

OMNI NONVIOLENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE NEWSLETTER #1, October 1, 2011, Compiled by Dick Bennett for a Culture of Peace See Newsletters on Gandhi, King, Nonviolence, and related topics.

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Introduction: "Tim DeChristopher, who was sentenced today to two years in federal prison for disrupting a Bureau of Land Management auction in 2008, had an opportunity to address the court and the judge today immediately before his sentence was announced. This is what he said:"

READ MORE <http://www.readersupportednews.org/off-site-opinion-section/60-60/6779-tim-dechristopher-qi-do-not-want-mercy-i-want-you-to-join-meq>

--Skinner, Donald. "Utah UU Convicted for Environmental Activism." *UU World* (Summer 1011).

On the environmental exploits of **Tim De Christopher**, who made false bids of over a million dollars at a Bureau of Land Management auction in 2008, trying to block development near a National Park and draw attention to the global climate crisis.

Civil Disobedience Index from ACT UP New York

Taken from <http://www.actupny.org/documents/CDdocuments/CDindex.html>

"Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."

– Frederick Douglass, African-American abolitionist

The history of Civil Disobedience is a long and international one.

ACT UP practices a form that comes from a variety of progressive movements.

Below are several pages describing some of the history, theory, and practice of civil disobedience.

Many of these sections were taken (with love) from the *Handbook for Nonviolent Action* available from

the War Resister's League in New York City.

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- **ACT UP Direct Action Guidelines**
- **History of Mass Nonviolent Action**
- **Nonviolent Response to Personal Violence**
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- **Nonviolence Training**
- **Affinity Groups and Support**
- **Steps Toward Making a Campaign**
- **Consensus Decision Making**
- **Legal Issues/Risking Arrest**
- **Legal Flow Chart: What Happens in an Arrest and Your Decisions**
- **Legal Terms: What They Mean**
- **Jail Solidarity**

see also the following documents:

- **The Demonstrator's Manual** [crucial]
- NEW **Advantages/Disadvantages to Disclosing Your Status when Arrested**
- **Marshal Training Manual**
- **Getting Arrested: Why do we do it?**

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The LA chapter of National Lawyers Guild has a webpage for links to resources on Your Right to Protest at <http://www.nlg-la.org/righttoprotest.htm>

Your Right to Protest

Street Guide: What to Expect from the LAPD. This brochure provides general information about what anti-war demonstrations. To download this brochure in .pdf format, [click here](#).

Your Right to Demonstrate and Protest. This brochure provides general information about your right t

and protest. To download this brochure in .pdf format, [click here](#).

Student Free Speech Rights. This brochure provides general information about the free speech rights includes specific information about the rights of students planning walkouts to protest the war against Iraq. To download this brochure in .pdf. format, [click here](#).

Dealing With the Police: General Guidelines for Activists. This brochure provides general information with police encounters and how to respond to police questioning and searches. To download this brochure [click here](#).

Arrest Information. This brochure provides general information about what to do when you are arrested. To download this brochure in .pdf. format, [click here](#).

Militant Picketing. This brochure provides general information about how to engage in "militant picketing" in a labor dispute. The brochure is in English and Spanish. To download this brochure in .pdf. format, [click here](#).

What to Do When Someone Tries to Make an Unlawful Citizen's Arrest. This brief guide provides information on how to fight back when someone tries to make an unlawful citizen's arrest. To download this brochure in .pdf. format, [click here](#).

Know Your Rights If the FBI Comes Calling. To link to the our national's website for this important publication in English, Spanish, Arabic, Farsi, Punjabi, and Portuguese, [click here](#).

Questions and Answers About Civil Disobedience and the Legal Process. This 13-page document provides an overview of the legal issues relating to participation in civil disobedience. To download this document in .pdf format, [click here](#).

Laws Concerning Protests and Civil Disobedience. This document contains selected provisions of the California Penal Code, Los Angeles Municipal Code, and other laws that the police often use in connection with political protest and civil disobedience actions. In connection with some provisions, sample jury instructions are provided to help jurors understand the elements of the criminal offense. In addition, Los Angeles Municipal Code provisions on such matters as noise and the types of sticks you can use to hold demonstration signs are also set forth. Keep in mind that the laws police use; their use in some circumstances may be unconstitutional. [Updated January 1, 2008] To download this document in .pdf format, [click here](#).

Additional resources can be found at the following website:

Just Law Collective: Katya Komisaruk has a variety of resources for activists. You can order her book *How to Handle Encounters With Law Enforcement*.

REBEL OR SLAVE?

NationOfChange, Saturday, 01 October 2011 Chris Hedges |
"The Best Among Us" Op-Ed: "There are no excuses left. Either you join the revolt taking place on Wall Street and in the financial districts of other cities across the country or you stand on the wrong side of history. Either you obstruct, in the only form left to us, which is civil disobedience, the plundering by the criminal class on Wall Street and accelerated destruction of the ecosystem that sustains the human species, or become the passive enabler of a monstrous evil. Either you taste, feel and smell the intoxication of freedom and revolt or sink into the miasma of despair and apathy. Either you are a rebel or a slave."

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BOOKS

==Boyle, Francis. *Protesting Power*. Rowman and Littlefield, 2008. Four principles against empire abroad, police state at home, and incessant war to sustain them both a la Orwell's *1984*: civil resistance, international law, human rights, and the U.S. Constitution. Boyle distinguishes between cd and **civil resistance**.

--Wilson, Diane. *Diary of an Eco-Outlaw: An Unreasonable Woman Breaks the Law for Mother Earth*. Chelsea Green, 2011. Rev. *Yes! Magazine* ((Summer 2011). Hell raiser over the Bhopal disaster caused by Union Carbide.

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