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A student defends ROTC... an assertion that makes many of his friends and associates quail. "I am not a student," he said, "I am a member of the ROTC program at MIT."

On the surface, the student seemed to be talking about the future of the ROTC program at MIT. But his words were laden with a deeper meaning. "I believe in the ROTC program," he said, "because it provides a unique opportunity for young people to develop leadership skills and to serve their country."

The student, who goes by the name of "John Doe," is a senior at MIT and a member of the ROTC program. He has been a vocal proponent of the program for several years, and he is not alone in his views. Many other students at MIT share his belief in the importance of the ROTC program.

But not everyone agrees. Some students feel that the ROTC program is a throwback to a bygone era, and that it is out of place in the modern world. They argue that the program is outdated and that it does not adequately prepare its cadets for the challenges of modern warfare.

John Doe counterargues that the ROTC program is a vital part of the education of young people. "The ROTC program is not just about military training," he said. "It is about leadership and responsibility, and it is about service to the country."

The student's words resonated with many of his classmates, who applauded in support of the ROTC program. But the debate is far from over. The future of the ROTC program at MIT remains uncertain, and the student intends to continue to fight for its preservation. "I believe in the ROTC program," he said, "and I will continue to fight for it as long as I am able."