



A Theory of Justice

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Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1972, pp. 605

Chapter Six, 'Duty and Obligation' (pp. 333-91) of this extremely influential philosophical restatement of liberal principles explores in depth the circumstances in which civil disobedience is justifiable in a liberal democracy. He summarises this argument in 'The Justification of Civil Disobedience' in Bedau, [Civil Disobedience: Theory and Practice](#) [2] ([A. 1.a.ii. Theories of Civil Disobedience, Power and Revolution](#) [3]) , pp. 240-55.

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