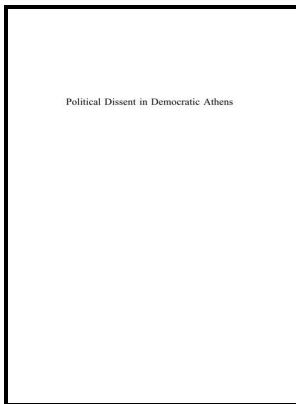


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## The Meaning and Importance of Dissent

By political left, Kazin refers to movements and individuals, which advocate significant changes to national laws and, even, to the structure of government. Was the strategy of gradualism consistent with these assumptions? For example, the English political theorist John Locke was a significant source of influence and inspiration to the American intellectual elite. If he did not have a Nixon, he would have to invent him.

## The Politics of

Some of us are draftees, the others enlistees, but we all agree that this war is immoral. The list on page 8 is a cursory overview of major turning points in the history of attacks on dissent.

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The choices of action or inaction are already clear enough, I think, to bear discussion. This is civilized barbarism—pernicious, sophisticated, subtly concealed from public view, massively protected from political attack. House Republicans largely supported a firm policy in Southeast Asia and fighting a war against Communism at any cost.

## Vietnam and the American Political Tradition: The Politics of Dissent

Campaign buttons publicly displaying partisan affiliation came into vogue. Second, Vietnam left a model of resistance for later generations.

## The Political Climate of the Colonies

Indeed, for many of the individuals discussed, dissent was a decidedly conservative act in that they felt the war threatened traditional values, mores, and institutions. Some officials were allowed to climb out on a limb and predict imminent victory.

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This is not a large group of people, but they are precious to the national conscience.

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