I. Free Speech Movement

A. Situation

1. Students at Berkeley became active in the Civil Rights Movement

2. Hundreds joined local civil rights groups in a direct action

1. targeted the discriminatory hiring practices of the local hotel

industry

b. types of actions:

i. boycott

ii. sit-in at Sheraton Palace

3. Successful: ended hiring practices

4. Student organizations began advocating more direct actions

5. Business community pressured university to limit student activity

a. University banned all political groups from their traditional place on campus

b. Real target: those advocating civil disobedience

c. Large number of students and wide range of groups felt that this was a violation of right to free speech

B. Student response/ University response

1. stay on campus/suspend leaders

2. mass protest/ agree to negotiate

3. negotiate/don’t negotiate in good faith, tougher rules, punish those first arrested

4. mass protest of administration building/mass arrests

C. University

1. organized campus meeting, no students allowed to speak

a. can’t have this behavior from these few students

b. arrest Savio for trying to speak, drag him away

2. Faculty Senate votes to support students

3. Students win

4. Savio: claims University is Fordism applied to education

a. don’t want you to think

b. University is already politicized

i. corporate research

ii. weapons of mass destruction