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Being Connected: Modes of Activism

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Action Techniques - Part 1

- ☯ Letter Writing - Your Letters Make A Difference
 - ☞ what is your purpose
 - ☯ to achieve action
 - ☯ to express an opinion
 - ☯ to express anger
 - ☯ to say thanks
 - ☞ always say “thank you”
 - ☞ don't be afraid to comment (No One Will Come To Get You)
- ☯ Direct Lobbying

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Taking Direct Action

☯ Self-Analysis

- ⌘ Will you break the law to advance your cause?
- ⌘ Are you prepared to be "singled out?"
- ⌘ Can you resist intimidation and being labeled as:
 - ☯ improper
 - ☯ counterproductive
 - ☯ un-Christian
 - ☯ a criminal
 - ☯ a radical

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Will you challenge family, friends, co-workers

- ☯ And sustain challenges by them?
- ☯ Are things really that bad to warrant such action?
- ☯ Civil Disobedience
- ☯ Peaceful Direct Action Code
 - ∞ Our attitude is one of openness, friendliness, and respect toward all beings we encounter
 - ∞ We will use no violence, verbal or physical, toward any being.
 - ∞ We will not damage any property and will discourage others from doing so.
 - ∞ We will not run.
 - ∞ We will carry no weapons.

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The true nature of revolt

☯ is to “attempt to live within the truth.”

- ☯ step out of living within the lie.
- ☯ reject the ritual and break the rules of the game.
- ☯ discover suppressed identity and dignity.

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☯ Havel, Vaclav, *The Power of the Powerless*, Unwin Hyman: London, 1985, p. 62.

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Other Techniques

- ☯ Boycotts
- ☯ Demonstrations
- ☯ Ecotage
- ☯ Letter Writing
 - ☞ sometimes it's more important who you send a copy to
- ☯ Direct Lobbying