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**Letter to Birmingham**

**Introduction**

The letter to Birmingham was written by Martin Luther King who was arrested for breaking the law and political demonstration. In response to his arrest, he outlined the criminal justice system and the importance of the civil rights movement. The letter was also against the unwise publication of the text in the newspaper which calls the protest as illegal. The main idea circulates around the text was his right to protest in a free and open society.

**Discussion**

There were four significant steps of the nonviolent protest which includes direct action, self-purification, negotiation and fact-finding (King Jr, N.p). The king was not used to answer the criticism but specific facts according to him cannot be left behind, so he responded in reasonable and patient terms. He also reflected the charge of being an outsider and show his organizational ties with Birmingham because there was an injustice. Eight local clergymen charged the king in their letter published in the Birmingham Post Herald of April 13.

The king used classical appeals of pathos, logos, and ethos in language that underlined the best American Judeo-Christian values and traditions. He replied that he is not an inferior to be countered instead he is the teacher of clergymen. The letter had several impacts on the criminal justice system which only targeted the minorities and poor blacks. In other terms, it was the justification of civil right movement against the horrible and systematic racism (King Jr, N.p). The arguments in the letter influenced the truth and justice for depressive communities.

**Conclusion**

For the familiar individuals in Birmingham, the disobedience against the laws was not to challenge the state rather the hegemony of white moderates. The tension and unrest caused by the protest had to change the psyche of depressed people to raise their voice against the injustices of the criminal justice system and awareness of the civil rights movement.

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