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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).