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Non-violence as a Means of Resistance: A Gandhian Interpretation

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Non-violent resistance is a strategy for political change, defined as the application of civilian power to cease the British Empire without using or intervening in violence. The non-violent resistance is an alternative means of violence and a force for changing the world in a peaceful manner. Gandhi's various social and political struggles lead people into the national liberation struggle and consequently challenged the British power. Gandhi as a non-violent fighter did not fight for power but for national independence and his only desire was to make Indians free from British ruler. Gandhi's loving service to all has always been inspired by the people of India to fight against the British and he understands that people can never get independence through violent means and it can only be achieved through non-violence. He urged people to work for themselves independently in a changed and well established social and political order. Gandhi's non-violent resistance is an effective and productive endeavor for Indian people. There can be no doubt that through non-violent resistance Indians could achieve national independence overcoming all kinds of social and political injustice that I am going to investigate in this chapter.

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