

Comment: Warriors Don't Fear Ideas

Steve Cohen's article in the June 2025 issue of *Proceedings*, a magazine published by the U.S. Naval Institute, "Comment: Warriors Don't Fear Ideas," discusses the banning 381 books from the Naval Academy library, and the failures of leadership surrounding it.

He notes that, "For more than 150 years the mission of the Naval Institute has been to encourage sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and others to "dare to read, think, speak, and write" to promote the Sea Services and global security. To censor a well-articulated idea—however controversial—is a disservice to the Navy and the nation. The disheartening results of the Naval Academy book ban of 2025 will reverberate for years."

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