

### Claim

"The zero tolerance policy that mandates a predetermined consequence for specific offenses does more harm than good."

### Warrant

- some punishments are too harsh for the crime
- Expelling a kid causes more trouble for both student & parents

### Qualifiers

It is possible that zero tolerance policies keep students safer.  
Suspending students might ~~help them~~ be a good enough deterrent to not do drugs

### Grounds

If a student, for example, does drugs, a long term suspension or even expulsion does not ~~help~~ help them learn a lesson and the student is more likely to continue to use drugs.

If a student defends themselves in a fight, both the offender and defender are suspended or even expelled no matter the circumstance.

### Backing

- a paper gun should not cause a student to be suspended

### Rebuttal