

# “Defiance”

How many acts of defiance can be discovered in this piece? We start with a brick wall that has been vandalized with an unauthorized mural. The vandal at least had a bit of humor putting up a picture of a man smoking, when the wall was clearly marked “No Smoking.”

The image of the man smoking was derived from a 1908 photograph of a Sioux man taken by photographer John A. Johnson.

Thinking outside the box is sometimes viewed as an act of defiance. In this piece, the portrait is pushed outside the boundaries defined by the red box. (Trivia time – The red square was a design element used by Architect Frank Lloyd Wright when the consecution and final completion of the opus adhered to his specifications and thus received his personal approval.)

This piece appears to have been cut from the building to be displayed by the collector, much like Banksy pieces which are taken from public view.

Defiance (Original 40” x 30” – Acrylic and metal on Brick Panel)