

Princeton Petition History

Largest petitions/signature campaigns at Princeton to date:

- 1990 - Over 4,000 for a second, full-time SHARE counselor
- 1986 - 3,000 signatures on pro-divestment from South Africa
- 2020 – present – Over 2400 signatures for [fossil fuel divestment](#)
- 1968 - 2,200 against a ban on visits from the opposite sex in dorms
- 1977 - 2,064 to boycott Stevens products for labor violations
- 1993 - 2,000 against the athletic department's decision to end the wrestling program

Campaigns over the years:

- 581 - Support [Latinx Students](#) Calling for a Better Princeton (2015)
- 1570 - [Fossil fuels](#) (2015)
- > 1,000 - [Ban the Box](#) (2015)
- 1816 - [against the BJJ](#) (2015) *N.B. Public on Change.org so probably not all Princetonians*
- approx. 500 each - [Palestine and Israel Petitions](#) (2014)
- >1,100 -online petition calling for the commissioning of an updated "[Sexual Experiences Survey](#)" (2013)
- 660 -[Asian American and Latino Studies](#) (2008)
- 1,300 - [Princeton for Worker Rights \(PWR\)](#), a student group, amassed signatures from students and faculty during the 2006-07 school year to lobby the University to join the Worker Right Consortium: "*The Resources Committee had previously decided not to advise the University to join the WRC because it doubted the organization's effectiveness, Durkee explained. After receiving the petition, however, the committee recommended to Tilghman in September 2007 that the University begin to develop a relationship with the WRC. Tilghman agreed to its recommendations in December 2007.*" (2007)
- 400 - Support for [Palestinians' education rights](#) (1997)
- 2,000 - petition which states that the athletic department's [decision to end the wrestling program](#) was "flat-out wrong" (1993)
- 4000 - "The activity last spring, including a petition with over 4000 signatures, shows student commitment to SHARE." Petition was to demand a [second full-time SHARE counselor](#). (1990)
- >1,000 - Against suspension of [fraternity members](#) (1990)
- >1000 undergraduates - [Petition to "Stop Lowe"](#) - stop Eugene Lowe '71 from being reappointed as dean of students (1987)
- 1000– [pro-choice](#) petition - (1986)
- >1,300 students - Petition protesting the move by the Department of [Politics](#) to limit the number of concentrators next year to 210 (1986)
- >1,600 - petition that went to a referendum - "to endorse a [verifiable, bilateral freeze](#) on the production, testing and deployment of nuclear weapons and delivery systems." (1983)
- > [more than 125 faculty members](#) against American intervention in El Salvador - "the first time in 12 years that faculty members have taken a collective stand on a national issue." (1982)
- 1,100 - eliminate university disciplinary penalties for possession or use of [marijuana](#), while still leaving the university to report high misdemeanors to outside authorities, as is required by law (1981)
- >1,100 - Establishing a [Public Interest](#) Research Group at Princeton (1980)
- 1,200 Against a proposal to require sophomores as well as freshmen to purchase [twenty-meal](#) contracts (1979)
- 2000 – 3000 - The People's Front for the [liberation of Southern Africa](#) - campaign for Divestiture (1978)
- 1,200 undergraduates - [pass/fail](#) deadline (1978)
- 1,700 Increases in university [financial aid](#) (1978) "On the basis of this response, Smith said he believes that the USG will meet its goal of 3,000 signatures by Thursday, when it plans to present the petition to the budget-setting Priorities Committee."
- 2064 undergraduates - [J. P. Stevens Boycott Group](#) - asking the university to disclose ownership and use of Stevens products, a company that has been convicted of labor violations). "*The petition was presented with 2,064 undergraduate signatures to President Bowen on Dec. 5. The petition also included signatures from 139 graduate students and 163 faculty members.*" (1977)
- 1,000 - proposal to reallocate coaching staff from men's to [women's crew](#) (1976)
- >500 - Reducing [crime](#) on campus (1974)
- 1,100 - [Anti-ROTC](#) on campus (1972)
- 2,200 – end to limits on [visits by members of the opposite sex](#): "*Kaminsky asserted that his approach, which presented a unified student voice in the form of a petition carrying 2,200 signatures calling for abolition [of parietals], was responsible for the trustees' concessions.*" (1968)
- 1,500 - Allowing students to have [cars on campus](#) (1951)