People Power: Civil Resistance and Social Transformation An Introduction to Nonviolent Conflict
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Abstract

The purpose of this article, an excerpt from my book with the same name, is to provide an introduction to nonviolent conflict that is both accessible to the informed public and rigorous enough to be used by activists and students wishing to investigate the field further. In a subsequent book, I will extend this introduction and use integral theory, specifically the all quadrants all levels (AQAL) model created by the philosopher Ken Wilber, to reduce the debates now dividing activists and scholars, and show how each side has value and brings greater truth to the discussion.

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Non-violent resistance moves beyond barriers of a physical or informational nature and offers individuals with varying levels of commitment or risk tolerance greater opportunities to get involved[11]. Furthermore, being non-violent in nature, these movements are also able to mobilise entire populations without addressing the issue of moral barriers[12]. Since power depends on the implicit consent of the people, once this is taken away, a state is no longer able to function. Non-violent resistance movements represent an effective strategy because they use their newly reclaimed agency to their advantage by reversing the coercive logic of the dominant power. This is based on the assumption that nonviolent means are used, according to Sharp, for their “anticipated effectiveness”[41].

Conflict transformation on the mediation circle facilitation side, and nonviolent resistance and nonviolent action as being twins. The twin halves of the work. And I think that’s very helpful. Although these are very different tools and strategies, the work of nonviolent resistance, and the work of bringing people together to hear one another, they both fall under the umbrella of conflict transformation. One other piece of King’s letter that is really helpful to us. is the way he talks about gross power imbalances in the community. His language for that, describing what is going on and for how long the struggle has occurred, right? How long there has been a discrepancy between the ideals of the United States. “Mining Conflicts in Peru: Civil Resistance and Corporate Counterinsurgency.” Journal of Resistance Studies vol. 4, no. 1: 99-132. Bookmark. Those who profess to favor freedom and yet depreciate agitation, are people who want crops without ploughing the ground; they want rain without thunder and lightning; they want the ocean without the roar of its many waters. The struggle more. Nonviolent resistance against autocratic regimes tends to have a democratic dividend. Resulting democracies have proven more inclusive and stable than their competitors coming about by violent means or by top-down liberalization. However, to date, we know little about the mechanisms that seem to link both phenomena, nonviolent resistance and democratic consolidation.