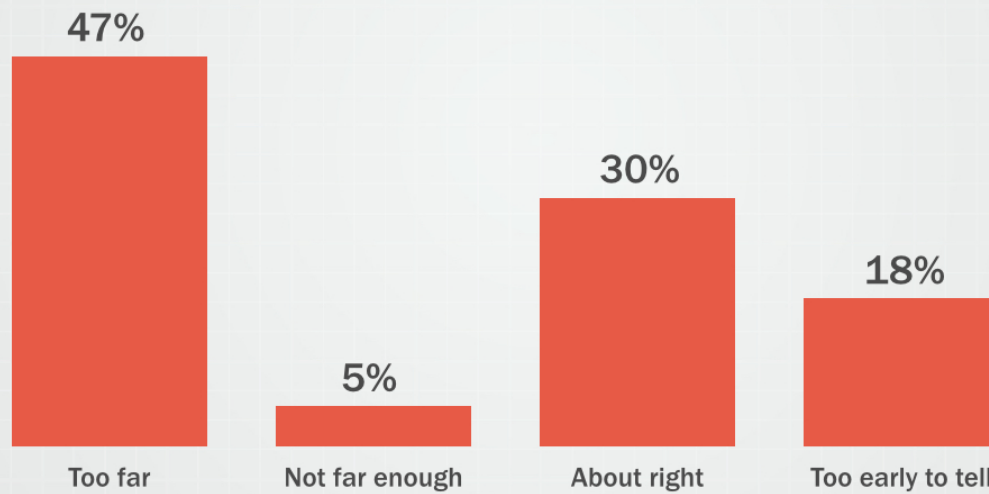


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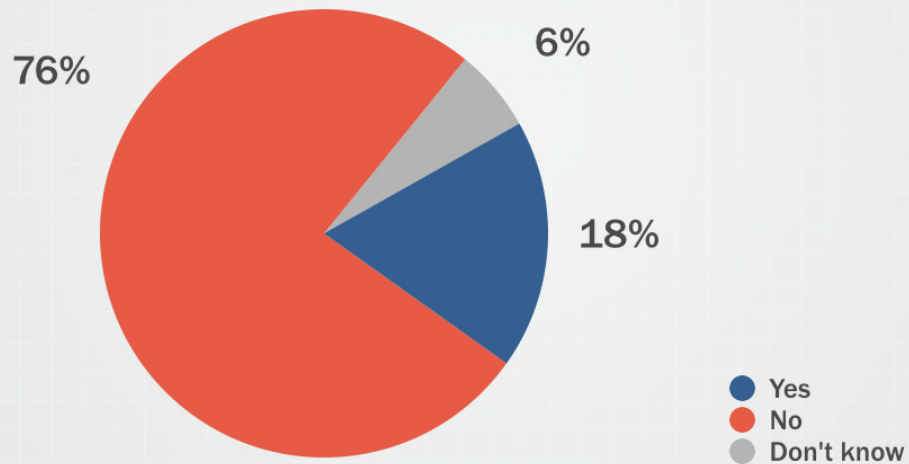
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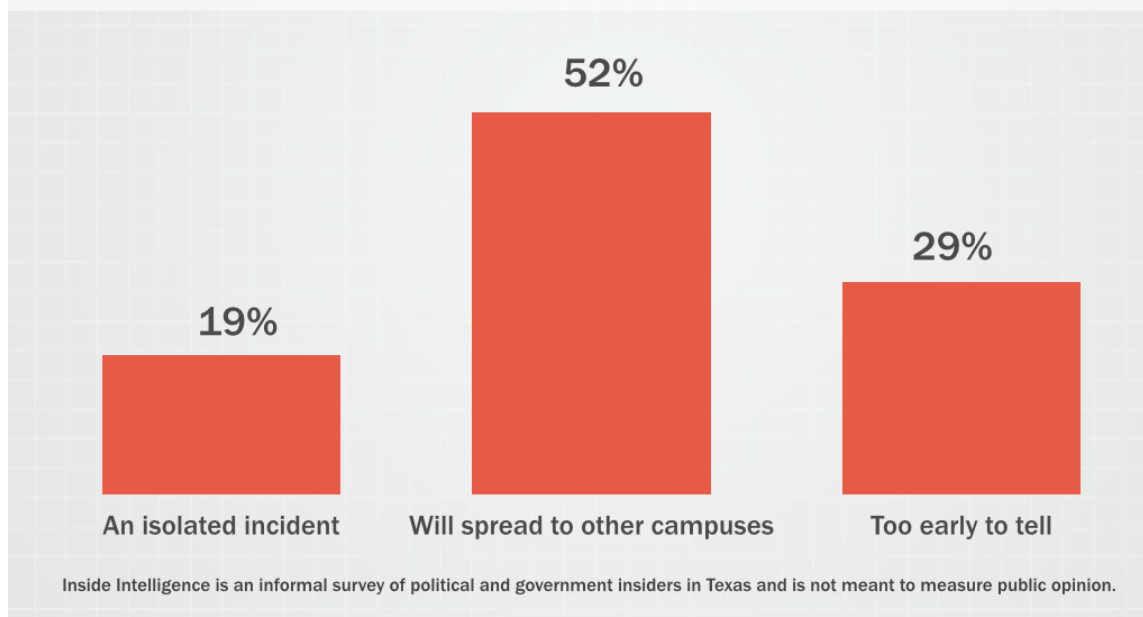
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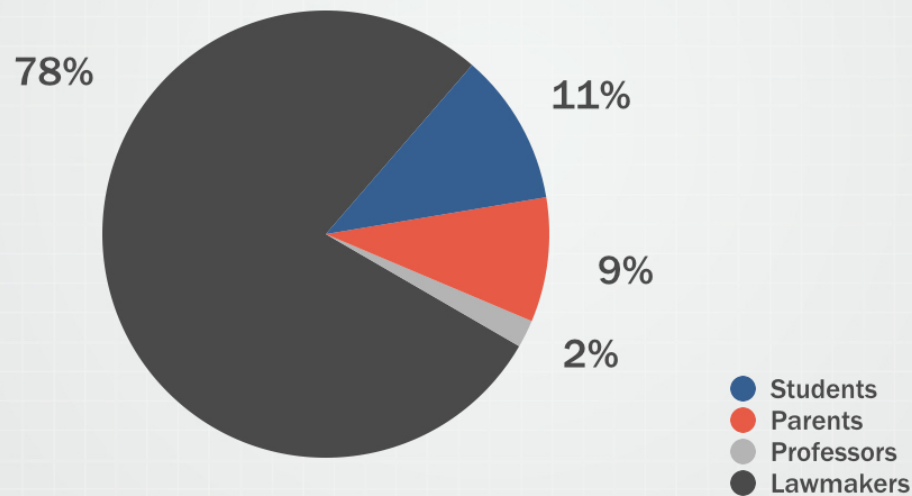
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WHOSE VOICE IS MOST INFLUENTIAL IN
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Evaluate Texas lawmakers' approach to relaxing regulations on carrying firearms on college campuses.

- "The fact that lots of folks think they went too far, while at the same time lots of folks think they didn't go far enough, tells me their approach is about right."
- "Umpqua Community College allowed students to carry weapons. Fat lot of good that did."
- "Firearms and 20-somethings judgment and hormones don't mix."
- "Have you ever seen an angry student? Usually, worked up over an issue in class or it's the A student who received a B+ that I fear the most."
- "It's concealed carry only. So if done legally, nobody will know if you're actually carrying. That said, campus carry/open carry/constitutional carry seem like such dumb things to care about."
- "Hormone high, stressed out, binge drinking 18, 19, 20 year olds carrying firearms? HEAVENS who actually believes this is a good idea? Does anyone realize that BOYS carrying

firearms and GIRLS who say no to sex don't MIX? Is she really going to anger a boy with a gun? THINK PEOPLE! (however, if PUBLIC colleges have to open it up — PRIVATE colleges should have to as well - WELCOME RICE! BAYLOR! SMU! TCU! to the craziness the rest of the colleges in the state must deal with!"

- "I am bothered by all of this because we in society are targeting the tool and not the user. When people don't want guns on campus, in my opinion, they are afraid of the shooter not the gun. Why don't they start firearms safety training classes for all? Don't let someone handle a gun drunk, always point guns away from people, guns are not toys, assume every gun is loaded — no exceptions, guns can be used to hurt and kill, how to safely handle a firearm, who to call, etc. Many of us received training young and have given this training to our young. Time to reeducate our population about their second amendment right and responsibility. Lawmakers may have to revise the law, requiring updated training for licensed carriers and general education."

- "Campus carry is just plain stupid. Didn't help in Oregon and just allows drunk kids to have guns."

- "The passage of campus carry was pandering to a far-right base of voters. The Legislature should have coincided that approval with additional appropriations for campus security personnel and training at state-supported colleges and universities. We should all be comforted, though, by the leadership who are actually on the

campuses, with chancellors, presidents, faculty and staff."

- "Sure, put more guns on campus and let the SWAT team figure out who the bad guys are."

- "Didn't Whitmire say that the bill wasn't as bad as some folks fear and not as good as some folks think it'll be? Seems to sum it up pretty well."

- "There were armed, CHG carrying, former military students on campus in a nearby classroom at Oregon's Umpqua Community College during the shootings that reportedly decided to stay away from the shooter for fear of being mistaken by SWAT or other law enforcement as being perpetrators."

- "This whole campus carry thing is a high-stakes experiment with human life. There are bound to be some tragic results, but maybe some offsetting heroic events, too. It will be a decade or more before even an objective person can definitively say whether it was a good idea."

- "Unarmed citizens are vulnerable to terrorists."

- "My sense is that this is a big mistake, but, like most things, it won't be all bad or all good. And, only time will tell which way the pendulum will swing."

- "Hormones, drinking, sex and now guns... not a good combination"

- "Just wait for the next drunken frat party..."

- "Stupidity never fails Texas."

Does the most recent mass shooting at the college campus in Oregon cause a pause in implementation of campus carry?

- "In 2013 (during session no less!!) a person stabbed at least 14 people at a Lone Star College campus outside Houston. I don't recall anyone calling for a ban of knives on Texas campuses as a result, so why would implementation of campus carry be put on hold?"
- "I would think it would hasten the pace."
- "Stupid question. Don't you realize that the answer to gun violence is always more guns?"
- "This has been said too many times: people who want to kill others are not going to follow a law saying you can't carry a gun. They're already not following the law saying you can't kill others."
- "Sadly it does not, but it SHOULD!"
- "It depends on how the implementation is carried out."
- "Not in this idiot state."
- "People in support of looser handgun laws (the Legislature) are not about to allow a slower implementation."
- "Shit happens, right?"
- "But unfortunately it should."
- "Madness unlikely to slow down other madness."
- "Both pro- and anti- arguments are strengthened by the Oregon event."
- "Were I a student, it would make me want to carry on campus. Perhaps these cowardly madmen would consider that they won't have an easy path to carry out their mayhem."
- "It does quite the opposite!"
- "It hastens it."
- "In a state where you already need extensive background checks to get a gun, this still happened. If you prevent responsible people from having guns, lets' say you take them all away like the lefties want because they are morons and scorn the Constitution, only the nuts and the criminals will have guns and the government. Both of which the Second Amendment was established to fight against if and when necessary. Read the Federalist Papers and history. Kind of in black and white if you ask me."
- "Think Texans would say other armed students could have shot the perp."
- "None of the preceding school multiple homicides stopped passage of campus carry."
- "It should strengthen it! Crazy people who come to a campus to kill must no longer believe that they can do so in an environment where everyone else is

unarmed. That's one of the reasons they come to campuses."

- "The law's the law and the deadline must be met no matter what faculty and students think."
- "Those who want to ban guns on campus will use Oregon as a motivating factor. Those who want to have guns on

campus will use Oregon as a motivating factor."

- "I am not a gun nut, but look at where shootings happen, Gun Free Zones!"
- "It should but how about the core problem of Texas being last in mental health services."

Evaluate the impact of the 320-plus UT-Austin professors who signed a petition to ban guns in their classrooms.

- "320 out of over 2,000 faculty members is impressive, but if they wanted to shape policy they should have been at the Capitol during session."
- "Nobody will care though. Although I liked my professors in college, it is hard to deny that they were relatively out of touch with reality."
- "UT's action won't influence other campuses, but faculty at other campuses will be opposed on their own."
- "No impact whatsoever. The lawmakers and other campus carry backers don't give two shits about the professors (or administrators, regents, student body leaders, etc.), and two shits may be overstating how much they really do care."
- "Petitions are pointless. The only thing a legislator cares about are their own voters. The fact that Texas may lose top researchers and professors does not matter to a state Legislature that does not value education at any level."

- "There are beans in that hill..."
- "All the professors want to ban guns in their classrooms. But here's a newsflash: they've probably taught a class where guns were in the classroom and nobody knew."
- "You hope that people would listen to the people who WORK there, but no. Some idiot legislator knows better than the people who have to walk that campus daily."
- "Professors should not be afraid of people that carry. This is likely to happen on any campus where there is anyone who is afraid of guns in general. It will spread even more if the UT-Austin professors are successful in getting more restrictive guidance."
- "It will have the same impact as similar petitions during the Vietnam war and investing in South Africa during apartheid."
- "Off the 40 acres, no one really cares what a bunch of Austin liberal tenured professors living in an ivory tower think."

- "Poll Texas A&M professors and students. Austin is an aberration in the state of Texas."
- "A large majority of college campus professors are bleeding heart libs, so their collective responses are no surprise."
- "If I'm a prof, I don't want these crazy kids carrying. Now, if I can carry, that's different. I'm a wise old man."
- "UT professors taking a liberal stance? Say it ain't so!"
- "Trust me — no one cares what UT professors think!"
- "They did the same thing in Oregon with NEGATIVE results. Shouldn't we learn from their mistake?"
- "It makes sense to me... especially on days when tests are returned!"
- "Let's talk to them after there is a shooting and they are sitting there with nobody or no way to defend themselves. Last time I checked, CHL carriers are some of the most responsible gun owners and carriers period."
- "Believe most professors would oppose... they're the ones that give out Ds and Fs"
- "Zero impact."
- "How many of them were professors of constitutional law?"
- "What we will never know is how many professors and grad students stay away from Texas because of the Wild West image of our college campuses."
- "There's no predicting what or when any group of professors will opine on at any time."
- "UT-Austin professors — the white wine drinking, Volvo driving, NPR crowd — may have isolated followers at other schools who would push to emulate the more restrictive gun laws of other states, like say, Oregon, but they will not prevail or be treated seriously by anybody but the media."
- "Upper Management at UT does not care what 320 Dr.'s of Liberal Arts think!"
- "Let's bring guns to the Capitol and serve liquor."

Which group has the most influence in campus carry debate?

- "Only one of these groups actually writes laws... they're clearly the most influential."
- "I like how college administrators aren't even an option. Good one. Funny."
- "Lawmakers have the only influence."
- "Lawmakers in Texas vote with whoever gives them the most money. If the professors, parents and students were all billionaires, then what they think would matter."

- "If enough of the people paying the bills complain loudly enough, it will for sure influence legislators."
- "The law appears settled: we're getting guns on campus. So the Legislature had, and still has, the most influence."
- "They MADE the law; defy them and they will PULL your funding. Oh wait, the state has already CUT the funding for most public universities in this state."
- "They will review the policy and can uphold it or legislatively change it."
- "Unfortunately, the NRA will be the loudest."
- "Unfortunately, the NRA has the most influence."
- "NRA will influence lawmakers. Unfortunate."
- "They make the rules. Everyone else is a bit player."
- "The real answer is 'voters.'"
- "Students need to be able to defend themselves."
- "It's about gun manufacturers, politicians, votes and contributions. It's never about students and parents."
- "Professors are irrelevant. Students are mindless. And the pols will act if have parents are calling and concerned."
- "Seeing there is a new law, it is the ones that vote during session..."
- "What kind of question is this? Last time I checked, students, professors and parents don't make laws."
- "None of the above. The correct answer is the 5 percent of the electorate who vote in Republican primary elections."
- "The Lege didn't leave all that much to be decided at the campus level."
- "None of above. Tea party"
- "The people who write the rules, of course! If the schools are overly restrictive in where they allow concealed handguns, the Lege will strip that authority from them in 2017. The college administrations know this, which is why the petitions, 'town hall' meetings, etc., are just window dressing to appease the masses."
- "The pen is mightier than the protest!"
- "Students are against it, professors are against it and it still passed. Legislators (and primary voters) have the most influence."
- "Only a matter of time before we have our own little Columbine"
- "Idiots"

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