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The University of El Salvador was occupied by the Salvadoran army on June 26, 1980. The army killed 17 students and ransacked and burned a university faculty building. The national guard burned 140-year-old libraries, laboratories, mops, and records. Any true defender of free speech and civil liberties would condemn the inci-

dent. The United States, in other words, fit to reward the Salvadoran government with a staggering $425,750 percent increase in military aid. United States aid to El Salvador totaled $4,000 in fiscal year 1979. It jumped to $5,95 million in 1980, $35 million in 1981, and $121 million in 1982. How can Kirkpatrick reconcile her support of the Salvadoran regime with her 'serious commitment to educa-
tion.'

The same astonishing increases can be seen in the body count: 1,039 civilians in 1979, 9,862 civilians in 1980, and 13,335 civilians were murdered by the security forces or officially sanctioned paramilitary groups in El Salvador in 1981. The United States paid $9,061 per civilian murder in 1981, with no evidence that the 'communist threat' has been dis-
pelled or even ever existed. Kirk-

patrick is probably not very con-
cerned with killing civilians and destroying universities in El Sal-

ador, but the unarguable result of Kirkpatrick's support of Unit-
ed States policy is that Central Amer-

ica is that the more we pay, the more innocent civilians die at the hands of their own government. Kirkpatrick was heckled at Berkeley and the University of Michigan and decided not to give a commencement speech at Smith College. The ambassador's media tactic as-

sume Kirkpatrick's freedom of speech was thereby violated.

Kirkpatrick was not denied her right to speak at Berkeley, but was simply heckled by the audi-

ence. What political speech has not been subjected to harassment by its audience? Disruptions and shouting occur at nearly all po-
galities; speakers wait for the shouting to ebb, as it es-

sentially does, before speaking. Apparently Kirkpatrick was un-

willing to hear the hecklers out, choosing instead to cancel her lecture. The incidents are hardly worthy of national attention, let alone formal apologies.

No one is preventing Kirkpa-

trick from delivering this year's commencement address at Smith College. The ambassador can-
celled after the college said it cannot guarantee her security during the commencement. Kirkpatrick has equated political protest and opposition to govern-

mental policies with violence against her person, a philosophy which underlines the repression she supports. Opponents of her political philosophy, if anything, be protecting that philosophy. By demanding that no demonstra-
sion occur at Smith College, Kirkpa-

trick has again shown how little regard she has for the rights of the people in El Salvador. Kirkpatrick speaks as a repre-

sentative of the United States government. The person grant-
ed the podium — or the press — is in a position of power over his audience. Members of the audi-

ence have the same right to free speech, and as Kirkpatrick herself understands, views seldom appear in the press, their freedom of speech in sig-

ificantly greater danger. Heck-


ing was the Berkeley students' only opportunity to make their views known to Kirkpatrick, oth-

er members of the audience, and the world at large.

The ambassador's freedom of speech must be protected by let-

ting her speak in a totalitarian society must be protected. A major university openly "discuss the prevention of future disruptions, including the presence of a larger security force and keeping a record of students purchasing lecture tickets." Per-

haps Kirkpatrick has concluded that a repressive foreign policy also makes an excellent domestic policy.

Kirkpatrick's right to free speech has not been violated, yet the policies she supports have de-

nied others even the right to life. Should David Saxon apologize for political dissent on his cam-

pus, he would directly condemn the ambassador's authoritarian principles.

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