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# 5.95 (Spring 2009)

## Homework 7

*Due in class on Tuesday, 05 May 2009.*

### **1. Readings on political barriers to educational change**

This week's readings are about political barriers to educational change:

- a. 'Tactics for change' (written at MIT in the 1970s);
- b. Short selection from Joel Spring, *Education and the Rise of the Corporate State*;
- c. Short selection from David Nasaw, *Schooled to Order: A Social History of Public Schooling in the United States*;
- d. Alfie Kohn, 'Only for My Kid: How Privileged Parents Undermine School Reform';
- e. Alfie Kohn, 'The Case Against Competition'.

Read all five! Write a question about each reading for yourself (no need to turn it in).