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NEWS RELEASE

Victims group reacts to government gun control ad as election is called

Montreal, August 16, 2021 — Early this month, the **Liberal government** aired a **multi-million-dollar** ad campaign **on the radio** and **on TV** essentially touting its record on implementing gun control measures. Another ad **posted on social media** attacks **Erin O'Toole** for promising to repeal gun control measures.



Families of victims and survivors of the mass shooting at **L'École Polytechnique** who have been advocating for tougher controls for over 30 years reacted with shock and dismay to what they consider a completely disingenuous and obviously political, and taxpayer-funded, attempt to fool **Canadians** into believing that the **Liberal government** has stood up to the gun lobby and made substantial and concrete progress on gun control.

"Firstly, Canadians need to understand that barely any of the measures linked to the Liberals' 2015 and 2019 promises have been implemented – including most of those adopted over two years ago," says **Nathalie Provost, a survivor of the 1989 Montreal massacre.**

"More importantly, the measures actually adopted or introduced consist of a shadow of what could have been solid and effective progress. Most of what we have seen consists of half or hollow measures that are riddled with concessions to the gun lobby."



Please see our **Review of Key Liberal Gun Control Promises (2015-2021):**

https://polysesouvient.ca/Documents/DOCU_21_08_16_LiberalGunControlPromises.pdf

These ads are a strong indicator that the **Trudeau Liberals** will run on gun control for a third time. However, given the succession of broken promises, **Canadians** are justified in asking **Justin Trudeau**: Why should we believe you this time? How are new promises going to be any different from the last two sets of broken ones?

"The Liberals need to choose between pretending to be for gun control and actually advancing gun control in a meaningful way. At least when Canadians vote for the Conservatives, they know they are voting in favour of gun lobby interests because the party's position is clear: to repeal whatever modest progress the Liberals made, among other previous gains. In comparison, the Trudeau Liberals are being incredibly dishonest about their both their commitments and their record.

“We hope that media covering this election campaign will look beyond Liberal talking points and scrutinize what the party has actually achieved. Because if you scratch beneath the surface and look at [the details of the legislation and regulations](#), not much has changed since the Harper government decimated our gun control laws: tens of thousands of fully functional assault weapons remain in private hands, high capacity magazines remain easily accessible, handguns continue to proliferate exponentially, and major flaws with respect to background checks and preventative measures (in cases of suicide and domestic violence) end up in tragedy after tragedy,” concludes **Ms. Provost**.

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