

Civil Disobedience

Political Science

Deliberate lawbreaking as political argument.

Conditions usually required.

Classic conditions

Public rather than covert

Non-violent

Aimed at a serious injustice

Legal channels tried first

Willingness to accept the penalty

Contested points

Whether property damage counts as violence

Whether accepting punishment is necessary

Indirect disobedience of unrelated laws

When legal channels count as exhausted

Educational reference. Accepting the penalty is what signals fidelity to law generally while contesting one part of it.