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Editorial Review

Review

"The recent episodes of campus violence in the US have received much media attention and have permanently etched in the minds of millions of Americans fear that campuses, once thought to be safe, are no longer havens from violence. In this timely volume, editor Paludi brings together a multidisciplinary group of contributors to codify and make orderly sense of the research on campus violence; demonstrate the importance of and methods to communicate with the campus community on this issue; and advise on dealing with and preventing campus violence. There is so much valuable information contained in these pages it is difficult to point to a single idea. Perhaps at the top of this reviewer's list would be the excellent discussion of institutional policy and policy implementation. The materials presented in the text are well documented, the arguments are thorough, and the editor's message is clear--campuses need to come to grips with violence of all sorts....Paludi's volume is practically required reading for higher education administrators, campus leadership across the board, and those seeking answers to violence in general. Highly recommended. All academic collections." - **Choice**

"I think that this book would appeal best and be most helpful to student affairs personnel charged with the general well-being and cocurricula development of students rather than to specialists in college mental health, law, or security. It might also be appropriate for graduate courses in student personnel administration and higher education administration, but I do not think it would be a useful text for undergraduate or graduate courses in psychology. In sum, I would recommend it for those new to the problem of violence on campus and to those with broad rather than specialized administrative responsibilities on campus." -

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"The broad reach of this book makes it a good resource for those affiliated with college campuses...this book is very accessible to a wide audience. It moves beyond the coverage of theory and statistics to the provision of sensible and specific recommendations, which will make it a useful tool for any who work with college students." - **James Madison University College of Integrated Science and Technology**

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