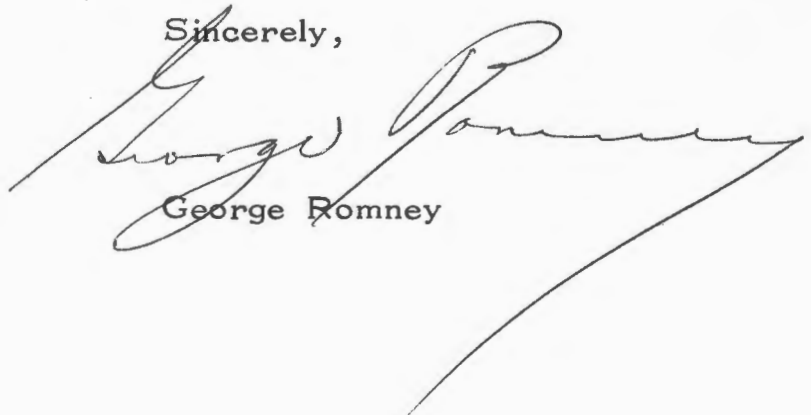


cause, even though I might disagree with him, and say so publicly. The only issue I addressed myself to in this context was whether or not a group, majority or minority, should be allowed to disrupt the University schedule when other suitable means are available for making the same dissent to public policy. You are inviting anarchy in saying that you, or any other person or group, have the right to decide when an issue is important enough to halt the regular activity of a public institution.

You unilaterally assign to your group too great a protective role in American democracy. I essentially agree with your basic premise. Democracy must allow and accommodate spontaneous dissent. Any national administration should be prepared to justify and explain any of its actions. I do not object to the teach-ins, only to the dangerous precedent you originally wished to establish with the teacher walk-out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Romney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "George Romney".

George Romney

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