



HIS4935-003 Crimes of the Powerful and Civil Resistance

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Civil resistance has been instrumental in undermining authoritarian rule for many decades. Even as the twenty-first century has witnessed an increased rise of strongmen hostile to democracy and an open society, the world has also witnessed a surge in “people power” campaigns. Because people and groups comprise the vital pillars of support for regimes including dictatorships, the task of civil resistance is to refuse to comply, to pull out these pillars of authority. How can these bottom-up movements mobilize and have an impact in dictatorships as well as democracies?