



**Canadian
Socialist Rifle
Association**

Why Guns?

From “Under no pretext...”, to John Brown, to the Oka Crisis, firearms have long been part of the struggle for freedom.

For decades the cultural and political conversation around firearms has been dominated by the forces of reaction.

Ceding such powerful tools and the knowledge of their safe use and handling to the right is only to their benefit.

Firearms have been an essential tool for food security for Indigenous and settler communities alike for centuries.

When handled safely, guns can be fun and useful tools for hunting, pest control, or sport shooting.

Historically dominated by reactionaries, shooting sports are beginning to expand as firearms ownership spreads.

Today, monetary and accessibility barriers serve to restrict access.

Gun Control

Gun control laws first targeted Métis and Indigenous resistance to the expanding Canadian state.

Early working class agitation led to the creation of the first handgun bans and registries.

Successive bans accompanied FLQ activity and land defense actions in Kanehsatà:ke (Oka) and Ts'peten (Gustafsen Lake).

Gun control in Canada has always been in the interest of colonialism.

Further restrictions fail to reduce gun crimes, the vast majority of which are committed with illegally acquired firearms.

The Liberal party now projects its assault rifle buyback will cost nearly half a BILLION dollars. While concurrently announcing historically large military spending, and cuts to federal programs to pay for it.

Fear mongering and confiscation of licensed tools are not solutions to gun crimes committed primarily with smuggled firearms.

The CSRA

We are dedicated to providing the working class with the education to be able to act in service of their community. This includes the safe and legal usage of firearms, emergency medicine, agriculture, survival, and mutual aid.

The CSRA provides a safe platform to discuss firearms, law-abiding community-based self protection, and all the skills needed to defend our own safety, and the safety of our families and our communities.

The CSRA is a registered non-profit, we are not a militia and do not condone the illegal use of firearms. We serve to help leftists of all kinds navigate the legal use of firearms across Canada.

Our mutual aid projects have included Winter sock drives providing socks to unhoused community members and Wildfire Smoke Emergency Kits containing masks and other supplies to unhoused and displaced people in heavy smoke areas.



Assume all
firearms are
loaded

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Control the
direction of the
muzzle

A

Always keep
finger off the
trigger

B

Be aware of the
target and what's
behind

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