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**Spiro on Student  
Involvement**

**Q. Do you believe that student political activity in the coming campaign is in the public interest?**

A. I don't think that this idea of work-time political activity by the college students is a good thing. It comes about simply because they are goaded by the faculty or the college administration into political activity. There has always been a certain amount of political activity on campus, and this came spontaneously. I think that's very good.

But when it becomes a part of your college work, and you're given time off to indulge in it—well, it would seem to me that the primary purpose of these young people being in college is to learn whatever they're studying. And there will be plenty of time, collaterally, for them to involve themselves politically, without giving them two weeks off from the college term to go out and work in somebody's campaign — particularly when it amounts to a thinly veiled directive to work for "liberal" candidates.  
U.S. News and World Report, Aug. 24, 1970.