

People Seem More Likely to Follow Rules They Can't Beat

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People who believe a rule or restriction is absolute are more likely to accept it than those who think the rule has some wiggle room, according to a new study.

The findings may help explain a number of human behaviors and actions, including the Arab Spring uprisings, according to the authors of the study to be published in an upcoming issue of the journal *Psychological Science*.

In the study, participants read articles that said lower speed limits in cities would make people safer. Some of them also read that government leaders had decided to reduce speed limits. Of those participants, some read that this legislation was certain to be enacted while others read that it would probably happen, but that there was a chance it would be voted down.

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