

We see soldiers defending here at Nuremberg on the grounds that they are soldiers sworn to obedience and not responsible for carrying out acts the authority of which could not be questioned. If that defense is not recognized in the case of the military man there is little [CROSSED OUT reas] foundation in reason or logic for acceptance as applied to the private citizen to whom a much wider area of permissible choice & freedom of action is open. This is particularly true where the acts involved are those requiring an unusual degree of skill and technical competence in fields far beyond the ability of those giving the orders to observe. There is a difference here between the slave labor program and rearmament.