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INTRODUCTION

Activism among archivists has been a subject of heated debate for over ten years. Sparked by the political turmoil of the 1960s, the controversy surrounding this issue continues today with such basic questions as what constitutes activism and what activities should concern activists still unanswered. Yet in our profession where so much remains to be done, both in exploring the records we already have and in assuring the availability of significant records from and for present and future generations, we must be selective in the deployment of our precious scant resources and energies. The following trilogy of articles represents our profession's most recent attempt to define activism and to establish clear priorities for ourselves as archivists in a changing world. Originally given as presentations during the 1976 Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, these articles identify a number of concerns ranging from the proper orientation for archival collecting and finding aids policies to the moral dilemma facing archivists within a struggling society.

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