

Handout One – NV Characteristics

NONVIOLENT CAMPAIGNING CHARACTERISTICS

- Respect for the opponent/everyone involved as fellow human beings
- Care for everyone involved
- Refusal to harm, damage or degrade people/living things/the earth
- If suffering is inevitable, willingness to take it on yourself rather than inflict it on others; not retaliating to violence with violence
- Belief that everyone is capable of change
- Appeal to the opponents' humanity
- Recognition that no one has a monopoly of truth, so aims to bring together our 'truth' and the opponents' 'truth'
- A belief that the means are the ends in the making, so the means have to be consistent with the ends
- Openness rather than secrecy

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