

LIBERAL GUN REGISTRY PROMISES: CAN WE BELIEVE THEM?

The whole issue of the gun registry has raised a number of valid questions over the years. The most predominant one being, is there any value to it considering the

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dollar that it costs? When the gun registry proposal was originally made, the government announced that they would implement the program for \$85 million over five years and that the net cost would only be \$2.2 million. On July 19, 2001, Anne

McLellan stated that "user fees will cover the cost of the program." That was then, this is now. Today, we know that the program is on track to be fully implemented by December 31, 2007 with a projected cost of 1.4 billion-- and that estimate is conservative. Some reports estimate a possible \$2 billion price tag. Again, the question stands, are Canadians getting any value for their money?

The answer is obvious when we consider the current circumstances. Two million completely innocent, federally licensed gun owners have to report their change of address within a 30 day time window or face penalties. Tracking law-abiding citizens does nothing to prevent criminals from acquiring firearms illegally. The Firearms Act is serving no valuable purpose in light of its costs. The Liberals are satisfied with allowing the spiraling cost of this program to continue despite concrete evidence that it is not fulfilling its original objectives or purposes. Unfortunately, the dollars will continue to come out of the pockets of law abiding citizens without any benefit in return.



Should the gun registry be used to track changes of address of law-abiding citizens? Yes _____ No _____

Do you agree that the firearms registry is not fulfilling its original objectives and purposes? Yes _____ No _____

Response and comments attached to questions raised with respect to agriculture. Yes _____ No _____

Please note any brief comments or suggestions below:
