The Ohio State University School of Communication has achieved national and international distinction in research, teaching and service by designing innovative undergraduate degrees in strategic communication; journalism; new media and communication technology; and communication analysis and practice. Graduate programs in the school are consistently ranked in the top 10 in the country. The graduate program focuses on teaching students to be the best teachers and scholars in the field of communication.

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Brad Bushman has studied aggression and violence, including violent media effects, for more than 25 years. Following the Newtown, Connecticut shooting, he co-chaired a National Science Foundation subcommittee report on youth violence and testified before the U.S. Congress on that report. He is a member of President Obama’s Committee on Gun Violence. In 2014, he received the Distinguished Lifetime Contribution to Media Psychology and Technology award from the American Psychological Association.

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