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Anyone who lives north of the 905, and is not a tree-hugger or a misplaced pacifist, knows that the long-gun registry is not particularly embraced.

Those south of that jurisdiction — hello Toronto and the burbs — are generally uninformed when it comes to the registry, and misguided when it comes to guns and gun laws.

Long before there was a long-gun registry — the one that has drained a billion-plus dollars from our thread-bare pockets — there was a handgun registry, not that gangbangers give a damn, by the way.

So let's not mix metaphors and calibres.

You will be hard pressed to find a handgun on the handgun registry that has actually been used by a gangbanger in Toronto to whack another gangbanger in Toronto.

No, that gun would have likely come from south of the border — illegally obtained and illegally sold.

Cops in high positions will tell you that they need the long-gun registry to protect their officers.

That's smoke, folks. Misleading smoke.

Since 1977, legal gun owners in this country have required a licence, and approval by the RCMP, before they could purchase a firearm.

The registry wasn't needed.

In fact, it was redundant.

Cops already knew where the good folk were.

While the long-gun registry isn't dead yet, it is at least one step closer to its grave.

And that's where it belongs.

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