

CAMPAIGN NONVIOLENCE

Building a Culture of Peace

End War, Poverty and the Climate Crisis

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Campaign Nonviolence's Nonviolence Agreement

War, poverty, and environmental destruction are colossal forms of violence. In seeking to end them, Campaign Nonviolence rejects the use of violence for any reason and affirms that all CNV activities will employ nonviolent tactics exclusively.

Violence and Nonviolence

For the purposes of this agreement, "violence" means behavior involving physical, verbal or emotional means intended to hurt, damage, or destroy. "Nonviolence," on the contrary, is a force for transformation, truth, justice, and the well-being of all that is neither violent nor passive. Concretely expressed in CNV actions, nonviolence means a commitment to:

- Avoid the use of violence
- Search for the widest possible vista on the truth pertaining to any situation, and
- Being willing to accept the consequences of taking action, including voluntary suffering if necessary, to bring a conflict to a just resolution.

Guidelines

Campaign Nonviolence actions will have these characteristics in common:

- The attitude of participants will be one of openness, friendliness, and respect towards all people encountered.
- Participants will use no violence, verbal or physical, towards any person, including in reaction to violence.
- Participants will carry no weapons.
- Participants will not destroy or damage property.
- Participants will not bring or use alcohol or drugs (except for medical purposes).
- Participants will not seek to avoid the consequences of their actions.

We encourage CNV action organizers to ask participants to make and abide by this agreement during the CNV event. We also encourage you to read this agreement aloud to participants before commencing the nonviolent action.

Adapted from Oregon PeaceWorks and many other sets of nonviolent action guidelines.