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**Nonviolent opposition in action.**

Â Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., among many others, were right. Nonviolence is the way to go to effect social justice. The thousands of non-violent protestors in Burma (many of them in the above video) are a true inspiration. Â Unfortunately, Burma has the same government that killed countless pro-democracy demonstrators in 1988, from soldiers firing into them. I am interested in knowing whether monks constituted many of the demonstrators being shot in 1988. I doubt it, in part because some news reports say that a large percentage of the protesting monks are younger, and that a large percentage of the older ones oppose demonstrating. With monks being so highly revered in Burma, the government may be more reluctant to shoot en masse this time around. However, only time will tell. Jon Katz.Â

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