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"Obedience is the biggest threat to mankind"

"Disobedience keeps society free"

"The question is not why people rebel but why people don't rebel"

In socialist countries, "They obeyed laws that were

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...mass non-violent resistance as a method for the overthrow of tyranny, stems directly from...the fact that all rule rests on the consent of the subject masses... For if tyranny...rests on mass consent, then the obvious means for its overthrow is simply by mass withdrawal of that consent. The weight of tyranny would quickly and suddenly collapse under such a non-violent revolution.

Murray Rothbard

Introduction to Politics of Obedience

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In [totalitarianism] shortages of material goods, even of necessities, were not a drawback but a great advantage for the rulers. These shortages were not accidental to the terror, but one of its most powerful instruments. Not only did shortages keep people's minds strictly on bread and sausage, and divert their energies to procuring them so that there was no time or inclination left over for subversion, but the shortages meant that people could be brought to inform, spy and betray each other very cheaply. . .

Theodore Dalrymple

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The Wilder Shores of Marx: Journeys in a Vanishing World

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The mass crushes out the insight and reflection that are still possible within the individual. . .Rational argument can be conducted with some prospect of success only so long as the emotionality of a given situation does not exceed a certain critical degree. If the affective temperature rises above this level, the possibility of reason's having any effect ceases and its place is taken by slogans and chimerical wish-fantasies. That is to say, a sort of collective possession results which rapidly develops into a psychic epidemic.

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Civilization in Transition

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Logic will not help you here. You have your logic, they have theirs, and the distance between you two cannot be bridged by words.

Elie Wiesel

<https://t.co/UYrRm81eC7>

So many others are better qualified, more competent and effective than me. A throng of good-willed souls is projected onto the horizon, ready to rise, so that I can retreat more easily: another will act instead of me, and so much better.

Frederic Gros

Disobey

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...the Thirty sent for me...and ordered [me] to bring Leon the Salaminian to be put to death...I, however, showed again, by action, not in word only, that I did not care a whit for death...but that I did care with all my might not to do anything unjust or unholy...For that government, with all its power, did not frighten me into doing anything unjust...I simply went home.

Plato

The Apology

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Since olden times conscience has been understood by many people less as a psychic function than as a divine intervention; indeed, its dictates were regarded as...the voice of God. This view shows what value and significance were, and still are, attached to the phenomenon of conscience. . .Conscience. . .commands the individual to obey his inner voice even at the risk of going astray.

Carl Jung

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Disobedience is the true foundation of liberty.
The obedient must be slaves.

Henry David Thoreau

Civil Disobedience

How do you move the masses into civil disobedience?

- 1) use reason and evidence to convince them
- 2) individual dissidents can act as role models for others
- 3) create a common vibration of conscience in the populace- awaken people's inner voice.

Can civil disobedience still exist?

Or are those days long gone?

Have we been pacified for too long?

