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## **York College Criminology and Criminal Justice Forum Posting**

The current York College Criminology and Criminal Justice Forum posting comes from Dr. PJ Verrecchia and highlights his recent work in the *Virginia Social Science Journal*. The article is available at this link <http://virginiasocialscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Verriccia10.pdf> and the abstract is presented below:

### **Characteristics that Influence Attitudes toward Retribution**

#### **ABSTRACT**

Using a national sampling frame with a sample of over 3,000 responses (n=3,265), this study explored individual characteristics that influence attitudes toward retribution. Specifically, this study was interested in exploring who is more likely to support the punishment philosophy of retribution. Eleven independent variables were examined and only two indicate a retributive attitude. Males were more likely than females and gun owners were more likely than non-gun owners to indicate support for retribution.

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