In Contempt of All Authority: Rural Artisans and Riot in the West of England, 1586-1660

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In Contempt of All Authority: Rural Artisans and Riot in the West of England, 1586-1660 concludes that in times of economic and social upheaval, rural artisans and rioters in the West of England, 1586-1660 demonstrate a strong resistance against authority. Buchanan Sharp's work explores the complex interplay of economic conditions, social unrest, and political tension that characterized this period. Through meticulous research and analysis, Sharp sheds light on the dynamics of artisanal life and the consequences of dissent in rural England.

In Contempt of All Authority: Rural Artisans and Riot in the West of England, 1586-1660 is a seminal work in the study of late medieval and early modern English history. It provides a rich tapestry of social, economic, and political factors that contributed to the rise of rural unrest. Sharp’s approach is rigorous and wide-ranging, drawing on a variety of sources to construct a comprehensive narrative of the period.

The book is praised for its meticulous scholarship and its ability to bring to life the stories of those who lived through the turbulent times of the late Tudor and early Stuart eras. It is a must-read for historians, students, and anyone interested in the history of rural England.