Education and the State in Tsarist Russia

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State authorities responsible for education in nineteenth-century Russia experienced as an administrative problem the classic dilemma of preindustrial nations threatened by the superior might of the industrial West. On the one hand, unless the central government abandoned its traditional hostility toward public initiative Russia might remain incapable of meeting the complex challenges offered by her international rivals. On the other hand, every gesture toward educational reform led to political and social demands that were unacceptable to the security-conscious state bureaucracy.

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