



Riots as Civil Resistance: Rethinking the Dynamics of "Nonviolent" Struggle

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Scholarly article challenging the dichotomy between violence and nonviolence, and arguing that civil resistance literature tends to focus on violence as warfare. The author suggests 'unarmed collective political violence' such as destruction of property and fights with police or opponents are frequently part of civilian resistance movements and that this reality should be examined. The article focuses in particular on unarmed violence in the January 2011 revolution against Mubarak in Egypt, and argues that it qualifies as civil resistance because of its civil character and that riots 'reacted dynamically' with more specifically nonviolent mobilization.

See also: Craig S. Brown, "Riots" during the 2010/2011 Tunisian Revolution: A Response to Case's Article in JRS, Vol. 4 Number 1' in *Journal of Resistance Studies*, Vol. 4. No. 2, pp. 112-31.

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