

# Stanley Milgram

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The disappearance of a sense of responsibility is the most far-reaching consequence of submission to authority.

~Stanley Milgram

It is not so much the kind of person a man is as the kind of situation in which he finds himself that determines how he will act.

~Stanley Milgram

Ordinary people, simply doing their jobs, and without any particular hostility on their part, can become agents in a terrible destructive process.

~Stanley Milgram

Relatively few people have the resources needed to resist authority.

~Stanley Milgram

It is easy to ignore responsibility when one is only an intermediate link in a chain of action.

~Stanley Milgram

And perhaps our awareness is the first step to our liberation.

~Stanley Milgram

Perhaps the challenge is to invent the political structure that will give conscience a better chance against authority.

~Stanley Milgram

Obedience is the psychological mechanism that links individual action to political purpose. It is the dispositional cement that binds men to systems of authority.

~Stanley Milgram

The soldier does not wish to appear a coward, disloyal, or un-American. The situation has been so defined that he can see himself as patriotic,

courageous, and manly only through compliance.

~Stanley Milgram

For a person to feel responsible for his actions, he must sense that the behavior has flowed from the self.

~Stanley Milgram

Only in action can you fully realize the forces operative in social behavior. That is why I am an experimentalist.

~Stanley Milgram

Some system of authority is a requirement of all communal living, and it is only the man dwelling in isolation who is not forced to respond, through defiance or submission, to the commands of others.

~Stanley Milgram

Even Eichmann was sickened when he toured the concentration camps.

~Stanley Milgram

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