REBELLIOUS Synonyms: defiant, resistant, unruly

She doesn't take orders well, but prefers to work independently once she knows what is expected of her.

This person might even be termed 'rebellious,' going her own way even when a supervisor has sent her in a different direction.

The rebel in her makes her want to stand out from the crowd.

Although he tries to appear very aloof and detached, he is emotionally torn within. This exerts itself often in a final display of rebelliousness or opposition to the person he is dealing with at the time. He is probably inwardly very immature while outwardly giving the impression of the strong, silent, steadfast type. There are moments when his self-confidence will suddenly give way before recovering with an extra bit of self-assertion.

We see a kind of rebelliousness against authority when it inconveniences her.

Here we have someone who will say white when you say black, up when you say down, no when you say yes. It doesn't matter what the subject, he simply refuses to see it your way.

On the surface her manner may be low-key and respectful, but she is not about to submit or yield to anyone.

He needs to be his own boss. With someone else calling the shots, he'll actively look for reasons not to cooperate.