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~~WASHINGTON, D.C.~~, May 10 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) tonight said although criticism of some American institutions "may be constructive and productive, America cannot condone violent methods used by some students to try to achieve change or progress."

Speaking here to nearly 500 college students at the convention of the Florida Federation of Young Republicans, Dole added, "Disillusionment of American youth with some government, education and business institutions, for example, is legitimate," the Senator said. "Some of our institutions have failed to be responsive to drastic changes in America and the world since the 1940's."

"But as society cannot permit any citizen to judge which law he will obey and which he will disobey, so society cannot embrace the language and tactics of violence in the name of progress."

"Lawful dissent is a touchstone of American freedom," he said. "It is imperative we adults examine the reasons for student unrest and try to learn what can be done about some of them. It is equally imperative that young people realize that the only meaningful and lasting way to help remove society's inequities is to become a participant -- to become involved within politics, government, business and education--, not merely an observer or one who seeks to destroy!"

"Together -- adults and young people alike," he said, "our objective must be to promote a more rational, meaningful dialogue among the generations, between the ideal and the real, between today's unsolved problems and our past achievements."

In the speech, Dole noted he opposes direct government intervention "because it is not a real or effective solution to the problem of student disorders."

"More effective than withdrawing federal educational assistance to an individual, which only discriminates against the economically-poor offender," he said, "would be expulsion from the college or university or withholding of federal funds to the school whose administration officials do not deal effectively with student violence."

"If college administrators and the police do not treat those who violate the law as they would any other law breakers, then free education cannot survive."