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Part of a telephone conversation between President Nixon in the Lincoln Sitting Room and Charles W. Colson between 2:31 pm and 2:42 pm on April 21, 1971.

Conversation No. 42-63

President: Was he, what do they [hardhats] think of these, uh, these, uh, that crowd on the Mall down there? Did any of 'em mention that, or had they seen it?

Colson: Oh, uh, yeah, I [laughs] --

President: God, that's an awful-lookin' group, they tell me.

Colson: Sure is. The, well, they, they had, they had the reaction of, uh, these are, these are real bums and, uh, you know, how do you keep people like this off the streets, 'n' -

President: [laughs]

Colson: -- they were mad at 'em, but I, uh --.

President: Yeah, that's okay.

Colson: None of 'em have gone out to do anything about it. I --.

President: That's all right. They ought, they shouldn't fight veterans.

Colson: Well, that's, I think that's probably the one point that has turned them --

President: Yeah.

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Colson: -- that has kept them quiet, because they, uh --

President: Yeah, yeah.

Colson: -- the fact that they think they're veterans. Of course, we know they're not.

President: A lot of 'em aren't, yeah.

Colson: A lot of 'em aren't, but, uh --.