

ABSTRACT

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Since the tragic events of Columbine High school, there has been significant effort put into preventing and mitigating future similar events. Schools have become more securitized and new safety policies have been widely implemented nationally at every level of schooling. College students have more freedom than children and this paper explores how students at SCSU feel about their safety measures on campus and solutions on a larger scale. This study aims to gather opinions of SCSU's students on campus safety and school shootings. Theoretical frameworks in this paper include moral-panic theory and media-contagion theory. This paper is a qualitative study that uses semi-structured interviews and thematic coding to identify commonalities between the participants.