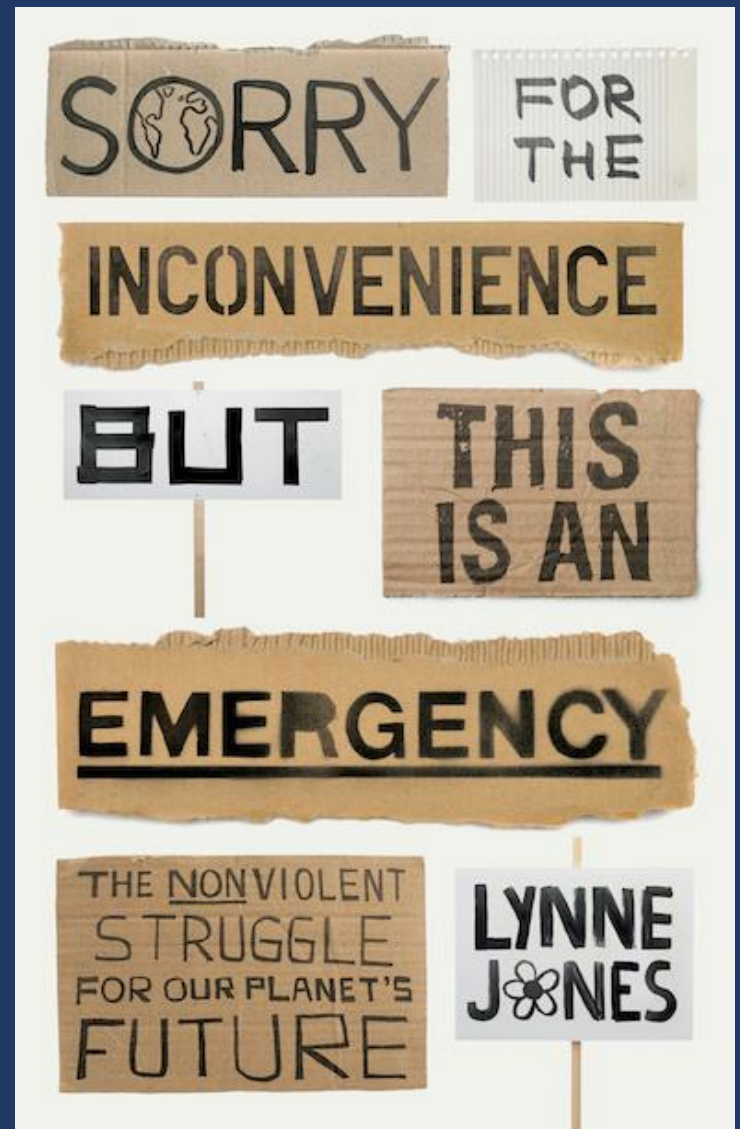


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- What are the different forms nonviolent resistance?
- Do they work?
- Are there limits?
- Use personal and public history to explore these questions



Greenham common women's peace Camp

First blockade at Greenham common , March 1982.

December 1982, 30000 women surround the base on Sunday and blockade it on the Monday, Photos by Paula Allen



If you resign it will mean the end of your medical career. *My boss in paediatric emergency medicine when I informed her that I was resigning to live outside a nuclear missile base, 1982*

Does Nonviolent direct action work? Yes

1984 Jane's Defence Weekly reports *training exercises had been shelved because of political problems caused by the continued presence of the peace protestors.*



@John Harris Reportdigital



1985 General Charles L. Donnelly Jr, Commander of the American Airforce in Europe, admitted that protestors had reduced by 25 per cent the frequency with which convoys were able to move outside Greenham.

INF TREATY REMOVES WEAPONS IN 1987



Reagan and Gorbachev shake hands after their mini-summit meeting in Reykjavik, October 1986. REUTERS/Denis Paquin



Reagan and Gorbachev sign the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty in the White House, December 1987. REUTERS/File

A US C-17 Globemaster at RAF Lakenheath in Suffolk, UK. (File photo: Gary Stedman / Alamy)



Now seems likely that tactical nuclear weapons were transported to Lakenheath airbase in July 2025. The arsenal is under the control of president Donald Trump and could be used without British approval.

<https://www.declassifieduk.org/the-inside-story-of-how-america-sent-nuclear-weapons-to-britain/>

EFFECTIVE
NONVIOLENCE
Protest
Interventions
Non – cooperation



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John Rawls on Civil Disobedience

In a viable democratic regime [...] Civil disobedience is a public act which [addresses] the sense of justice of the majority in order to urge reconsideration of the measures protested and to warn that, in the sincere opinion of the dissenters, the conditions of social cooperation are not being honoured. [...] Persistent and deliberate violation in regard to basic liberties over any extended period of time, cuts the ties of community and invites either submission or forceful resistance. By engaging in civil disobedience, a minority leads the majority to consider whether, [...] in the view of the common sense of justice, it wishes to acknowledge the claims of the minority.



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syringe

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program

Dr Alex Wodak established an illegal needle and syringe exchange programme in Darlington Australia in 1986, he refused to stop when threatened with prosecution and the service was legalised a year later. injecting drug users in Australia have one of the lowest HIV infection rates in the world.

Image:<https://stonetreeaus.wordpress.com/2012/06/29/5-more-harm-reduction-posters/>

The right to a two day Weekend

In the Battle of
George Square on
31 January 1919,
government sent
tanks and a police
baton charge
against thousands
of striking workers
demanding a 40-
hour week

Taj Ali, Tribune 030323
<https://tribunemag.co.uk/2023/03/how-workers-won-the-weekend>



Kinder Scout trespass: How mass action 90 years ago won ramblers roaming rights

🕒 24 April 2022



On 24 April, 1932, a group of young workers decided to stake their claim to the English countryside by staging a mass trespass. The result was arrests, prison sentences - and an outcry that is credited by many as shaping the rural access we enjoy today. Jennifer Hardy, BBC, News April 24, 2022

Is damage to property non violent?

Does the action: (a) safeguard the bodily and psychic integrity of other agents, avoiding acting in ways that intend to cause or are reckless about causing harm to other people (b) embody political communication.'



The statue of Colston now on display at Bristol's M Shed museum. Monetary value has increased fiftyfold



DEFEND OUR JURIES

'The first object of any tyrant in Whitehall would be to make Parliament utterly subservient to his will: and the next to overthrow or diminish trial by Jury, for no tyrant could afford to leave a subject's freedom in the hands of twelve of his countrymen. Trial by Jury is more than one wheel of the constitution: it is the lamp that shows that freedom lives.
Lord Devlin

2,700 people have been arrested since proscription took effect.



Suffragette Terrorism

An average of 21 bombing and arson incidents per month in 1913, and 15 per month in 1914



The Nevill Pavilion, in Royal Tunbridge Wells, which was burnt down by activists



It is clear to the meanest intelligence that if you have not got the vote, you must either submit to laws just or unjust, administration just or unjust, or the time inevitably comes when you will revolt against that injustice and use violent means to put an end to it.

Emmeline Pankhurst' Freedom or death', Speech delivered in Hartford, Connecticut on November 13 1913

1984 : One woman refuses to cash 2 south African grapefruits

- Suspended
- 12 go on strike
- Invited to south Africa by Desmond Tutu
- Forbidden entry
- 1987 Irish Government bans import of south African goods
- Apartheid ends 1990
- Nelson Mandela thanks them



DIVEST and BOYCOTT

Desmond Tutu calls for anti-apartheid style boycott of fossil fuel industry

Nobel peace prize winner calls for organisations to cut ties with industry and for investors to dump fossil fuel stocks



📹 Desmond Tutu: 'We have allowed the interests of capital to outweigh the interests of human beings and our Earth.' Photograph: -/AFP/Getty Images

“We need an apartheid-style boycott to save the planet. We must stop climate change. And we can if we use the tactics that worked in South Africa against the worst carbon emitters.”

Fossil free psychiatry

Marianne Brooker | 26th February 2020



Source: Royal College Surgeons

Royal College of Psychiatrists is leading the way in responsible investment decisions.

More than three-quarters of UK universities join fossil fuel pledge, say activists

Move to exclude fossil fuel firms from investment portfolios follows years of campaigning by staff and students



▶ Birmingham City University is one of four institutions to have recently incorporated fossil fuel exclusions into their ethical investment policies. Photograph: Christopher Thomond/The Guardian

Bad ads banned by medical mag

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The British Medical Journal has set a global precedent and banned adverts from banks that back fossil fuels.

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World first: The Hague (NL) bans fossil ads through ordinance and WINS COURT CASE

A graphic for "World Without Fossil Ads" featuring a stylized tree on the left and a crossed-out airplane on the right. The text "World first: The Hague (NL) bans fossil ads through ordinance and WINS COURT CASE" is prominently displayed in the center. The background is a mix of green, blue, and orange.



Disney loses \$6 billion in one week through 1.7 million people cancelling subscriptions and decides to reinstate a sacked comedian.

How green is your bank?

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|----|----------------------|-------|
| 1 | Barclays | 2.376 |
| 2 | HSBC | 2.170 |
| 2= | First Direct | 2.170 |
| 4 | Chase | 1.897 |
| 5 | Santander | 1.742 |
| 6 | NatWest | 1.295 |
| 6= | RBS | 1.295 |
| 8 | Monzo | 1.088 |
| 9 | Lloyds | 0.704 |
| 9= | Halifax | 0.704 |
| 11 | Metro Bank | 0.694 |
| 12 | Starling | 0.610 |
| 13 | Virgin Money | 0.517 |
| 14 | Nationwide | 0.432 |
| 15 | The Cooperative Bank | 0.328 |
| 16 | Triodos | 0.317 |



£12,500 held in a current account (the average UK household saving figure in 2022) with Barclays, contributes 2.9 tonnes CO₂ per year which is more than flying from the UK to Rome and back 14 times.

*In a dark time, the
eye begins to see*

Theodore Roethke