

Disobbedienza al principio oggi: una difesa senza apologia

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Civil Disobedience Today: A Defence without Justification

Abstract: The essay addresses the criticisms that Xenia Chiaramonte, Francesca Pasquali, and Greta Favara direct at F. Zuolo's *Disobbedire. Se, come, quando* (Laterza, 2024). While Chiaramonte highlights the concept's dependence on the legal context, Pasquali emphasizes the need to separate conceptual analysis from the normative dimension and criticizes the reliance on shared values, arguing that disobedience should challenge the *status quo*. Favara raises doubts about the intersubjective agreement required for justification, distinguishing between retrospective and potential agreement. In response to the conceptual critiques, Zuolo proposes a restrictive yet flexible definition inspired by Rawls and introduces the notion of "operative disobedience" to encompass new forms to dissent. Addressing the normative critique, Zuolo argues that reasons must be principled and generalizable, while acknowledging that their validity depends on public debate.

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