

Annotated Bibliography: Civil Disobedience

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Research Question: What are the instances in the 21st century where individuals, like Antigone, feel compelled to act against the law for moral or ethical reasons, and how do they navigate the legal consequences of their actions?

Friedman, L. (2023, September 8). Stopping tennis to call attention to climate change.

[The New York Times](#)

This source is a current event with ties to tennis, and climate change. This source can prove useful in my research, because of the non-violent forms of protest that these individuals are using to bring attention to a bigger issue that is plaguing their society. The reason why these people are protesting, and using civil disobedience tactics is to bring attention to the existential threat posed by climate change. Some methods being used by protesters are disturbing traffic and blocking entrances to areas. However, with all conflicts, it's important to keep in mind that there will always be outliers or people who take things too far.

King, M. L. (1963). Letter from Birmingham Jail.

https://www.csuchico.edu/iege/_assets/documents/susi-letter-from-birmingham-jail.pdf

In the "Letter from Birmingham Jail," Martin Luther King Jr. responds to clergymen who questioned his nonviolent civil rights activism, and he defends the strategy of direct action and civil disobedience as being essential in the fight against racial segregation and injustice. Then he states that just laws deserve compliance, while unjust laws should be challenged. He also underscores the urgency of the civil rights struggle and the need for immediate action to address racial inequality and discrimination. This source is useful for

my topic because Martin Luther Kings' letter played a significant role in inspiring civil rights activists and became a fundamental document in the struggle for civil rights, emphasizing the importance of civil disobedience as a means of achieving social change.

Voice of America. (2011). Alabama City Remembered as Climactic Battle of Civil Rights Movement.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggUt0gJh9U8>

This source is a video about the Birmingham riot of 1963. During this riot law enforcement acted very aggressively toward Martin Luther King's followers, and proceeded to use attack dogs on them, while blasting them with fire hoses which can be very dangerous considering the amount of pressure these hoses can output. This riot was caused by the bombings on the night of May 11, 1963. It has a visual representation of events that occurred during this riot and perspectives from people who were involved in this movement. One main issue that African American people were rioting for was segregation and equal opportunity in the workforce. Sadly, during this time many white people disliked the idea of segregation getting removed and feared how their neighborhoods might change if segregation was abolished. This video and event are important to my topic about civil disobedience because of how the violent response to nonviolent protesters drew significant media attention nationally and internationally, as images of peaceful protesters being attacked by law enforcement officers shocked the public and put pressure on the federal government to take action.