

## Rule of Law:

individuals must recognize and accept that the law is necessary to regulate society.  
Law applies equally to everyone, including people in power, such as heads of state, police officers, judges and politicians

no one in our society has the authority to exercise unrestricted power to take our rights away except in accordance with the law

<http://www.5min.com/Video/The-Importance-of-Law-in-Society-27281542>

People who have challenged the RULE of LAW.

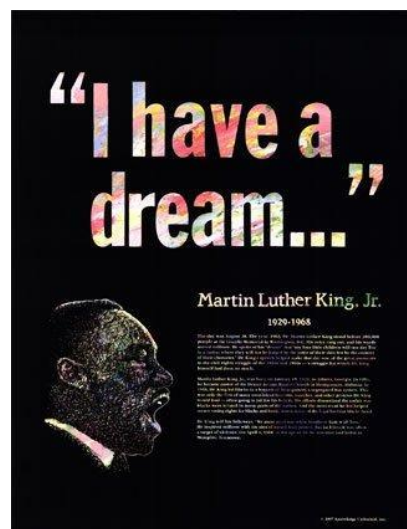
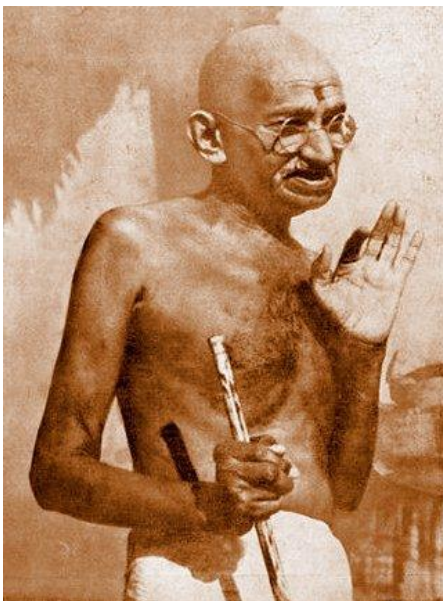


Rosa Parks clip

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7107467n>

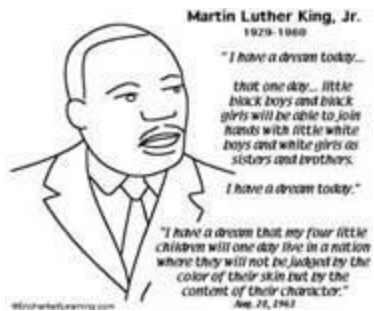
Ghandi movie clip

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxYO4CXolwg>





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I have a dream....

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFcgpGK9\\_aw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFcgpGK9_aw)

Black History U clip ( Martin L. King)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNP6RFnQd6o&feature=related>



Is it acceptable for parents to physically discipline their children?

Why does a society regulate tobacco and alcohol but consider other drug use criminal?

Do laws forbidding the possession of child pornography violate an individual's freedom of expression?

Laws should, and do reflect our collective community standards. These are the values, beliefs, attitudes that we hold in common. However people who disagree with these standards are free to speak out against and challenge the laws.

### **Law and Justice**

“An individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is, in reality, expressing the highest respect for the law.”

Who said this?

What exactly is “justice”?

The meaning has changed from age to age

Greeks did not consider inequality and injustice

Canadian justice..... Charter, constitution

Ultimate goal of law is to ensure justice

If someone breaks into an unoccupied cottage and takes a rope to save a drowning friend.

Should he be charged with break and entering?

Concept of justice is open to debate

The concept of justice comes from our moral convictions, values and attitudes and beliefs

### **We can agree on certain characteristics of Justice.**

#### **treat like cases alike and different cases differently**

Example: person with a disability

#### **consider a law unjust if it discriminate on the basis of irrelevant characteristics.**

Example: based on ethnicity or race



**Justice should be impartial**

Example: regardless of your financial status

**We expect the law itself to be just in that it conforms to society values and beliefs.**

Example: based on the will of the majority