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Freedom:
It's not
just a word...
It's a way of life.

Oh, Christopher

You're such a cop-hater, aren't you?

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This issue of *Canadian Rights and Freedoms Bulletin* contains a lot of articles relating to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Sadly, this is a week where the *horsemen* earned themselves a lot of press coverage, and none of it good. It will, I am sure, give cause for some to label me “cop hater” or some other equally silly term. Those willing to label me that are the very same people who cannot and will not look at the facts; at the actions of the RCMP themselves that give rise to all this bad press.

The RCMP broke into the homes of thousands of High River, Alberta, residents this past year, illegally searched those homes and stole their private property. Many of those same people are still waiting for the RCMP to pay for the damage they caused and more still are waiting for a formal apology.

That will never happen.

The RCMP committed no wrong in High River. Just ask them.

The current race to reclassify numerous firearms from non-restricted to prohibited is equally offensive to Canadians. The claims that these firearms are “too dangerous” to be in the hands of the *mere citizens* of Canada is ludicrous in the extreme.

Not a single crime using these “dangerous” firearms can be documented.

That doesn't matter. The RCMP, not elected politicians, will manufacture law (and criminals) in Canada.

It's not me who “hates” the RCMP. It's the RCMP who hates me and every other law-abiding gun owner in Canada.

That we've done nothing wrong is utterly irrelevant.

Yours in Liberty,

Christopher

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Freedom of Speech

Are you offended? Tough. Just stop whining already!

The problem with some folks is they can't accept that an opinion exists of which they don't approve. The problem with politicians is they feel compelled to pander to the people who cannot accept another point of view.

Combine the two (*incessant whiners and politicians*) and you get nightmares like the Canadian Human Rights Act and Section 318 of the Criminal Code, both of which create *special status* for "*special*" people, leaving the rest of us *mere citizens* out in the cold. Not only are we left out in the cold, we now have the full weight of government to contend with any time we say something one of the protected class of whiners doesn't like.

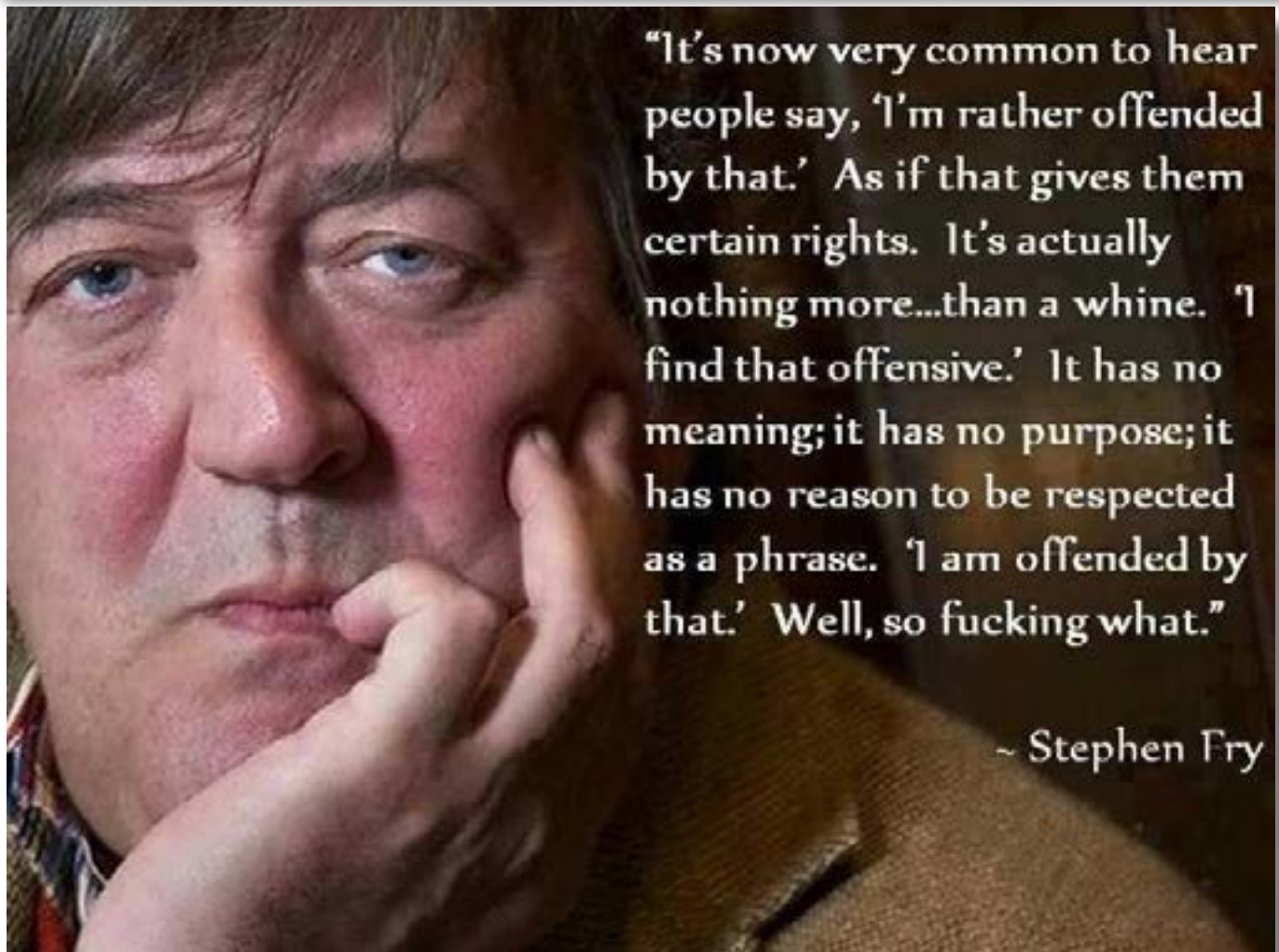
As in George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, some pigs are truly more equal than others.

Try saying anything outside of the mainstream view on any of [the following folks](#) and you will quickly discover the error of believing you actually have a Right to Freedom of Speech: "*any section of the public distinguished by colour, race, religion, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.*" (For example, white heterosexual Christian males need not apply!)

To live is to offend someone, somewhere along the way. Do we really need a group of bureaucratic thugs to beat us into submission simply because our view of the world is different than theirs?

Here in Canada the answer is a resounding YES! While I would hope our skins are thick enough to tolerate offensiveness in others... Apparently we can only tolerate our *own* offensiveness while refusing to understand that our attitudes may actually offend others.

Like Stephen Fry said so bluntly, if you're offended by what I say, "*so fucking what?*"



Property Rights

Bitcoins Theft Kills Another Exchange, Forces Another To Halt Withdrawals

A few days ago I wrote an article about the failure of the world's largest Bitcoins exchange, Mt. Gox, titled "[Bitcoins Gold Rush Goes Bust](#)". In that article I warned this wouldn't be the last exchange to go down, that in fact it was just the first of many.

If you invested in Bitcoins you had best dump this infatuation while it still holds some value and before other exchanges follow Mt. Gox's footsteps.

It took only days for that prediction to come true.

On March 2nd 2014 Flexcoin was attacked and robbed of all coins in the hot wallet. The attacker made off with 896 BTC, dividing them into these two addresses:

- 1NDkevapt4SWYFEmquCDBSf7DLMTNVggdu
- 1QFcC5JitGwpFKqRDd9QNH3eGN56dCNgy6

As Flexcoin does not have the resources, assets, or otherwise to come back from this loss, we are closing our doors immediately.

Within hours of the announcement of Flexcoin's closure due to bitcoin theft, word that BitStamp, another one of the world's largest Bitcoins exchanges, had [halted customer withdrawals](#) from its site spread like wildfire across the internet.

Bitcoin withdrawal processing suspended

Dear Bitstamp users

Bitstamp's exchange software is extremely cautious concerning Bitcoin transactions. Currently it has suspended processing Bitcoin withdrawals due to inconsistent results reported by our bitcoind wallet, caused by a denial-of-service attack using transaction malleability to temporarily disrupt balance checking. As such, Bitcoin withdrawal and deposit processing will be suspended temporarily until a software fix is issued.

No funds have been lost and no funds are at risk.

This is a denial-of-service attack made possible by some misunderstandings in Bitcoin wallet implementations. These misunderstandings have simple solutions that are being implemented as we speak, and we're confident everything will be back to normal shortly.

Withdrawals which failed on the 10th and 11th of February will be canceled and the amounts added back to the customer account balances.

We will communicate any further developments regarding this issue.

Thank you for your understanding!

Best regards

Bitstamp team

Bitcoins are not money. They are at best a volatile stock that its so-called owners do not control.

If you "own it" but can't sell it, can't withdraw it, and can't give it away it's not yours in the first place.

It's just a convenient vehicle used by high-tech thieves to fleece unsophisticated investors.



Search and Seizure

Video Police, face arrest and property seizure even though you committed no crime

It is legal to videotape police doing their job, even when they don't like it. This is true on both sides of the border. The trouble is that while video-recording is legal, police still seize cameras and harass *mere citizens* even though those citizens have committed no crimes.

The latest [victim of this police malfeasance](#) is George Thompson, who used his cell phone camera to record on-duty Fall River Police Officer Tom Barboza. Barboza took offense, arrested Thompson, seized his cell phone and charged him with "unlawful wiretapping".

It's a completely bogus charge and even the thuggish Barboza knows it.

Barboza released George Thompson from jail but kept his cell phone. Two days later all video on the phone was erased, but according to the police they had nothing to do with the deletions. Just ask them. That's exactly what they'll tell you.

They readily admit the phone was in their custody at the time the video "vanished", but deny they had anything to do with it.

For his part, Fall River Police Chief Daniel Racine professed to be outraged.

"If a Fall River police officer erased that video, he's fired. And I would suspect the district attorney would take out charges."

While that makes a great sound byte, the reality of this case is likely to be very different.

As we know from far too many bad experiences with the RCMP, when police investigate themselves there is very rarely any misconduct found.

George Thompson, like me, is not holding out much hope anything will come of this investigation.

"They're investigating themselves and there's a code of blue and everybody knows that."

We *mere citizens* can't compete with the Code of Blue.

Can you say "Civilian Oversight?"



Firearm Politics

Obama's Gun Control Obsession Causes Corporate White Flight From Black-Run America

By Paul Kersey (vdare.com) Reprinted with permission

President Barack Obama may be the greatest gun salesman in American history—and, as with most things in American culture and politics, the root cause is race. But an unnoticed related phenomenon is that white flight is now operating on an interstate level—and gun manufacturers are leading the way.

The FBI reported a record number of background checks for gun sales in 2013. [[Obama backfires, gun sales in 2013 smash all records](#), By Emily Miller, Washington Times, January 6, 2014] The previous record was in 2012... which broke the record of 2011, and so forth back to the year of [Obama's election](#).

One of the few rights that Americans seem to have successfully defended is the ability to own a firearm. The Main Stream Media occasionally pushes gun control after some spectacular gun crime committed by a white shooter. But the real pattern of gun violence in this country can be seen in cities like [Baltimore](#), [Philadelphia](#), St. Louis, [New York City](#), Memphis, [Chicago](#), [Milwaukee](#), and Washington D.C. These cities, not surprisingly, already have strict gun control policies—and they have nothing to do with white people or Republicans.

Each year the [anti-gun Violence Policy Center \(VPC\)](#) puts out its Black Homicide Victimization in the United States study. [PDF] Each year the conclusion is the same:

Blacks in the United States are disproportionately affected by homicide. For the year 2011, blacks represented 13 percent of the nation's population, yet accounted for 50 percent of all homicide victims.

The devastation homicide inflicts on black teens and adults is a national crisis that should be a top priority for policymakers to address. An important part of ending our gun violence epidemic will involve reducing homicides in the African-American community.

For blacks, like all victims of homicide, guns—usually handguns—are far and away the number-one murder tool. Successful efforts to reduce America's black homicide toll, like America's homicide toll as a whole, must put a focus on reducing access and exposure to firearms.

Any mention of the black face of America's gun crime sends even the most militant NRA-member running for the hills. MSM Journalists also do their best to ignore the obvious when writing navel-gazing stories about gun violence. For example:

Among cities with at least 100,000 residents, Birmingham ranked No. 9 last year, according to the FBI data. That is higher even than Chicago, a city that has gained a great deal of attention as a place with an out-of-control murder problem.

Alabama's other large cities – Montgomery, Mobile and Huntsville – ranked 30, 38 and 85. Only Huntsville's rate was in the bottom half of the country's big cities...

[James Alan Fox](#), [[Email him](#)] a criminologist at Northeastern University in Boston, said the most murderous cities and states tend to have higher concentrations of black residents, who on average are six times more likely to be involved in murders.

"There are certainly patterns there," he said.

But Fox cautioned that race often masks deeper socioeconomic factors, such as poverty, unemployment and low levels of education.

"Demographics is a big part of it, but it's not the whole story," he said. "Of course, it's not race, itself. There's a whole array of economic issues. ... It looks like demographics, but it's really socioeconomic issues."

[[Demographics? Guns? Southern culture? Reasons for regional homicide variations remain elusive](#), by Brendan Kirby, Al.com, September 20, 2013. Emphases added].

But if “socioeconomics issues” were at the heart of the debate, why didn’t National Review’s Kevin D. Williamson find poverty-stricken white Appalachia replete with gun-aided homicides? [[The White Ghetto](#), January 9, 2014] Presumably for the same reason the Kansas City Star editors couldn’t say the obvious in a recent editorial on violence.

The statistics for all 50 large cities do show a correlation between murder rates and black populations.

Seven of the 10 worst cities for murders also ranked in the top 10 for percentages of black residents: Detroit (1st in black population), Baltimore (2), Memphis (3), New Orleans (4), Atlanta (5), Cleveland (6) and Philadelphia (8).

Conversely, 15 of the 25 cities with the lowest murder rates had black populations under 10 percent.

[[Kansas City’s sky-high murder rate defies easy explanation](#), February 15, 2014]

Hint: 70 percent of 2013 victims were black. [[Kansas City homicides in 2013 followed a tragic pattern](#), By Christine Vendel, Kansas City Star, January 1, 2014]

Similarly, Omaha, Nebraska accounts for nearly half of all homicides in the state, yet it’s exclusively the black population there fueling this crisis. [Nebraska has the highest black homicide rate in U.S., national group says](#), By Christopher Burbach , Omaha World-Herald, January 24, 2014

Fear of violent crime is driving gun sales to whites. But Second Amendment supporters shouldn’t feel smug. Cities with large black populations aren’t just the main source for gun crime—they are also a power base for “progressives” a.k.a. Leftists to pass gun control legislation at the state level. Cities are a source for both the shock troops—and the rationale for disarming the historic American nation.

Leftists recognize this and celebrate the United States’s rising non-white population as a way to eventually overwhelm Second Amendment supporters, who tend to be white. [[New data: Whites twice as likely to own guns: A previously unreleased survey shows whites far more likely to own guns, and oppose reform, than blacks or Latinos](#), by Alex Seitz-Wald, Salon, February 20, 2013]

However, there is an interesting unforeseen consequence: Gun manufacturers are fleeing liberal states such as Maryland, New York, and Connecticut and setting up shop in states like Alabama, South Carolina, and Tennessee. (Interestingly, these three states have also passed some of the best anti-illegal immigration legislation in the country).

Although these southern states contain cities with high black populations and gun crime (Nashville, Chattanooga in TN; Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery in AL; Columbia and Charleston in SC), they will retain their white majority for decades to come—especially because Southern whites, unlike whites in [California](#) or the [Rust Belt](#), vote as a bloc for the GOP (or, more accurately, for a [GAP](#)—Generic American Party).

Remington is moving large parts of its operation from New York to Huntsville, Alabama, meaning 2,000 new jobs in Dixie. [[Sen. Jeff Sessions says new Remington plant is ‘further testament to the world class workforce in Huntsville’](#), Al.com, February 14, 2014] Though [Magpul is moving its corporate headquarters](#) to Texas ([from Colorado](#), a state overrun with white liberals escaping California), the much more costly manufacturing and distribution facility will move to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Unlike Texas, there is little chance immigration will turn Wyoming blue anytime soon.

Beretta is also undertaking its own version of “white flight.” Because of overwhelmingly black gun violence in Baltimore and Prince George’s County, Maryland has passed highly restrictive gun control. In response, after much deliberation, Beretta USA decided to build a [\\$45 million manufacturing plant in Tennessee](#). [[Wooded by gun-friendly states, some firearms makers pull up stakes](#), Dallas News, August 8, 2014] Some in the state are fearful Beretta will remove its already existing plant in Maryland as well.

Riflemakers PTR Industries moved from [Bristol, Connecticut](#) to South Carolina, joining [American Tactical Imports and Ithaca Gun Co.](#); Kahr Firearms Group is leaving New York for Pennsylvania. Sturm, Ruger, and Co. decided to build a new facility in North Carolina, leading to speculation the company will disinvest from Connecticut in the near future. [[Conn. gun manufacturer Sturm, Ruger & Co. building new plant in North](#)

[Carolina](#), Red Alert Politics, July 9, 2013] Mossberg and Colt Firearms (also based in Connecticut) have both had executives with their respective companies [make overtures about leaving for friendlier states](#). Colt Firearms has been a Connecticut company for 167 years.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo [famously said](#) “extreme conservatives” have “no place” in New York. Gun manufacturers seem to be taking him at his word—fleeing blue states for red states with conservative white majorities.

America is coming apart. Leftists are allying with the rising non-white populations to dispossess the historic American nation. American whites are responding flee to safer locales.

Gun manufacturers are the canary in the coal mine for Americans. They know that changing demographics means a permanent progressive majority, the end of freedoms most Americans now take for granted—and ultimately the end of their businesses.

The long retreat of the historic American nation will continue until someone has the courage to identify the racial realities behind this process—hopefully, before we run out of places to go.

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Yours in Liberty,

Christopher di Armani

The Firearms Act

Royal Canadian Mounted Police or *Rogue Cops Making Policy?*

After the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) arbitrarily manufactured over 13,000 “gun criminals” by reclassifying Swiss Arms and CZ 858 rifles from non-restricted to prohibited, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney announced a [5-year amnesty](#) protecting those formerly law-abiding gun owners from prosecution.

Gun owners across the country are understandably upset. Yesterday they were law-abiding gun owners complying with every law required to own these firearms, today they are criminals facing serious prison time.

“It is a dark day when police, not the people’s elected representatives, can suddenly transform thousands of ordinary, law-abiding Canadians into criminals with the stroke of a bureaucratic pen,” [writes Lorne Gunter](#).

Presumably the 5-year limitation on this amnesty is because Minister Blaney will resolve this abuse of RCMP bureaucratic power long before that deadline. How he will resolve it remains to be seen, but preventing the RCMP from arresting and criminally charging these gun owners is a good first step.

As [Matt Gurney wrote](#) in the *National Post*,

“That’s a good first step, but no more than that. The RCMP’s reclassification of these firearms, suddenly turning normal Canadians into outlaws for owning property the RCMP had already approved, was outrageous. No explanation was offered as to why these firearms had suddenly become more dangerous. No incidents of violence were cited, no new information brought forward. In effect, the RCMP changed its mind, and ordered citizens to turn over equipment they had invested thousands of dollars into or else face criminal charges. This is a grotesque abuse of power, and one that the police should not have. In a free society, the police enforce the laws, and even interpret them with trained judgment, but they do not make them up as they go.”

While many gun owners on internet forums are furious that Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney didn’t do more, I would suggest those gun owners are overly impatient, if not naïve. I too was initially furious at the announcement of the amnesty but quickly came to my senses.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney made it [crystal clear the RCMP’s actions are unacceptable](#). He has no interest in allowing RCMP bureaucrats to create policy.

“I want to assure you all options are on the table to fix this situation. I will also be taking steps to make sure this never happens again.”

Ensuring the RCMP can never again manufacture 13,000 criminals out of thin air will take more than a weekend to work out. That the amnesty came immediately is a positive sign of Minister Blaney’s intentions.

There is more to come, of that I am confident. I am every bit as impatient as any Canadian gun owner, but I am confident Minister Blaney will keep his word and ensure “this never happens again.”

There are a lot of options available to the Minister of Public Safety and only a fool would believe Blaney is not cognizant the pro-gun vote depends on his actions on this issue.

He could strip the RCMP of its duties as they relate to the Canadian Firearms Safety Program. He could issue an Order In Council to resolve many outstanding issues, including this one.



**Rogue
Cops
Making
Policy?**

What ultimately must be addressed, however, is the core issue of the RCMP's systemic hatred of Canada's law-abiding gun owners.

As J.R. Cox, of Calgary's The Shooting Edge gun shop, said,

"There is a movement within the RCMP and they don't like to see guns in the hands of anybody but themselves."

Law-abiding gun owners used to be the RCMP's best friends. Not any longer, although it's not we mere citizens who have changed. We haven't. We're every bit as law-abiding as we've always been but that makes no difference to the RCMP's bureaucratic thugs.

Is it that they feel pressure to "do something" about so-called "gun crime"? If so, they're attacks on us are thoroughly misguided.

They are, however, completely in line with the RCMP's core mantra:

"Officer Safety".

Better to let a thousand "*mere citizens*" die than a single RCMP member.

Better to swarm and kill frustrated traveller Robert Dziekanski in 35 seconds than calm him down and help him on his way to his new home.

Better to shoot Ian Bush in the back of the head and claim self-defense than tell the truth.

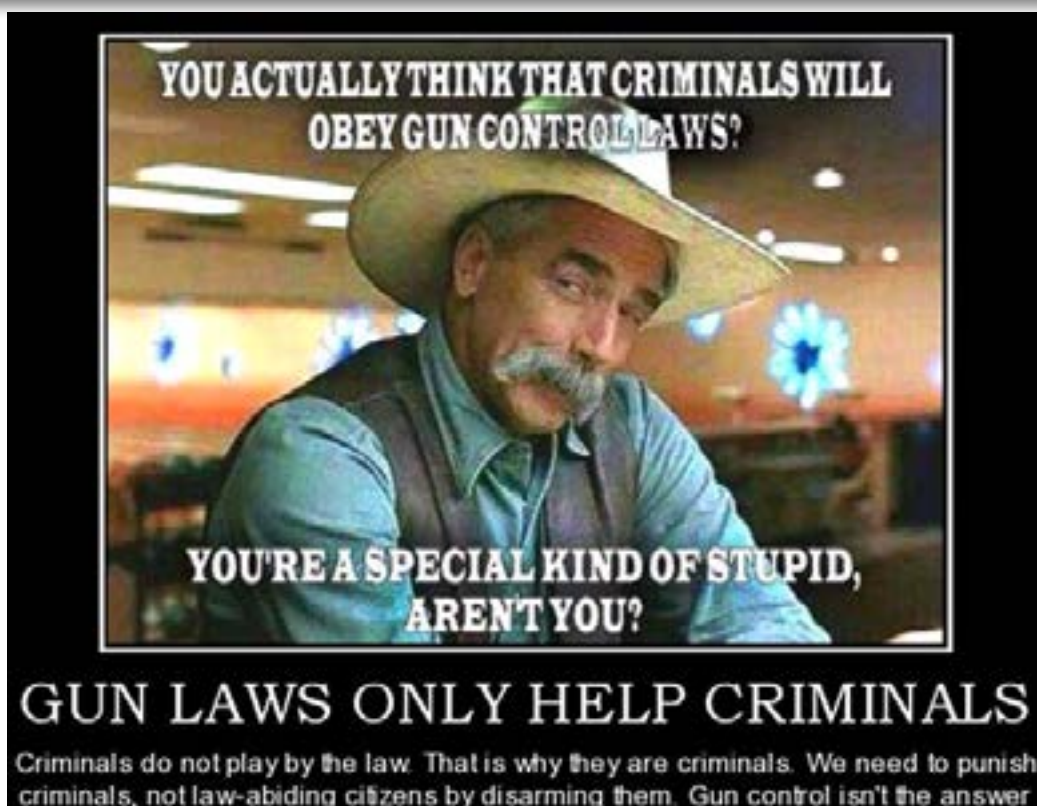
Better to send SWAT Teams after expired firearms license holders in Alberta than simply phone them and ask where their license renewal papers are.

Better to manufacture over 13,000 criminals out of law-abiding citizens with a stroke of your bureaucratic pen than to go after violent criminal gang members.

Taking guns from career criminals is dangerous business. Very dangerous.

Those guys will shoot back.

Law-abiding firearm owners won't... and the RCMP knows it.



Police Misconduct

RCMP Anti-Bullying Initiative is Ill-Timed and Thoroughly Misguided

While the RCMP promoted [Pink Shirt Day](#) as a way of stopping bullying in schools, the horsemen took to bullying some of Canada's best and most law-abiding citizens: gun owners.

In true hypocritical fashion, the Boys with the Yellow Stripes did precisely as they pleased and with zero regard for the people they bullied into criminals.

RCMP Commissioner Robert Paulson's Facebook photo said this underneath:

"February 26th is Pink Shirt Day, and RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson is proud to be a part of this initiative. Bullying and Cyberbullying isn't just hurtful; in some cases, it's illegal. Don't take part. Take a stand."

It's a nice thought, Commish, and you're right.

Bullying Hurts. I know. I'm a gun owner... Just like the 13,000 gun owners you bullied into criminals this week.

The [comments section](#) overflows with vitriol over the creation of over 13,000 brand new criminals by unaccountable RCMP bureaucrats, a situation that has taken RCMP--Gun Owner relations to an all-time low. That says a lot given how poor those relations were even before this latest anti-gun-owner stunt!



Justin Thomas: *You've lost the trust of a great number of people, people the law is supposed to be protecting. Turning its own citizens into criminals overnight. We are the ones who should be trusted, not you.*

Caleb Geauvreau: *This man is responsible for constantly bullying law abiding firearms owners. I cannot support the RCMP or their pink shirts as long as this man is allowed to remain in his position. Please resign and do everyone a favor.*

Al Yasinski: *he should stick to bullying and leave peoples guns alone....he is the bully !!*

Stephen Weese: *Perhaps you should ware you handguns at the next meet with the prime minister like you do with your daughters boyfriends. See what intimidation gets you from him. Don't bully gun owners.*

Eric Yule: *The RCMP are deleting negative posts on here.... confiscate weapons without government consent, controlling social media, while still presenting an anti bullying campaign.*

John C Corden: *Delete all the posts you want but angry gun owners aren't going to quit posting until you go after the real criminals and quit unfairly targeting us. You some anti-gun Liberal from Quebec or something? Oh and resign. Did I say resign?*

Bob Lockhart: *Hunters throughout Canada would love to receive this T-Shirt. There is always the need for non-white toilet paper when in the field.*

Referencing a year-old video interview where Paulson is positively gleeful while he recounts stories of bullying his daughter's suitors by answering the door wearing his duty firearm in a variety of holsters, Ryan Lobson writes:

Isn't intimidating your daughter's boyfriends with your "device" bullying? Get your head on straight Bob.

No, it's not. It's just another day in the RCMP.. where hypocrisy knows no bounds.

Government Accountability

TO: The Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety

Please [support MP Cheryl Gallant's Motion M-452](#) the establishment of a permanent "Firearms Experts Technical Committee" to oversee such things as firearms reclassifications, and impose a moratorium on firearms reclassification until the permanent committee is in place.

[Sign the Online Petition Here](#) | [Download and Print the Petition Form](#)

M-452 - Firearms Act

That, in the opinion of the House, the Minister of Public Safety should, with the approval of the Governor-in-Council, amend Sections 117, 118, and 119 of the Firearms Act to establish a Firearms Experts Technical Committee to restore public confidence in the functions and operation of the Canadian Firearms Registration System; this committee shall assume any and all responsibilities regarding:

(a) regulating the issuance of licences, registration certificates and authorizations, including regulations respecting the purposes for which they may be issued under any provision of this Act and prescribing the circumstances in which persons are or are not eligible to hold licences,

(i) deeming permits to export goods, or classes of permits to export goods, that are issued under the Export and Import Permits Act to be authorizations to export for the purposes of this Act;

(b) regulating the revocation of licences, registration certificates and authorizations;

(c) prescribing the circumstances in which an individual does or does not need firearms

(i) to protect the life of that individual or of other individuals, or

(ii) for use in connection with his or her lawful profession or occupation;

(d) regulating the use of firearms in target practice or target shooting competitions;

(e) regulating

(i) the establishment and operation of shooting clubs and shooting ranges,

(ii) the activities that may be carried on at shooting clubs and shooting ranges,

(iii) the possession and use of firearms at shooting clubs and shooting ranges, and

(iv) the keeping and destruction of records in relation to shooting clubs and shooting ranges and members of those clubs and ranges;

(f) regulating the establishment and maintenance of gun collections and the acquisition and disposal or disposition of firearms that form part or are to form part of a gun collection;

(g) regulating the operation of gun shows, the activities that may be carried on at gun shows and the possession and use of firearms at gun shows;

(h) regulating the storage, handling, transportation, shipping, display, advertising and mail-order sale of firearms and restricted weapons and defining the expression "mail-order sale" for the purposes of this Act;

(i) regulating the storage, handling, transportation, shipping, possession for a prescribed purpose, transfer, exportation or importation of

(i) prohibited firearms, prohibited weapons, restricted weapons, prohibited devices and prohibited ammunition, or

(ii) components or parts of prohibited firearms, prohibited weapons, restricted weapons, prohibited devices and prohibited ammunition;

(j) regulating the possession and use of restricted weapons;

- (k) authorizing the possession at any place, or the manufacture or transfer, whether or not for consideration, or offer to manufacture or transfer, whether or not for consideration, of firearms, prohibited weapons, restricted weapons, prohibited devices, ammunition, prohibited ammunition and components and parts designed exclusively for use in the manufacture of or assembly into firearms,
- (i) respecting the importation or exportation of firearms, prohibited weapons, restricted weapons, prohibited devices, ammunition, prohibited ammunition and components and parts designed exclusively for use in the manufacture of or assembly into firearms,
- (ii) respecting the marking of firearms manufactured in Canada or imported into Canada and the removal, alteration, obliteration and defacing of those markings,
- (iii) respecting the confirmation of declarations and authorizations to transport for the purposes of paragraph 35(1)(d) of the Firearms Act, 1995, the confirmation of declarations for the purposes of paragraph 35.1(2)(d) of the Firearms Act, 1995 and the confirmation of authorizations to import for the purposes of paragraph 40(2)(e) of the Firearms Act, 1995;
- (l) regulating the storage, handling, transportation, shipping, acquisition, possession, transfer, exportation, importation, use and disposal or disposition of firearms, prohibited weapons, restricted weapons, prohibited devices, prohibited ammunition and explosive substances;
- (m) regulating the keeping and destruction of records in relation to firearms, prohibited weapons, restricted weapons, prohibited devices and prohibited ammunition;
- (n) regulating the keeping and destruction of records by businesses in relation to ammunition;
- (o) creating offences consisting of contraventions of the regulations made under paragraph (d), (e), (f), (g), (i), (j), (k)(i), (k)(ii), (l), (m) or (n); (p) prescribing the fees that are to be paid to Her Majesty in right of Canada for licences, registration certificates, authorizations, approvals of transfers and importations of firearms and confirmations by customs officers of documents under this Act;
- (q) waiving or reducing the fees payable under paragraph
- (p) in such circumstances as may be specified in the regulations;
- (r) prescribing the charges that are to be paid to Her Majesty in right of Canada in respect of costs incurred by Her Majesty in right of Canada in storing goods that are detained by customs officers or in disposing of goods;
- (s) respecting the operation of the Canadian Firearms Registry;
- (t) regulating the sending or issuance of notices and documents in electronic or other form, including
- (i) the notices and documents that may be sent or issued in electronic or other form,
- (ii) the persons or classes of persons by whom they may be sent or issued,
- (iii) their signature in electronic or other form or their execution, adoption or authorization in a manner that pursuant to the regulations is to have the same effect for the purposes of this Act as their signature, and
- (iv) the time and date when they are deemed to be received;
- (u) respecting the manner in which any provision of this Act or the regulations applies to any of the aboriginal peoples of Canada, and adapting any such provision for the purposes of that application; and
- (v) shall be composed of the following members, 1) RCMP, 2) Ontario Forensic Centre, 3) four individuals appointed to the committee as civilian firearms experts.

Political Accountability

Tom Flanagan's roadmap to power - Negative Ads Are More Fun to Watch

By Barry Cooper, University of Calgary (Troy Media <http://www.troymedia.com/>)

Tom Flanagan's new book, *Winning Power*, is a reflection on his time in politics helping conservative parties to victory and near-victory. We have been friends since graduate school so I have read a lot of his stuff. Of his readily accessible books, this is easily the most interesting – though personally I will always prefer his edition of the juvenile poetry of Louis Riel.

Winning Power is pithy, witty and erudite, unlike so much academic political science, which often manages to avoid all three qualities. His colleagues will learn how to write; political pundits will learn how political campaigns really work; his fellow citizens will be entertained.

When he published *Harper's Team* a few years ago, the Prime Minister was not pleased. I doubt he will be thrilled to have more of the secrets of his success made public in this book.

Like ancient Gaul, it is divided into three parts: on the permanent elements of election campaigns, on new modes of campaigning and on a fascinating discussion, *Fear and Loathing in Alberta*, on how Wildrose nearly replaced the tired and corrupt Alberta PCs in 2012.

The big change in federal campaigning came in 2003 when the Chretien government limited the size of individual and collective donations to parties. The result greatly benefited the new Conservative Party because the populist tradition it inherited from the Reform party had given it a decade of experience of crowd-fundraising. Suddenly, the Conservatives had enough money to wage a permanent campaign.

The most famous manifestation of the permanent campaign is the increase in pre-writ advertising. It was encouraged by minority governments a decade ago because they had to be constantly prepared to fight: "Harper's team never rests." Not then, not now.

As a result, the Liberals lost in 2008 and 2011 before the formal election campaign began. Brilliant pre-writ attack ads had already destroyed the credibility of Liberal leaders, first Stephane Dion and then Michael Ignatieff.

Journalists and professors often lament the fact that negative campaigns work. Not Flanagan. He argues that the most powerful political emotion is fear – not just in Canada but, ever since Machiavelli, in every modern regime. Only occasionally does loathing trump fear.

Either way, parties are encouraged to go negative. And what's wrong with that? Negative ads distort no more than positive ones and are a lot more fun to watch.

Flanagan also reminds us that campaigns are about choosing people to govern, and not about bright ideas. This is why criticizing campaign strategies that emphasize personalities and the horse race is beside the point. It is a horse race and personalities count. Journalists and professors had better wake up to that fact.

We learn why leaders' tours are considered both unavoidable and nearly useless, as is much else in politics. He analyzes the importance and the limitations of social media and discussed the Conservatives' success in integrating several grassroots fundraising technologies with voter mobilization.

Flanagan's argument does not mean that Conservatives are henceforth Canada's naturally governing party. Their crowdfunding strength is also a vulnerability. "If the grassroots lose confidence in the leadership, the money can dry up overnight." This is why trust and personality matter.

The book raises some questions for the future: How much damage has the Senate scandal done to erode trust in the Conservatives? How many voters adore Justin's personality and loathe Stephen's? How long can Justin coast along on a vacuous personality without any policy at all? And what do the Conservatives have in store for him after the successful demolition of his predecessors?

We'll find out soon enough.

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Citizen Abuse of the Week

Living “Off-Grid” Declared Illegal by Moronic Florida Judge

We're told endlessly that we must be responsible for the energy we use; that we must be energy-self-sufficient; that the world as we know it will literally come to an end if we don't buy into the eco-frenzy.

I have no issue with being energy-self-sufficient. In fact I completely agree with the philosophy and my Lytton home is powered by a bank of solar panels.

Twenty-five years ago the power company wanted an exorbitant amount of my money in return for sending me an electricity bill each month. I told them to pound sand. I installed solar panels almost immediately and have run my home on them ever since.

Cut to Cape Coral, Florida, where Robin Speronis, a 54-year-old former real estate agent, had a judge [declare her solar panels and rain-water collection system illegal](#).

From Living Off The Grid:

Speronis, a former real estate agent, decided to adopt an off the grid lifestyle in the home she owns after her husband died after a long illness. She cited her faith in God and desire to be self-sufficient.

“It was an interest in empowering myself, like we did when we got off the health care system,” she said. “I wanted to look at every other part of my lifestyle and say, do I need this? Is this of value to me? If it went away tomorrow, what would I do? The more I got into it, the more exciting, the more of an adventure it became.”

Then came the bureaucrats and with them their deeply ingrained fervor for “following the rules” and their highly illogical sense of injustice.

Last November a bylaw code enforcement officer showed up at the Speronis home and promptly tried evicting Robin Speronis from her own home.

The reason? Robin refused to use public utilities.

At the root of the case is an outdated and idiotic requirement that every home must be connected to the city water system. This dates back to the time when the city deemed using well water a sin and forced everyone to use the city water system.

The Cape Coral city bureaucrats now claim dominion over the skies and the water that falls freely from them. Collecting rain water is now considered a violation of this outdated (did I mention idiotic) city ordinance too.

Her case ended up in court, where Special Magistrate Harold S. Eskin made an utterly absurd ruling.

While declaring the bylaw regulations of Cape Coral redundant and unreasonable, Eskin ruled simultaneously that Robin Speronis violated both local city codes and the [International Property Maintenance Code](#), which unilaterally declares any home without grid-sourced electricity and running water is “*unsafe and unsanitary*”.

In a word... Hogwash.

Speronis's case should be a wakeup call for anyone living off the grid. The International Property Maintenance Code and similar regulations are on the books in many parts of the United States and Canada.

Speronis refuses to bow to the city's demands, though, even while they force liens on her property and continue to issue more fines associated with her ‘violations.’ She is able to appeal the judge's decision, which would allow her to carry on with her sustainable lifestyle.

She has said, “We have a long, long road to go. I'm sure justice will prevail.”

Living in harmony with nature is now a crime?

I can't wait for the eco-freaks to catch onto this story.

They'll surely shred Special Magistrate Harold S. Eskin with his own stupidity, and rightfully so.

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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Firearm Legal Defense

Police Can and Will Charge You Even When You Haven't Broken Any Firearm Law

[Police are now laying charges](#) in situations that most hunters believe is safe storage.

Mr. Hunter took several guns with him hunting. He kept them in his pickup bed. The guns were cased, covered, but not trigger-locked and not in locked hard cases. Ammunition was carried in the bed and in an unlocked box. The pickup bed was covered with a locked cap, bolted down and an additional wire and lock held the cap door closed in addition to a lock. Mr. Hunter slept in a hotel. During the night thieves broke the cap door off at the hinges. The lock held fast and two guns were stolen.

The police arrested the thieves, impounded Mr. Hunter's truck without a warrant and seized his remaining guns and ammunition. Mr. Hunter faces criminal charges of unsafe storage of guns and ammunition and unsafe transportation for leaving his guns unattended. The police say he should have had trigger locks or locked hard cases and the ammunition should have been in a locked box.

This may sound ridiculous to you. Mr. Hunter has a good defense and should be found not guilty. The police say "let the judge decide".

Mr. Hunter's guns are seized until trial. He must hire a lawyer and travel from home to the court where the theft took place. The trial will be nine months after his truck was broken into. This is not fair but it is true. This happened in September 1998. Names are changed, the essential facts are true.

Protect yourself from this type of police harassment. If you leave your gun in your vehicle, trigger lock it, action lock it or take the bolt out and lock the bolt up. Keep your ammunition in a locked box. This is beyond what the law requires but do this to avoid becoming a test case for the police to see how far they can push the law.

Every year over 3,500 Ontario residents are convicted of unsafe storage. Many are innocent but they do not fight a wrongfully laid charge. Most charges can be fought.

Do not plead guilty. Do not surrender your rights without a fight. **Do not make statements to the police** after arrest. **Call a lawyer, get advice.** Better yet, put an extra trigger lock on your gun and a lock on your ammo box. That is a lot cheaper than a lawyer.

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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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