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S.A. Resolution #36

Supporting the Activism of Prospective Students

ABSTRACT: This resolution seeks to have Cornell not rescind any admissions decision of students who participate in peaceful protests, regardless of their school’s disciplinary policy.

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Whereas, in result of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida many high school students have participated in walkouts and other peaceful protests against gun violence; and

Whereas, many school districts have threatened these students with suspensions; and

Whereas, these suspensions might put these students acceptance decisions at risk; and

Whereas, Yale University, MIT, Boston University, University of Virginia, Tulane University, Dartmouth College, George Washington University, University Massachusetts at Amherst, Brown University, Northeastern University, and others have said in response they will not rescind any acceptances of students who are punished over these disciplinary codes¹; and

Whereas, Cornell University released a statement on its various social media platforms that supports students who are participating in non-violent protest²; and

Whereas, the support of or participation in, non-violent protests should never jeopardize incoming students’ applications; and

Be it therefore resolved, the Student Assembly requests that Cornell University make the policy of not considering disciplinary actions of students who take part in nonviolent protests permanent for all future applicants; and

Be it finally resolved, that Cornell University accurately defines what the University considers “non-violent” protest.

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹<http://time.com/5174165/colleges-gun-control-protests-admission/>

² <https://twitter.com/Cornell/status/967850219055575040>



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