

Why Obey the State?

Political Science

The main justifications for political authority.

Justification and its difficulty.

Argument	Claims	Objection
Consent	You agreed, expressly or tacitly	Nobody actually consented
Fair play	You benefit, so contribute	Benefits were not requested
Natural duty	A duty to support just institutions	Why this state in particular
Necessity	Order requires it	Justifies almost any regime

Educational reference. Philosophical anarchism accepts the state may be useful while denying any duty to obey it.