

Erin O'Toole et les armes semi-automatiques de type militaire comme le AR-15

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"Erin O'Toole ment aux Canadiens *lorsqu'il dit qu'il maintiendra 'l'interdiction' des armes d'assaut*. Il parle de l'interdiction des armes entièrement automatiques qui date de plusieurs décennies, sachant très bien que les questions des journalistes faisaient référence aux récentes interdictions de 2020. En fait, il ne fait que refléter la tactique courante du lobby des armes qui consiste à jouer sur les mots afin d'éviter de défendre l'indéfendable, c'est-à-dire rendre à nouveau légales les armes semi-automatiques de type militaire et, ce, à l'encontre la volonté de 80 % des Canadiens. O'Toole n'est pas stupide. Il sait que ces armes *sont communément appelées 'armes d'assaut'* – soit les mêmes armes qui sont utilisées dans les fusillades de masse partout dans le monde, y compris aux États-Unis. Ce sont ces armes que le gouvernement Trudeau a prohibées en 2020, et ce sont ces armes que les Conservateurs promettent de rendre à nouveau légales. C'est là, noir sur blanc, *dans leur plateforme*. Mais monsieur O'Toole ne veut pas publiquement divulguer sa véritable position sur les armes d'assaut, car il sait que la plupart des Canadiens seraient horrifiés par ses véritables intentions. Au lieu de cela, il fausse le débat en déformant les définitions et en éludant les questions. » - PolySeSouvient

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"Erin O'Toole is lying to Canadians *when he says he will maintain 'the ban' on assault weapons*. He's talking about the decades-old ban on fully automatic weapons, knowing full well that reporters' questions referred to the recent 2020 prohibitions. What he is doing is mirroring the gun lobby's tactic of playing with semantics in order to avoid defending the indefensible, that is, making semi-automatic military-type weapons legal again against the will of 80% of Canadians. O'Toole is not stupid. He knows that these weapons are *commonly referred to as 'assault weapons'* - the same weapons used in mass shootings around the world including the United States. These are the weapons that the Trudeau Government prohibited in 2020, and these are the weapons that the Conservatives are promising to make legal again. It's right there in black and white *in their platform*. But O'Toole will not come clean about his position on assault weapons because he knows that most Canadians would be appalled by his true intentions. Instead, he evades, distorts and deceives."

– PolyRemembers

What are the true intentions of the Conservatives?

O'Toole won't answer directly:

<https://calibremag.ca/meet-the-candidates-erin-otoole/>

Do you believe the AR-15 should remain restricted?

"I believe that the current classification system needs to be re-examined. I'll commission an expert-driven redesign of firearm classification based on a clear legislative definition of the term "variant" in consultation with manufacturers, owners and law enforcement. It is essential that these decisions are made by firearms experts based on facts, not politics."

The Conservatives are promising a "simplified classification system" in their current platform:

https://polysesouvient.ca/Documents/DOCU_21_08_16_ConservativePlatform_EXCERPT.pdf

"We will start by repealing C-71 and the May 2020 Order in Council and conducting a review of the Firearms Act with participation by law enforcement, firearms owners, manufacturers, and members of the public. **We will then update legislation by introducing a simplified classification system** and codifying it in law so that it is clear what types of firearms fit into each category and classification decisions can be made quickly, and with the public and firearms owners having confidence that they are not arbitrary. The legislation will also - for the first time - contain definitions of currently ambiguous terms like "variant."

The 2016 "Conservative Party of Canada POLICY DECLARATION" includes "simplified classification system":

https://polysesouvient.ca/Documents/DOCU_16_06_11_Conservative_Policy_Declaration_HIGHLIGHTED.pdf

"A Conservative Government **would streamline Firearms classification by adopting the Simplified Classification System.**"

This idea comes from the gun lobby, as they explain here in Caliber Magazine:

<https://calibremag.ca/cpc-convention-2016-firearms-policy-proposal/>

"Which brings us to the Simplified Classification System. This classification system, drafted and proposed by the Canadian Shooting Sports Association, would substantially change the way firearms are classified in this country by dramatically increasing the degree of transparency and simplicity with which firearms are classified, while simultaneously removing all opportunity for bias or political pressure to effect a firearm's classification. It would do this by applying the same style of clear-cut and easily understood limitations that currently exist to classify a variety of firearms (most restricted and prohibited firearms, namely) to all firearms."

Essentially, this system would make all weapons not handguns non restricted, including the Ruger Mini-14 and AR-15:

"In short, it would determine all fully automatic firearms, and all rifles or shotguns that have been cut or sawn down to less than 660 millimetres to be prohibited. Restricted firearms would include all handguns, and all firearms that are designed to be fired when reduced to a length of less than 660 millimetres by folding, telescoping or otherwise. Finally, non-restricted firearms would be any firearm that is literally none of the above. In other words, if it isn't a machine gun, a handgun, hasn't be chopped down to a length shorter than 660 millimetres, and can't be made shorter than 660 millimeters by folding or telescoping and fired in that folded condition... it would be a non-restricted firearm. Simple."

The Gun lobby is celebrating, but wants to keep this quiet:

The Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights says that "the Conservatives also have that thing that I mentioned - I don't want to make too big a deal about it - but the simplified classification system, if that were to happen, that would be the biggest thing to happen to gun owners, the biggest improvement in our lives since the long gun registry was repealed, OK. ... So really really important."