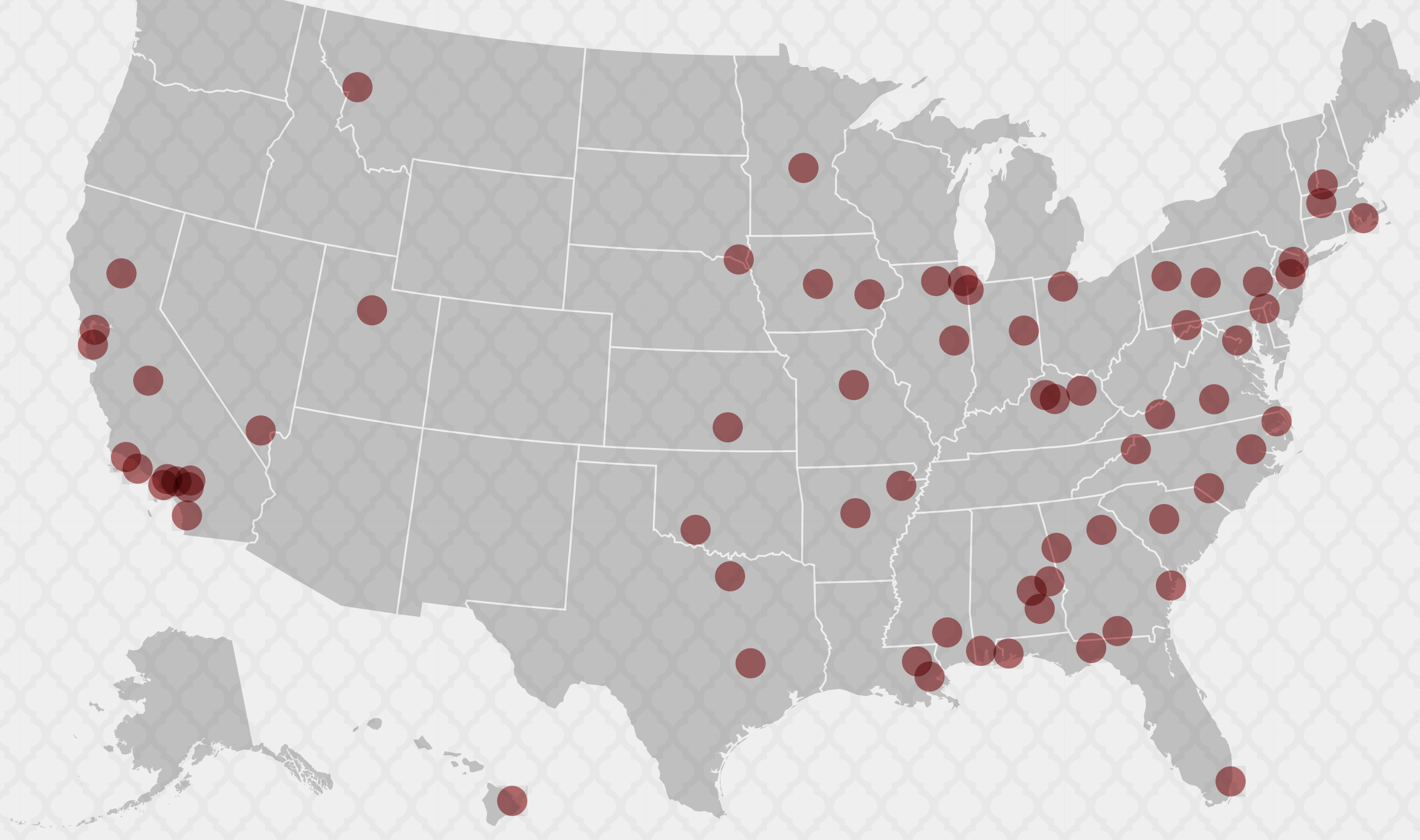




Free Speech Zones on Campus

On far too many campuses nationwide, universities unreasonably restrict students' expressive activities to limited areas—so-called “free speech zones.”

WONDERING WHERE YOU FIT?



Roughly 1 in 6 of America's top colleges and universities have free speech zones.

Appalachian State University
Arkansas State University
Armstrong Atlantic State University
Auburn University
Ball State University
Bowling Green State University
Calif. State Polytechnic University
Calif. State University—Channel Islands
Calif. State University—Chico
Calif. State University—Dominguez Hills
Calif. State University—Los Angeles
Calif. State University—San Bernardino

Calif. State University—San Marcos
California State University—Fresno
Cameron University
Clarion University of Pennsylvania
East Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University
Florida State University
Frostburg State University
Georgetown University
Indiana University—Bloomington
Iowa State University
Keene State College
Kentucky State University

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Longwood University
Montclair State University
Morehead State University
Northern Illinois University
Pennsylvania State University
Purdue University
Purdue University—Calumet
Radford University
Rutgers University
Saint Cloud State University
Southeastern Louisiana University
Stanford University
Texas A&M University—College Station
Texas Woman's University
Troy University
University of California—Berkeley
University of California—Riverside
University of Central Arkansas
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii at Hilo

University of Ill. at Urbana—Champaign
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Mass. at Dartmouth
University of Massachusetts—Amherst
University of Miami
University of Missouri—Columbia
University of Montana
University of N.C.—Pembroke
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of New Orleans
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina Columbia
University of South Dakota
University of Southern Mississippi
University of West Florida
Utah Valley University
Valdosta State University
Wichita State University

FREE SPEECH ZONES OFTEN HAVE THESE COMMON CHARACTERISTICS



PRE-REGISTRATION

“This space must be reserved a minimum of five (5) business days in advance.”

LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY



LIMITED USE

“Speech/assembly activities will be limited to one two (2) hour time limit per seven (7) day period, commencing the Monday of each week.”

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY



LIMITED AREA

“The University of Southern Mississippi will provide a speaker's corner on Weathersby Lawn.”

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

CAMPUS FREE SPEECH ZONES RUN AFOUL OF THE CONSTITUTION



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

University of Cincinnati Chapter of Young Americans for Liberty v. Williams (2012)

In a 2012 case, a federal judge ruled that the University of Cincinnati's free speech zone “violates the First Amendment and cannot stand.”

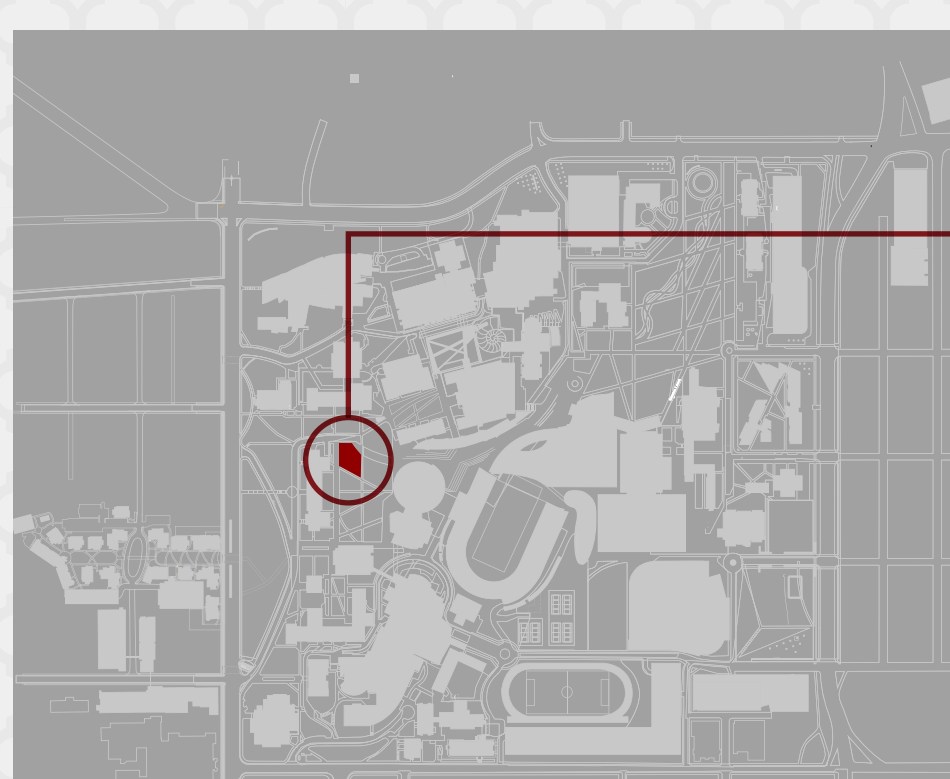
The policy required that all “demonstrations, pickets, and rallies” and other expressive activity occur in the free speech zone and be registered with the university

10

working days in advance.

“ANYONE

VIOLATING THIS POLICY MAY BE CHARGED WITH TRESPASSING.”



0.1%

of the university's 137-acre West Campus was covered by the FSZ.

“NO MORE THAN ONE

MUSICAL OR SPEAKING ACTIVITY IS PERMITTED AT THE SAME TIME.”



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

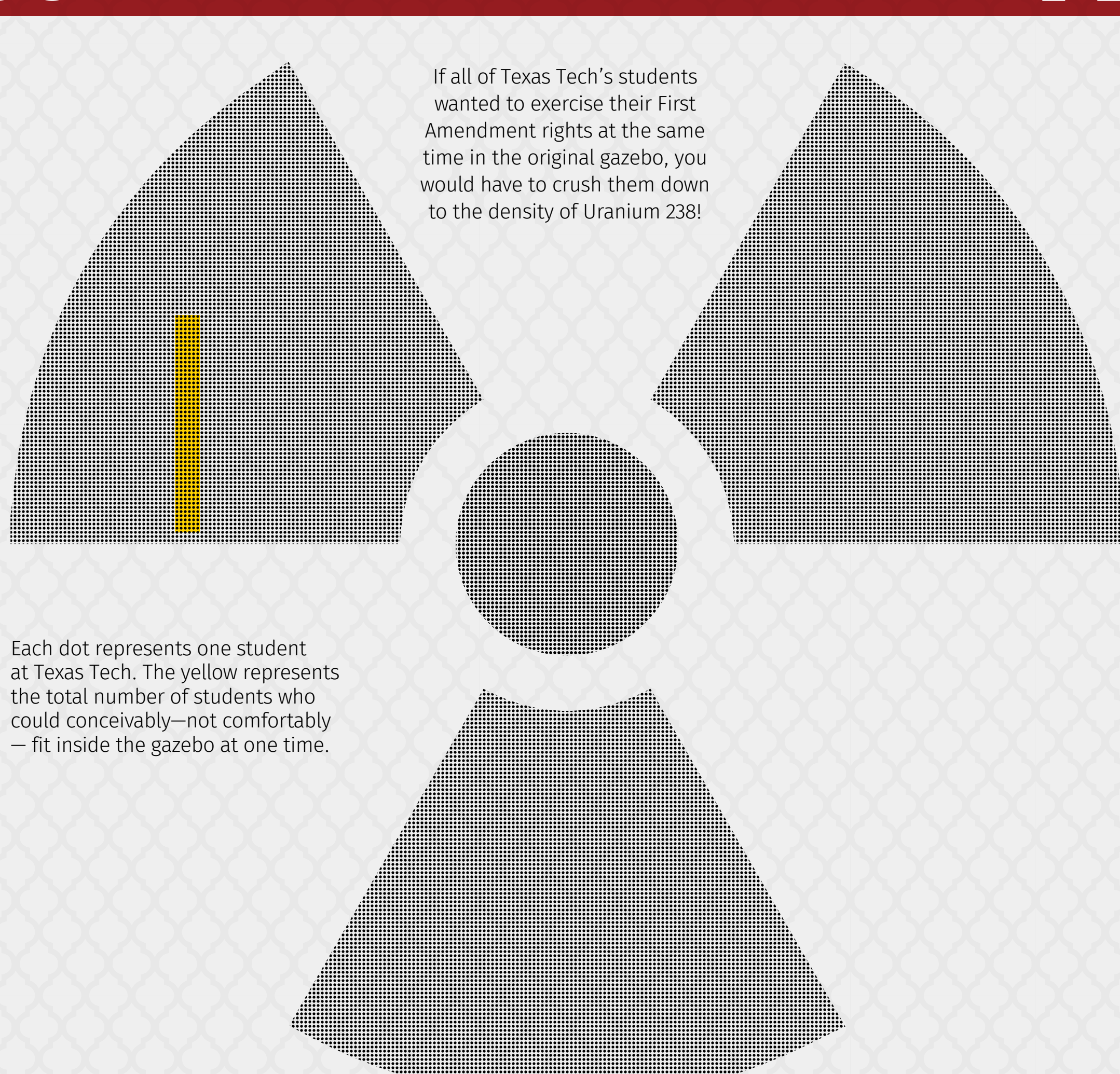
Roberts v. Haragan (2004)

In another federal lawsuit, students at Texas Tech University challenged the school's lone free speech zone, a single 20 foot-diameter gazebo for a campus of 28,000 students. Texas Tech responded by expanding the number of free speech zones on its campus, but that was not enough to save the university from legal defeat. In 2004, a federal district court judge ruled that Texas Tech's policy still violated the First Amendment and must be revised to open up more of the campus to free speech.

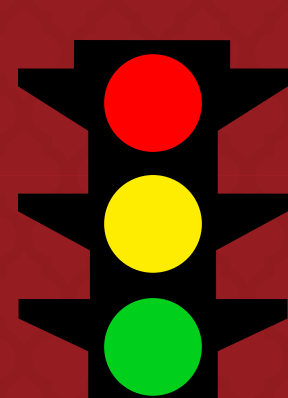


[T]o the extent [that a] campus has park areas, sidewalks, streets, or other similar common areas, these areas are public forums, at least for the University's students, irrespective of whether the University has so designated them or not.

ROBERTS V. HARAGAN (2004)



DOES YOUR SCHOOL HAVE A FREE SPEECH ZONE?



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