## Saving the World or Wasting Time:
Understanding the Impact of Social Movements and Activism

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Introduction
We are in this class to learn about how we can and cannot improve our world by engaging in activism and figuring out what works

Attendance:
Show up, learn, contribute and do not lose points for missing quizzes

Grading:
Participation: 15%
- contributing to classroom discussion through informed commentary/reflection about reading and/or prior discussion

Individual Examination: 40%
- one formal test (25%)
- an undisclosed number of informal quizzes, administered randomly throughout the semester (15%)
  - if a quiz is missed and there is no University sanctioned excuse, then the student will be issued a “0” for the assignment.
  - if missed is missed and there is a University sanctioned excuse, then the student will be given a make-up examination.

Group Assignment: 20%
- all team members must participate, overall product must be divided across team members (what is being pursued, why does the problem exist, what strategies were applied to fix the problem, what would success look like and was the effort successful) and all components of the assignment must be submitted in class on the due date

Individual Final Submission: 25%
- format to be determined

Orientation and Introduction – January 3

Study it: What we know

Reading (read articles for each class and be prepared for quizzes):

January 10


**January 17**


**January 24**


January 31


**Question it**

Reading:

*This is an Uprising: How Nonviolent Revolt is Shaping the Twenty-First Century*
– Mark Engler and Paul Engler

**February 7, 14**

*The Failure of Nonviolence*
– Steve Crenshaw and John Jackson

**February 21, March 7**

Reading for another time:

The Activists Handbook
– Randy Shaw, University of California Press, 2001

An Action a Day Keeps Capitalism Away
Examination – March 14

Build It: Each one, Revolutionize one

Improvements! – [Group Assignments]

March 21, 28, April 4 (special session), 11

Final Submission – During Examination Period