

Gene Sharp

Gene Sharp (January 21, 1928 – January 28, 2018) was an American political scientist, writer and activist. He was the founder of the [Albert Einstein Institution](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of nonviolent action. He was a retired professor of political science at the [University of Massachusetts Dartmouth](#).^[1] He was known for his writings on nonviolent struggle.

Sharp was born in [North Baltimore, Ohio](#). He studied at [Ohio State University](#) and at [Oxford University](#).

Unofficial sources have claimed that Sharp was nominated for the [Nobel Peace Prize](#) in 2015,^[1] and had been nominated three times, in 2009, 2012 and 2013.^{[1][2][3][4]}

Sharp was widely thought to be the favorite for the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize award.^{[5][6][7]} In 2011 he was awarded the [El-Hibri Peace Education Prize](#).^[8] In 2012 he was a recipient of the [Right Livelihood Award](#)^[9] as well as the Distinguished Lifetime Democracy Award.^[10]

Sharp died on January 28, 2018 at home in [Boston, Massachusetts](#), exactly 1 week after his 90th birthday.^[11]

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