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What's the Policy Landscape for Student Affairs

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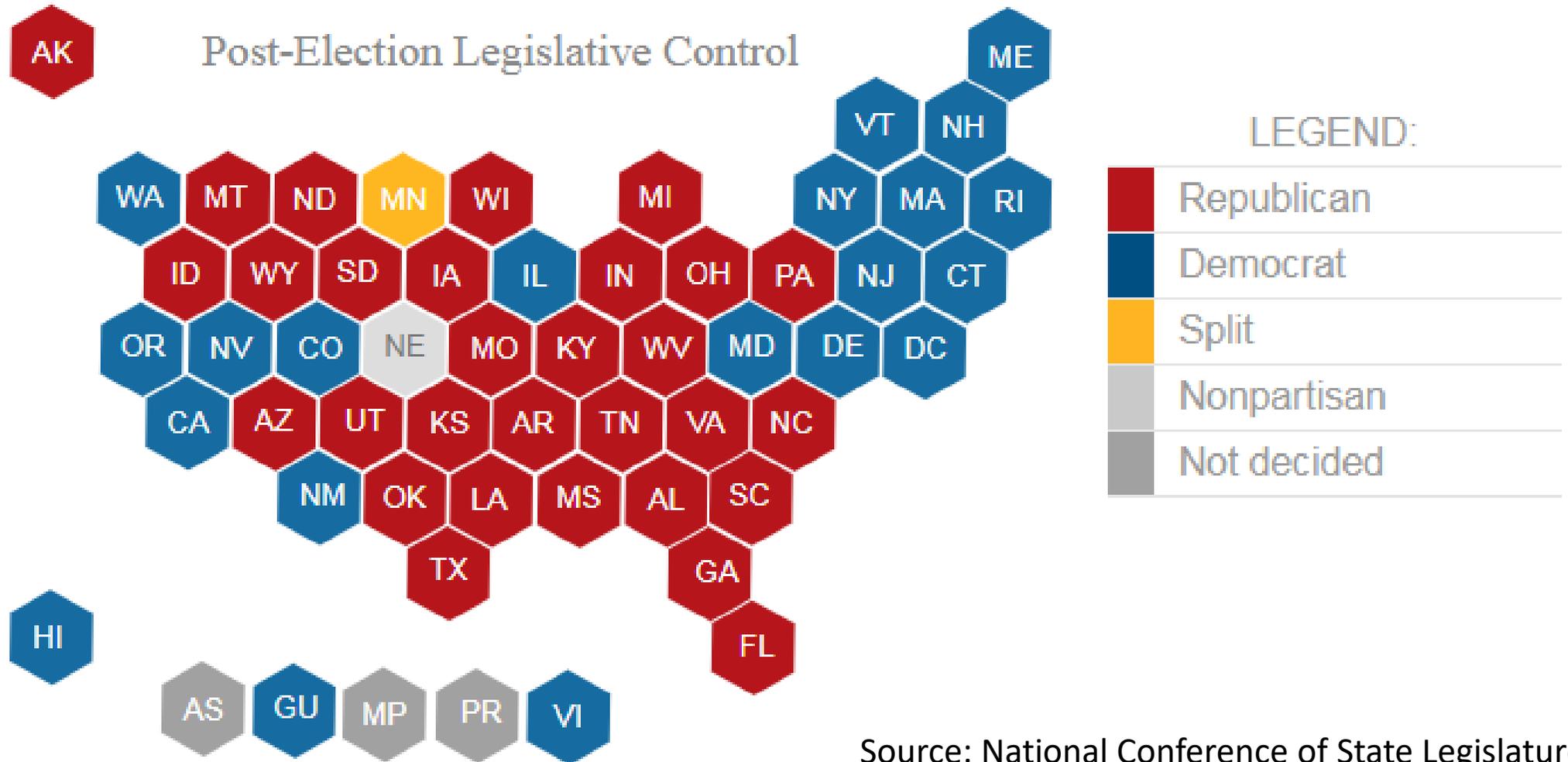
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Current State Policy Overview



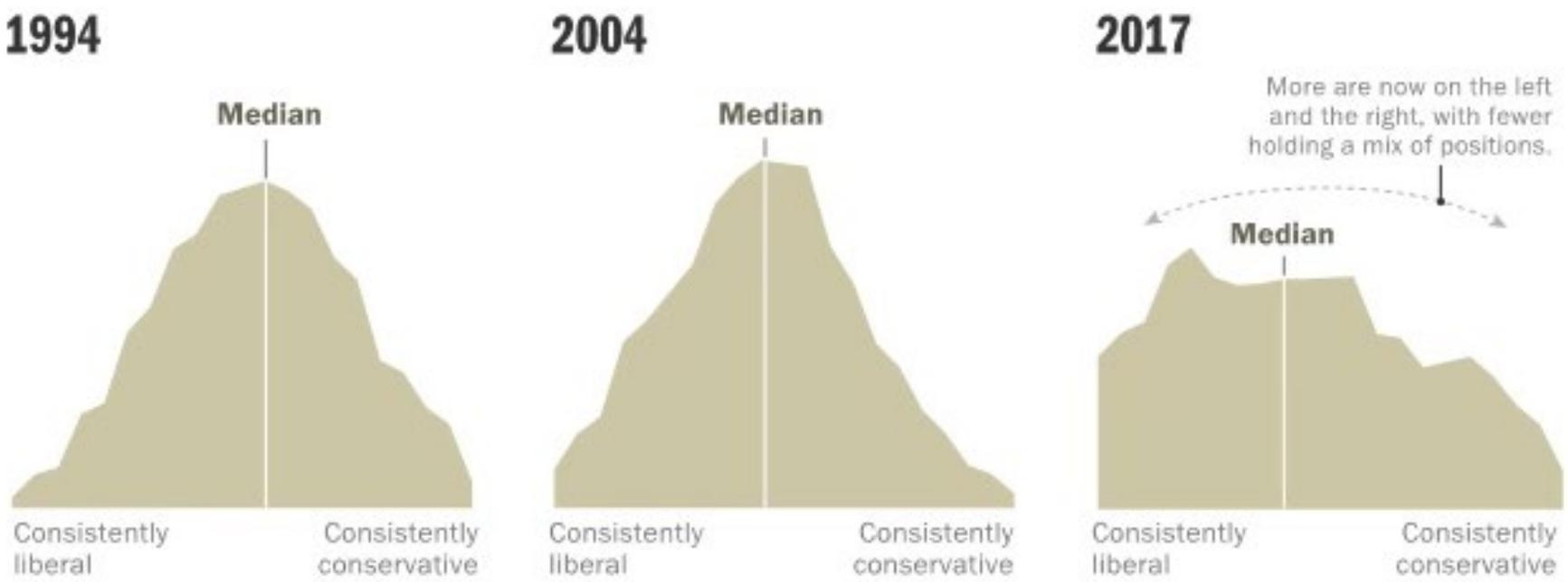
Source: National Conference of State Legislatures



Pew Research Center Political Polarization

Only about a third of Americans have a mix of conservative and liberal positions; in 2004, nearly half had mixed political values

Distribution of the public on a 10-item scale of political values



Notes: Ideological consistency based on a scale of 10 political values questions (see report methodology).
Source: Survey conducted June 8-18, 2017.



Free Speech on Campus



- DOJ interest in judicial cases
- President Trump's Executive Order
- State action: free speech zones
 - 10 states already bans free speech zones
 - 26 bills in 15 states in 2019

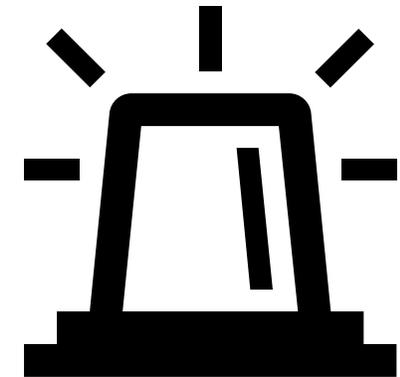
Mental Health

- Hate speech and historically marginalized populations
- Increase in mental health demands on campuses
 - Help-seeking behavior is good, but comes at a cost
 - Continued attacks on the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid expansion



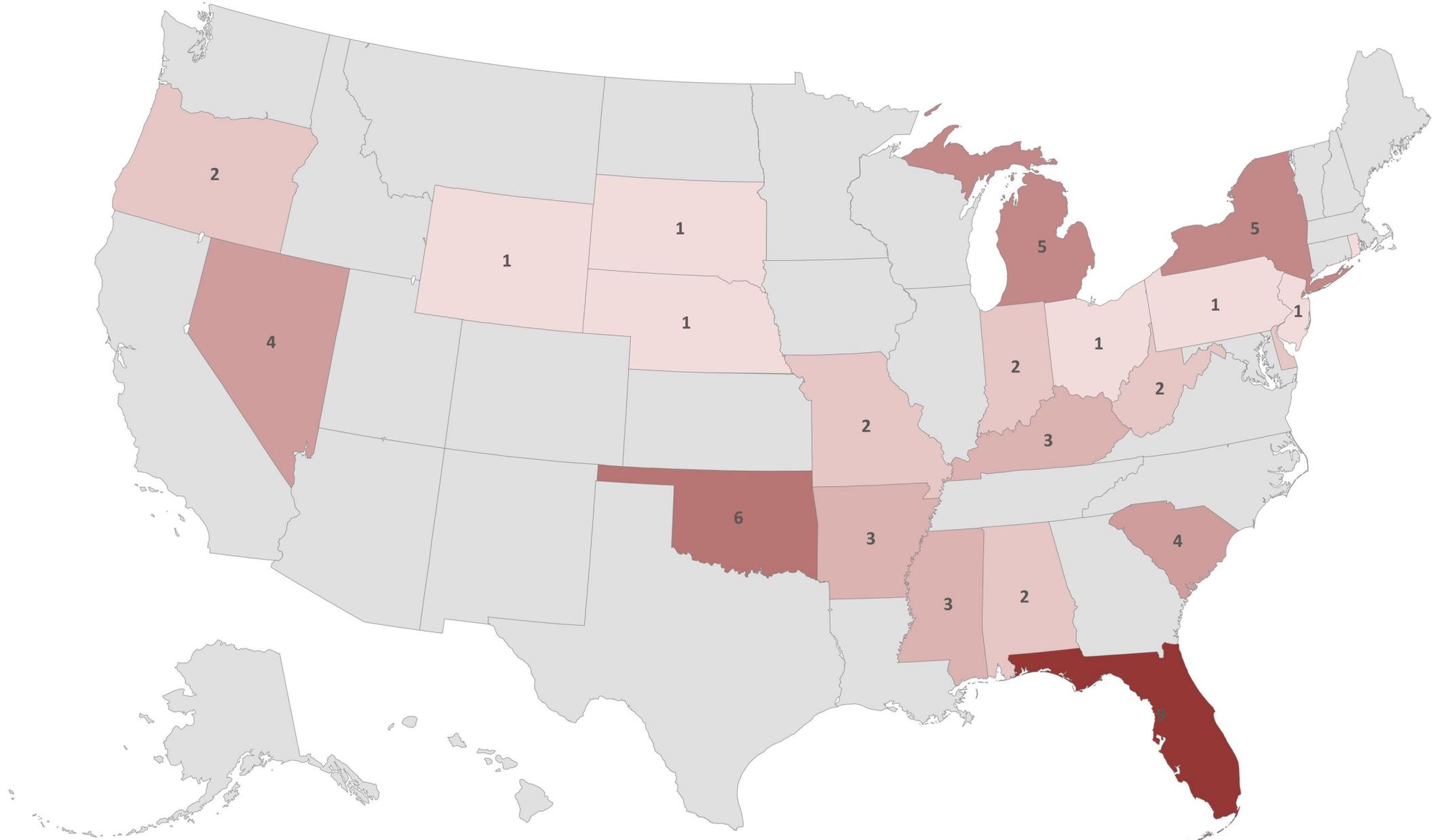
Guns on Campus

- Guns on campus are complicated
 - Concerns about accidental or intentional shooting
 - Sense of security for survivors of relationship violence
- Broad changes in gun laws impact colleges & universities
- Increased access to firearms is linked to increased suicide fatality
- 2019 has seen more “red-flag laws”



State Legislation Related to Guns That May Impact College Campuses as of 6/30/19

Number of Bills Introduced



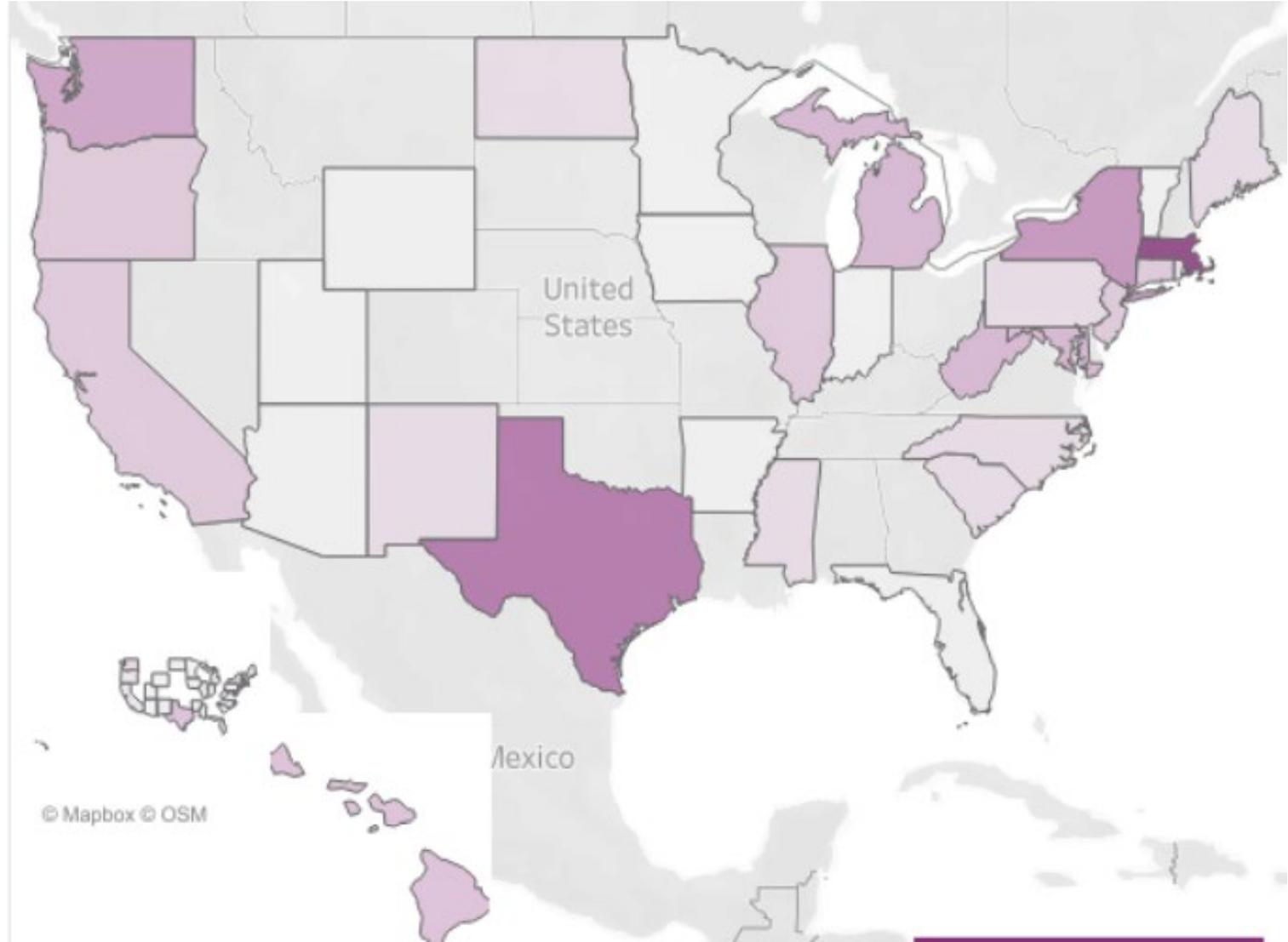


Hazing Prevention and Response

- Persistence in student groups, including Greek life, athletics
- Cultures around hazing are deeply embedded & protected
- Campuses know their communities and students best; no one-size-fits-all solution

Proposed Free College Legislation in 2019

- 90 bills across 31 states (6/4/19)
- 5 enacted (AR, MD, UT, WV)
- 3 passed first chamber (CA)



DACA/Dreamer Developments

- It's come to this.
Action in the U.S.
Supreme Court
- Can Congress ever
solve this problem?



Trump Admin. & Intl. Students

- Processing Delays
- Optional Practical Training (OPT)
- Unlawful Presence
- Duration of Status
- APLU engagement w/ administration

High-Skilled Immigration Reform

- Employment/“Merit-based” vs. family-based/“chain”
- Change in political dynamics on the Hill

HEA Reauthorization

- Have the stars aligned? Is now the time?
- What are the political challenges aside from the typical difficult dynamics?
- Should we want an HEA reauthorization?
- Senate GOP and Dem competing rollouts of priorities
- State of negotiations

Digging into Issues

- Affordability
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Campus Safety

Budget & Appropriations

- Budget Control Act of 2011: Please, let's be done with it.
- Status of FY 2020 Appropriations
- Yet Another Potential Fiscal Cliff



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