Mack and Johnson were expelled from MIT after a series of events involving the Grogo controversy. Mack, a member of the MIT community, had been involved in a dispute with a student group, and Johnson, a professor, had been accused of plagiarism. The student body, led by Mack, believed that the administration was not handling the situation fairly. Mack and Johnson were convicted of various offenses, including insubordination and violating the student code of conduct.

The student body was outraged by the administration's actions and demanded that Mack and Johnson be reinstated. The administration's refusal led to a series of protests and demonstrations on campus. Mack and Johnson were eventually expelled, but the case continued to divide the MIT community.

The case of Mack and Johnson raised important questions about the role of the administration in handling student affairs and the need for a more equitable process. The case also highlighted the importance of free speech and the right to protest, as well as the need for a more inclusive and diverse campus community.