



SAMPLE NEGATIVE PRE-FLOW

This pre-flow could accompany the sample negative debate case that is provided on the civil disobedience topic. This sample exists to show you how you can take a case and put together a detailed pre-flow, which meets the suggested requirements of the Civil Disobedience lesson plans.

Extend my definition of Civil Disobedience in a Democracy in **SPERO AND HART**. This tells you that democracies automatically respect minorities via Constitutional government, elections, and civil rights.

The impact is that civil disobedience is bounded by these definitions.

Extend **DRESSLER**. We need to morally justify ourselves in the round today, because that's what the topic Resolved: Civil Disobedience in a democracy is morally justified requires of us.

VP: Morality

VC: Protecting the Rule of Law

Prefer this framework for two reasons.

1. **Extend** The Social Contract as explained by **LOCKE 1** tells you



that people give up some individual power when they enter into civilized society. Then **extend LOCKE 2** which tells you that the only right to revolt lies in the majority. Allowing smaller groups to disrupt society disrespects the Rule of Law.

2. Extend BRUNNER, which explains that the mutual use of force by individuals is eliminated by the State monopolization of power.”

1. Extend my First Contention, subpoint a) Civil Disobedience poses an unacceptable threat to the rule of law and trivializes good laws even if it targets only bad laws. Civil disobedience involves breaking the laws that order daily life. For example, protestors might block a street or refuse to cooperate with the police. However, once we allow protestors to break these laws, citizens will exploit these loopholes.

Extend HALL. Civil disobedience can be directed at the wrong parties, such as private individuals, and may undermine our general obligation to respect laws.

Extend my First Contention subpoint b) which tells you that peaceful protests often escalate into violent conflicts and create anarchy. Just last summer, a

peaceful
demonstration
caused massive riots
in London.

Extend LEWIS. Peaceful protests can and have degenerated into anarchy. In London, acts of civil disobedience culminated 12 hours later in a full-scale riot that saw brazen looting spread across north-London suburbs. Dozens of people were arrested and two dozen police officers were hurt as protestors burned and destroyed private property and shops, which is obviously NOT moral.

2. Extend my Second Contention, which says that civil disobedience is counter-productive. Courts and other legal institutions are more effective.

Extend O'DONNELL, which tells you that civil disobedience does receive media attention, but that it is uniformly negative. In this way they are often trivialized and robbed of credibility in the public domain. So, citizens should make use of courts and other institutions designed to check against the abuses of majority rule.

Last, extend the ACLU evidence, which tells you that In 2003, the ACLU helped persuade the Supreme Court in *Lawrence v. Texas* to expand upon privacy rights, a decision that wouldn't have been made if protesters had taken to the streets instead of the courts. The ACLU remains a legal champion of segments of the population who have traditionally been denied their rights, with much of our work today focused on equality for people of color, women, gay and transgender people, prisoners, immigrants and people with disabilities.