

Against is a preposition. When you do something against somebody or something, you oppose them or it.

Human rights organizations have been campaigning against the death penalty.

Are you against internet censorship?

When you play against somebody, you try to defeat them.

Argentina lost the World Cup final match against Germany.

We must fight against the anti-social elements that lead our kids astray.

Count against

If something counts against you, it causes you to have a disadvantage.

She is 45, so her age may count against her.

If someone turns against you, they become unfriendly towards you.

No one thought that he would turn against his own brother.

When you lean against a wall, you touch it.

If there is a law against something it is illegal.

The country does have some legislation against child labor.

If you swim against the current, you move in the opposite direction.

They were sailing against a strong wind.

As against

Why is there a preference for boys as against girls in many Asian countries?

Here is a list of idiomatic expressions using the word against.

Against the law

If something is against the law, it is not allowed by the law.

It is against the law to smoke in public places.

Against your will

If you do something against your will, you do it, although you do not want to do it.

Martha married her father's friend against her will.

No one should be forced to leave their home against their will.

Against someone's wishes/advice

If someone does something against your wishes, they do it although you do not want them to do it.

She married her boyfriend against her father's wishes.