit Dismissed

The Honourable Mr. Justice Savage refused to dismiss a lawsuit against Sheila Maguire, the outspoken woman who protested against the composting plant built in the Botanie Valley just outside of Lytton, British Columbia.

Northwest Organics bought the McKay Ranch a few years ago and began the process of building a state-of-the-art composting facility on it. The facility, which is in operation now, was opposed by many residents of the Botanie Valley for a variety of reasons. That opposition came at public meetings as well as pamphlets and flyers designed to express their opinions of the viability and hazards of this type of facility in a rural area like Lytton.

The owners of Northwest Organics eventually tired of expressing their own viewpoint that the farm and facility are safe; that area residents were ignorant of the truth about their facility and resorted to a lawsuit to silence opposition to their composting operation last year.

Ms. Maguire then attempted to have that lawsuit dismissed for violating her Charter Right to Freedom of Speech, as well as for violating the BC civil court rules.

[1] The defendants apply for an order dismissing the plaintiffs' claim of defamation as a "strategic lawsuit against public participation" ("SLAPP"). The defendants make this application pursuant to ss. 2(b) and 24(1) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (the "Charter"), Rules 1-3, 9-5 and 9-6 of the Supreme Court Civil Rules (the "Rules"), and the inherent jurisdiction of the Court.

Jason Gratl, past president of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, represented Maguire in court but was unsuccessful in convincing the judge that individuals must be protected from lawsuits like this. Jason Gratl put forward the rash notion that the BC Supreme Court civil rules governing lawsuits ought to conform to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

[27] The defendants begin their argument by stating that speech engaging the search for truth and speech aimed at participation in social and political decision-making—in other words, speech that is in the public interest—is entitled to special protection. This protection should take the form of a switch of onus when a defendant argues that a claim of defamation discloses no genuine issue: rather than forcing the defendant to show that the plaintiff's case raises no genuine issue, the plaintiff should be required to show that it has a serious case worthy of pursuing and a case that justifies the chilling effect on the defendant's freedom of expression.

[28] To this end, the defendants say that the Court should adopt a "two-part test" in assessing a pre-trial challenge to a claim of defamation. The proposed two-part test is as follows:

1. Does the expression at issue fall within the core areas of protected speech under s. 2(b) of the Charter?
2. If yes, the respondent must justify the claim as genuine by establishing that the claim:
 - (a) is to compensate a significant injury to reputation;
 - (b) has a significant likelihood of success; and
 - (c) is the only practicable response to the alleged defamatory speech.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice John Savage was concerned that defending the rights of citizens would "rewrite a series of Supreme Court of Canada decisions around libel" **to quote Cam Fortems** of the *Kamloops Daily News*.

[76] *Stepping back, in my view the defendants are proposing a substantive change to the law of defamation, not simply a change in the rules of civil practice. [...] What the defendants are proposing are not changes to procedural rules that would apply only in the case of SLAPP lawsuits, but changes to the substantive law of defamation that go to the merits of those claims.*

You can read the entire decision in *Northwest Organics, Limited Partnership v. Maguire*, 2013 BCSC 1328 here: <http://canlii.org/canlii-dynamic/en/bc/bcsc/doc/2013/2013bcsc1328/2013bcsc1328.html>

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

Expecting the RCMP to Pay for Damages to High River Homes is just too much...

The RCMP victimized over 1,900 gun owners and non-gun owners alike during the flooding of that Alberta town earlier this year. To date nobody will accept responsibility for the fiasco that had RCMP members physically breaking into homes, seizing private property and then claiming they were simply “helping” people.

They just can't comprehend why people like me take great offense at the characterization that a cop is “helping” me by kicking in my front door, stealing my private property and then telling me to “get over it already.”

If anyone NOT wearing an RCMP badge broke into someone's home and stole their stuff, that person would be charged for multiple crimes. Why should it be any different when the criminals are RCMP members acting under someone's orders?

It shouldn't.

[Smith calls on government to immediately pay compensation for forced entry](#)

HIGH RIVER, AB (September 9, 2013): Wildrose Official Opposition Leader Danielle Smith has [written to Premier Alison Redford](#) and requested that the government immediately develop a solution to compensate High River residents for the damage they sustained from forced entry by the RCMP during the Flood.

Earlier today, [Smith wrote a letter calling on Premier Redford](#) and the Alberta Government to compensate the over 1,900 High River residents whose doors were demolished and whose homes were damaged by the RCMP during their property searches after the High River flood.

With the RCMP contracted as Alberta's provincial police force, Smith said it is important that the province assume responsibility for the costs of the damage.

“The Emergency Management Act in section 19 makes it clear that compensation is mandated for damage done by actions taken under the authorization of an emergency declaration,” Smith said. “After all that residents have been through since the beginning of the flood, further dragging out the compensation process for them is unacceptable.”

Smith said the government should look after immediately compensating residents for the damages, and if the RCMP is ultimately held responsible, the province can recover the monies from them.

Attached to the letter were the personal reports of almost 50 residents, excerpts of which are attached below. None of the residents have yet received compensation for damage done during the forced entry.

From the [Alberta Emergency Management Act](#).

19(1) On the making of the declaration and for the duration of the state of emergency, the Minister may do all acts and take all necessary proceedings including the following

(h) authorize the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program;

19(3) If the Minister acquires or utilizes real or personal property under subsection (1) or if any real or personal property is damaged or destroyed due to an action of the Minister in preventing, combating or alleviating the effects of an emergency or disaster, the Minister shall cause compensation to be paid for it.

The Firearms Act

CSSA: Alberta Politics leave High River Gun Owners Fuming

Alberta Premier Alison Redford has (unknowingly) pretty much guaranteed that Wildrose Party leader Danielle Smith will be re-elected in High River in 2016. And it won't be the first time an election was decided by responsible firearms owners. Premier Redford has turned her back on High River gun owners, who in turn let the world know they are mad as hell during the High River meeting held in a school auditorium on Thursday night. The nasty conflict between Redford and Smith is more than mere politics. In spite of solid evidence that police confiscated guns for no reason, the premier chooses to act like an RCMP groupie. It leads one to believe that the premier encouraged local RCMP officers to boot down the doors of High River gun owners forced to vacate during the June flood.

Premier Redford's vehement support for the RCMP home invasions leads us to believe that the order to proceed was hers. Why would she suggest the police were on the side of the angels as they caused more than \$3 million in damage to residents' homes? If we are wrong, Premier Redford, please deny our charge. We find it very odd that you have yet to deny your own involvement in the seizures that took place 11 weeks ago. This is your chance. You appear to be protecting someone, and self-preservation is perhaps a politician's strongest instinct.

Tony Bernardo, executive director of the Canadian Shooting Sports Association and the Canadian Institute for Legislative Action (CSSA/CILA) was in the room at the Thursday meeting hosted by High River MLA Danielle Smith. Hundreds of irate residents criticized the RCMP for conducting searches of their homes to seize guns. The police claim they were looking for people and pets left behind. But wait. When one resident managed to get into his own home during the flood to check for damage, police arrived quickly on the scene and told him to leave. How did they know he was there?

Police said that a Canadian Armed Forces helicopter detected him with a thermographic camera. So, if choppers had infrared eyes in the sky during the evacuation, please tell us again why police needed to break into homes searching for stranded life forms. The deceit is rife.

Kudos to Dennis Young, long time CSSA friend and former assistant to Garry Breitkreuz, M.P. Dennis addressed the crowd at the meeting as a former RCMP officer himself. He told residents and reporters that somebody in High River made a big mistake and noted that this kind of police behaviour would have resulted in unemployment when he was on the force.

Firearms lawyer Richard Fritze of Red Deer, Alberta made a generous offer to collect the testimonies of High River victims and witnesses according to solicitor-client privilege rules. Fritze offered to take residents' submissions for just \$50 and guarantee their anonymity. In this way, the information could be used for the greater good without disclosing who provided it. Tony Bernardo told the crowd that if any residents have difficulty in paying the \$50 during this time of rebuilding their lives, the CSSA would gladly provide the money to Mr. Fritze on their behalf.

Hats off to High River MLA Danielle Smith, too. Her efforts to find real answers on behalf of her constituents resulted in derision hurled at her from the government benches. The recent disrespect demonstrated by Premier Redford and a misled minister shows the government is winning the race to the bottom. In effect, the premier is saying that the RCMP are untouchable and the government doesn't care what High River residents have to say. She should remember that sport shooters across the province are watching the debate with great vested interest.

No doubt Premier Redford will care what Albertans say at the polls in 2016 – so why not now?

The CSSA is the voice of the sport shooter and firearms enthusiast in Canada. Our national membership supports and promotes Canada's firearms heritage, traditional target shooting competition, modern action shooting sports, hunting, and archery. We support and sponsor competitions and youth programs that promote these Canadian heritage activities.

To join or donate to the CSSA, visit: <http://www.cdnshootingsports.org/membership.html>

Police Misconduct

Astoundingly, A Cop was Convicted for Police Brutality during Toronto G-20 Protest!

Toronto Police Services Constable Babak Andalib-Goortani was found guilty of assaulting Adam Nobody with a weapon 3 years ago during the G-20 protests in Canada's largest city.

It is really quite shocking that a police constable in Canada can be convicted for a crime like this, even when the evidence is clear and compelling. Even Adam Nobody, the victim of Constable Andalib-Goortani's assault, was surprised by the verdict.

"Hopefully, this helps vindicate the 1,100 people that were arrested and forced upon that day, including myself. Justice is served and officers, you know, they can't get away with stuff like this. They can't attack citizens and it just feels really great right now. I'm elated."

Constable Andalib-Goortani wasn't always a thug with a badge and gun. As I wrote in 2011 in my article "[What Happened to Constable Babak Andalib-Goortani?](#)",

That question is one I feel compelled to ask because something seems to have changed in Constable Andalib-Goortani, and not for the better. It's been reported in the Toronto Sun that in June 2008 this man put his own life at considerable risk in order to save someone he didn't even know. The Toronto Sun article says:

On June 23, 2008, Const. Babak Andalib-Goortani, of 31 Division, was the first officer into sprawling Downsview Dells park near Sheppard Ave. and Jane St. after a big thunderstorm.

He helped a couple out of a car swamped by Black Creek, which had spilled its banks. Then he parked his cruiser on high ground and joined Sun photographer Dave Thomas in his big 4X4. They drove deeper into the park, until they heard cries in Italian coming from inside a public washroom.

"The water was deep," remembers Thomas, "but, worse, it was moving really fast."

Andalib-Goortani waded in, using Thomas' camera mono-pod for balance.

He hoisted the Italian man on his shoulder, but the current caught them and they fell.

The cop splashed about until he'd regained his hold and carried the guy to safety.

"He was risking his life. That water was freezing and the current was racing back toward Black Creek. If they'd gone in the creek, they'd have drowned."

That was Constable Andalib-Goortani in 2008. A hero. A man willing to put his own life on the line to save another human being. Just like any good cop would, and should. That is, after all, the job they signed up for.

Then, just two short years later, that same man is happily beating on innocent civilians whose only "crime" was to attend a protest rally.

What changed?

Clearly something did, and in a very big way. Because a man doesn't go from life-saver to brutal thug without something happening to him.

Whatever caused a man to go from hero brutal thug will never be known, but what is known is this:

"The resistance offered by Mr. Nobody was minimal ... A police officer is not entitled to use unlimited force to effect arrest," Ontario Court Justice Louise Botham said in her decision. *"I do not believe ... that any of the blows struck by the defendant were proportionate or necessary."*

Right on cue Mike McCormack, president of the Toronto Police Association, grabbed the nearest microphone to claim a Toronto Cop Can Do No Wrong.

"We feel that the judge got it wrong."

What an idiot. No, Mr. McCormack, the judge got it 100% correct. Deal with it.

Political Accountability

Colorado Politicians Get Schooled In Accountability - Two Democrats Lose Their Seats in Recall Votes

I recently wrote about the [Colorado gun laws](#) that sparked both public protests and gun manufacturers voting with their dollars. Many firearm-related businesses in Colorado moved out of the state or are in the process of moving out of the state after Democrat Governor John Hickenlooper signed a couple of anti-gun bills into law.

[Ignoring letters from business owners and movie companies](#) about the economic impact passage of these bills would have, Colorado legislators and the governor passed the laws anyway.

This past week voters in two key Democrat electoral districts learned the hard way that we mere citizens ought not be trifled with.

Colorado Senator John Morse was the leader of the Senate until Tuesday night. He is now unemployed, making him the first politician in the history of Colorado to be recalled from office.

That is great news.

In a second recall initiative Senator Angela Giron was also booted from office and for the same reason.

“Tonight is a victory for the people of the state of Colorado, who have been subject to the overreach of a Democrat agenda on guns, taxes and accountability to the people,” [said Tim Knight](#), Founder of the Basic Freedom Defense Fund and the “father” of the recalls.

“Since day one, they said it couldn’t be done.

Tonight, this is a victory for the people of Colorado, and we share this victory with them.”

These two recall initiatives are as ground-breaking as they are history-making. They will also have national implications for the very anti-gun zealots doing their best to downplay the significance of these two losses.

These two politicians faced the wrath of voters for one reason and one reason only: guns. They were the public faces of Colorado’s anti-gun initiatives. They were targeted specifically for this reason.

Colorado citizens, even in these two Democratic strongholds, believe in their Second Amendment Rights.

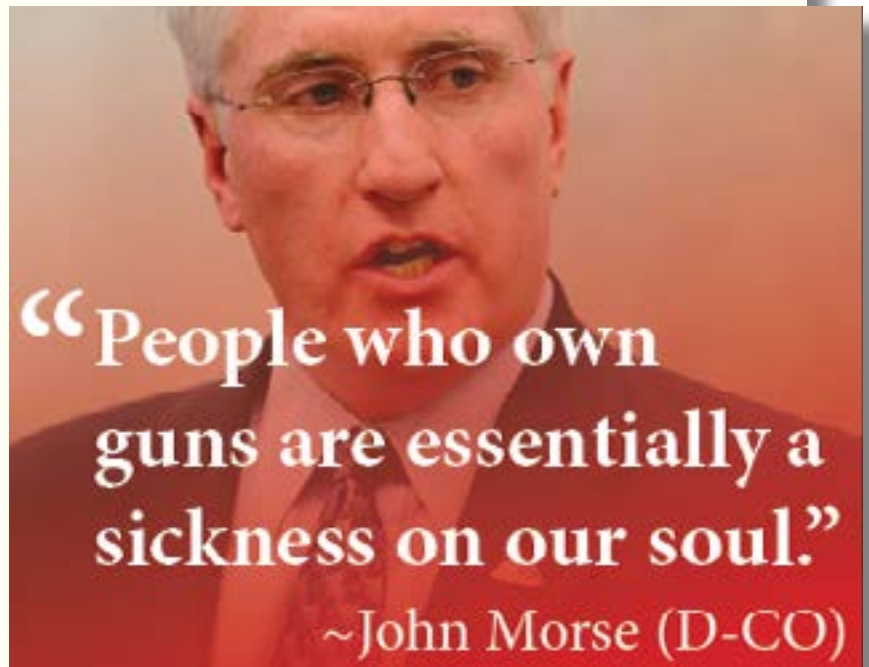
Politicians across America ought to pay close attention or suffer the same fate.

While Colorado politicians were busy saying this:

Colorado hates guns, gun owners, and hunters. Take your business elsewhere.

Colorado citizens were busy defending their Rights and Freedoms and booting these idiots from public office.

It’s a great day for we *mere citizens*, I must say!



Officer Down

In Memoriam: Michigan State Trooper Paul Butterfield

[Trooper Paul Butterfield](#) was shot and killed while making a traffic stop on Custer Road, near Townline Road, in Mason County, at approximately 6:20 pm.

A few minutes after radioing in the stop a citizen called 911 to report a trooper had been shot.

Responding units located Trooper Butterfield on the ground suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. He was flown to Munson Medical Center where he succumbed to his wounds while in surgery.

Using a vehicle description provided by Trooper Butterfield as he stopped the vehicle, investigators were able to identify a suspect and located him, along with a female accomplice, at a convenience store in a neighboring county approximately two hours later.

Officers exchanged gunfire with him as they made contact, wounding the male subject before taking them both into custody.

Trooper Butterfield was a U.S. Army veteran and had served with the Michigan State Police for 14 years. Text



The Michigan State Police are mourning the loss of Trooper Paul Butterfield of the Hart Post, who was killed when he was shot during a traffic stop Monday evening.

Suspects were arrested a couple of hours later after exchanging gunfire with officers from several agencies; one of the suspects was wounded.

Michigan State Police Lt. Chris McIntire says it happened around 6:20 p.m Monday at North Custer Road and East Townline Road in Free Soil, which is northeast of Ludington in Mason County. A passerby found the trooper shortly after he was shot.

The trooper, who is a veteran of the force, was airlifted to Munson Hospital in critical condition but died during emergency surgery.

Around 8:30 p.m., two suspects, a man and a woman, were located at the Dublin Store in Manistee County, said Lt. McIntire. Gunfire was exchanged there, and one of the suspects was wounded. Lt. McIntire says both suspects were taken into custody, and the male was transported to the hospital with a non-life threatening gunshot wound.

Trooper Butterfield had reported to dispatch that he had established a suspect during the stop, said a late-night MSP release.

“Tonight we lost a hero,” said Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the MSP. “The entire MSP family, as well as our greater law enforcement family, mourns alongside the Butterfields. Trooper Butterfield’s sacrifice will never be forgotten; may he rest in peace.”

Trooper Butterfield joined MSP in 1999, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He has served at the Manistee and Hart Posts.

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.

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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.

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