

# The Threat of Authority

*Guest post by Will Grigg.*

Skepticism, Santayana observed, is “the chastity of the intellect.” In similar fashion, resistance - not compliance - is the default response of a free person to a directive issued by someone acting in the name of “authority.” Louise Ogborn, a teenage employee at a McDonald’s in Mount Washington, Kentucky, was sexually assaulted and confined for hours because this rudimentary understanding of individual autonomy was entirely alien to her workplace supervisor.

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