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excerpts from tape - RWBayer

IN the McCarthy era there really wasn't much concern about activities on campus. There wasn't the history of criminal activity on the campus--- actual damage done to people, building, ~~and~~ files, etc. The McCarthy era was very much an era in which Senator McCarthy sought to build an involved case of guilt by association against people on the grounds that things they'd said and written, the people they'd known and places they'd been, and so on.

From the outset, there was much more an issue of thought control than I think exists under the circumstances ~~that~~ (of) today. It was the kind of web of guilt sort of thing which, interestingly enough, a good many New Left kind of publication^s use today.... Its a technique which has been used on both Left and Right in American history for a very long time --and sometimes used against targets that deserved it, and sometimes against targets that didn't.

(ID cards, photos, etc.) It's very hard to know anything you could do that would be at all effective ^{(---or have any chance of being effective---} in trying to deal with the sorts of outbreaks we had last year that would constitute absolutely no conceivable threat to any innocent party. I don't know any place or any circumstance in the world where you can enforce the law, whatever the law may be.... where you try to enforce the law and there's no ^{risk} ~~chance~~ at all that innocent persons will get caught up in the web of circumstance.

The whole line of logic that attributes to law enforcement effort the root of the crime, when a real crime is being pursued, I just find very hard to follow. Not that isn't to say we shouldn't do our best to be ~~sure~~ careful and to undertake only those measures which A) promise to give us a chance, at least, of some practical result, ~~and~~ and B) do minimum risk to people who may be quite innocent.