

Guns on Campus: Voices of Campus Police Officers

Across the country colleges and universities are struggling with proposed changes to legislation that would allow permitted persons to carry guns on campuses. Arizona and Texas are among a dozen states considering changes that would allow university professors and students to bring guns to class. In Michigan, proposed legislation would allow a permitted person to carry a weapon, “anytime, anywhere” including dormitories and classrooms. Coalitions consisting primarily of students and faculty members have formed on each side of the debate. However, the voices of campus police officers have yet to be heard. This research, based on surveys and interviews with police officers from 38 different public and private universities in Michigan, seeks to fill that void. In addition to the findings, recommendations for informed policy are provided.

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