

But what if we listen to ourselves instead? What if we operate from respect instead?

Obedience doesn't prepare us for justice. It prepares us to accept harm "ignore yourself. Do as I say."



- Obedience looks like:
- Following harmful policies without questioning
 - Avoiding conflict with authority
 - Accepting surveillance and censorship
 - Obeying even though your rights are violated



- Obedience looks like:
- Ignoring when you are hungry or tired
 - Staying silent when you feel unsafe
 - Believing authority is always right
 - Hiding your feelings to avoid punishment



People in charge typically reward obedience. Obedience teaches us how to survive in systems of power, rather than trust ourselves and care for one another.



Respect honors needs, boundaries and consent.



- Respect looks like:
- Not violating our bodies or rights.
 - Not erasing identities, languages & histories.
 - Not exploiting people or the planet.
 - Not engaging in corruption.
 - Not creating, funding or allowing global atrocities, like famine, trafficking & genocide.
 - Not complying because someone said so

obedience ≠ respect



operating from a place of RESPECT NOT OBEDIENCE is essential for a future of justice and liberation.

No one is free until we all are free.



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A Monstrous Assertion