



## 2. WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

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LEARNING LOCAL LAWS AND DEFYING THE SILLY ONES **DISRUPTS** CAPITALISM'S MEME TO "FOLLOW THE RULES"

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**THE LOWDOWN:** Most people's default is to follow the rules and capitalism runs on this compliance. Example: plenty of people don't jaywalk, even when they can do so safely, just because the law says so. With lots of capitalists losing sleep by the constant threat of rebels breaking big-time rules (like paying taxes), we rebels can plan a surprise attack by defying silly and unenforced rules instead.

## DISRUPTING CAPITALISM'S MEME TO "FOLLOW THE RULES"

- A) REBEL:** Most people are already breaking capitalism's meme "to follow the rules" on a daily basis without even realizing it. There are so many silly laws it's hard to keep track of them. To name a couple: it is illegal to play dominos on Sundays in Alabama and to curse in front of two or more people in Mississippi.<sup>154</sup>  
<sup>155</sup> For this tactic, search around online for silly laws in your community. Next, consider defiance. Alabama rebels: interested in a Sunday game of dominos?
- B) DISRUPT CAPITALISM:** Capitalism is dependent on having a government that can create and enforce laws. The capitalist meme to "follow the rules" traces back to as early as the 1700s when Jean-Jacques Rousseau published one of capitalism's most revered texts, *The Social Contract*.<sup>156</sup> According to this capitalist bible, if rebels start breaking laws, then we're breaking our social contract (and making a really big headache for capitalism). Rebels throughout history have bravely defied this social contract to call out unjust laws and demonstrate how difficult it can be for authorities to enforce compliance against dissenting citizenry (like that 1930 Salt March example we discussed earlier).
- C) HAVE FUN:** Some rebels choose to question unjust laws by engaging in courageous acts of civil disobedience. Their actions generally come with severe risks like prosecution, arrest, or death. However, there are other ways that rebels can flirt with the wild side and minimize the risk of reprimand. For tactic two, have fun by identifying humorous laws that are enjoyable to break and generally unenforced. Did somebody say skinny dipping?

### BONUS POINTS (A+B+C):

Identifying silly laws requires time and effort, especially because rules vary by community. For a bonus, share your research findings with other nearby rebels to help keep the good times rolling.

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*"NOTHING IS MORE DESTRUCTIVE OF RESPECT FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LAW OF THE LAND THAN PASSING LAWS WHICH CANNOT BE ENFORCED."*

ALBERT EINSTEIN