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Gun Control is a Failure

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The firearms owners of Canada stand with all Canadians as we mourn this recent senseless tragedy in Nova Scotia. People died violently, and Canadians are looking for answers. But the reason for this and previous wicked acts is not a firearm - not of any type. That reason is the evil choices made by a cold and calculating killer, enabled by the trust many Canadians place in authority, and in the falsehood of public safety.

Sixty years of failed Canadian gun control laws are based on the lie that they protect the public from harm. The police are not there to protect; they are certainly absent in large swaths of this massive country, and despite the best efforts of small, underfunded police detachments, they simply do not have the resources to prevent all crime, and certainly not the ability to catch it in progress. This is especially true in rural Canada.

The false narrative of fewer guns, less death was also a casualty of this latest murder spree. Nothing in Canadian gun control, past, present, or proposed would have prevented this horror. The Liberal lie that the police will protect you has now been decisively shown to have been wrong. People need to enjoy the right of security of the person without fear of prosecution, and to regain Canadian values of self-reliance, compassion, and vigour that built this country. People need to be free to protect themselves and their property from crime.

Rehabilitation has merit, but it cannot merely be "hug a thug" programs that reward bad behaviour. Releasing prisoners while forcing more control on the ordinary Canadian is simply unacceptable. It's also not okay to stigmatize the mentally ill for the actions of a monster. Most people struggling with mental illness are of no danger to themselves or anyone else.

The well funded anti-gun lobby groups, the Liberals, their fellow travellers in bureaucracy, and some media are grave dancers who now have blood on their hands – the blood of the victims of gun control.

The gun grabbers, not Canadian gun owners, are culpable for building a regime that protects the ill-intentioned and punishes the innocent. The truth is that Canadian gun control is a failure. More knee jerk gun laws are merely false memorials to the victims of successive social experiments with gun control. The firearms owning public, and all Canadians deserve a complete review of the failed firearm control system.

There must not be any more foolish firearms legislation. Current laws must be reviewed to remove useless administrative provisions from our firearm laws. Monitoring inanimate objects and the people who own them is expensive and serves no just purpose. At the most, vetting those who have shown dangerous past behaviour would serve to limit their legal access to firearms. But make no mistake: the ill-intentioned will always have illegal or legal access to many different items that can cause harm. No gun control regime will ever stop that, but empowering people for their own safety can certainly make a difference.