



# Global Nonviolent Action Database

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## Who made the database?

Most of the cases at the time the database first went on-line (September 2011) were written by students at Swarthmore College, usually in the context of a research seminar taught in Peace and Conflict Studies by George Lakey. Most students wrote 10-12 cases but some wrote 24 or more (indicated by asterisks). Additionally, cases were contributed by students at Tufts University, supervised by peace and justice educator Dale Bryan, Georgetown University, <http://scsonline.georgetown.edu/> [1], supervised by peace scholar Barbara Wien, Menno Simons College Winnipeg and Canadian Mennonite University, supervised by conflict resolution studies scholar Karen Ridd, and Kennesaw State University, supervised by Maia Hallward. A list of researchers' names follows this section.

The name of the original researcher/writer is attached to each narrative. Because the database is a living resource, with continued updating of information, the researcher's information and formulation may have been edited; if so, that is indicated.

Major work in editing and supporting the database was done by Lakey's research assistants Markus Schlotterbeck, Max Rennebohm, Michael A. Hall, and Laura Rigell. They coached other researchers and helped prepare the database for publication; their thoughtful commitment and meticulous attention to detail were invaluable.

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