

The Civil Rights Era

Outcome: Forms of Protest



Forms of Protest

1. **Why Protest?** ---> to vent frustration and/or demand change
2. **Characteristics of the Change Process**
 - Step 1: A problem of injustice is identified
 - Step 2: People organize
 - Step 3: Action(s) is/are taken (protest) to bring about change
 - Step 4: Reaction(s) to this change may be positive or negative

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3. Types of Protest

a. Non-Violent Forms

i. Personal Statement (Individual)

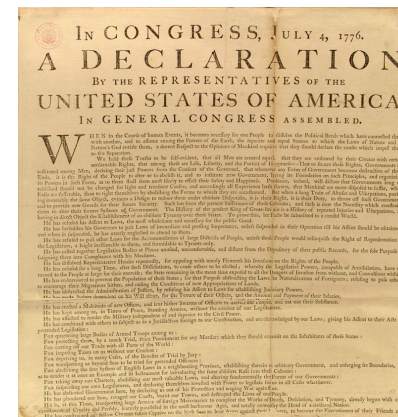
1. Letter: ex: to the editor, a letter of appeal
2. Book: ex: The Jungle (Sinclair), How the Other Half Lives
3. Billboard, Sign, or Bumper Sticker: ex: anti abortion/smoking signs
4. Speech: ex: Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream"
5. Song: ex: War! By Edwin Starr
6. Facebook or Twitter?



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ii. Group Demonstration

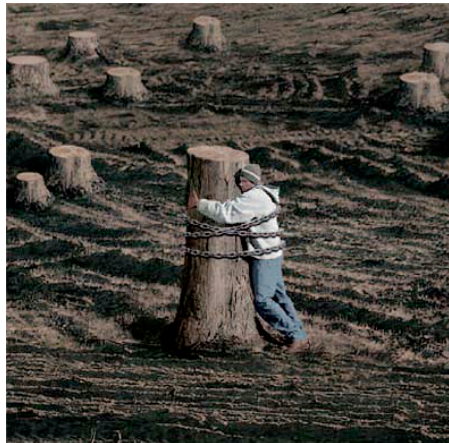
1. Meeting: ex: [union meeting](#)
2. March: ex: 1963 March on [Washington D.C.](#); 1932 [Bonus](#) March
3. Vigil: ex: Annual [MADD](#) prayer session in St. Paul
4. Information Booth
5. Picket: ex: [Anti-war](#) protestors
6. Petition Drive: ex: The [Declaration](#) of [Independence](#)



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iii. Civil Disobedience/Passive Resistance (unlawful activity)

1. Sit-in/Walk-out: ex: [Robbinsdale High School](#)
2. Sit-down strike: ex: 1937 [General Motors](#) Plant Strike
3. Trespass: ex: [Environmentalists](#) (you want them to have to deal with you)
4. Disrupt a meeting: ex: 1968 [Democratic Nat'l Convention](#)
5. [Illegal](#) March



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iv. Economic Pressure (deny "them" \$ or profit)

1. Boycott: ex: [Hormel](#) Meat Packing Co. or [Exxon](#) Oil Co.
2. Embargo: ex: [Japan](#) before WWII or [Cuba](#) today
3. A [Labor](#) Strike



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v. Legal Action --> use the courts; law suits

1. Law suits: [Plessy](#) vs. Ferguson or Roe vs. Wade
2. Government passes laws: [Civil Rights Act](#) of 1964



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b. Violent Forms

i. Property Destruction

1. Secret (covert sabotage): ex: [September 11, 2001, OK City Bombing](#)
2. Open (overt): ex: [Kristallnacht](#) or [LA Riots](#) of 1992



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ii. Physical (personal) Attacks

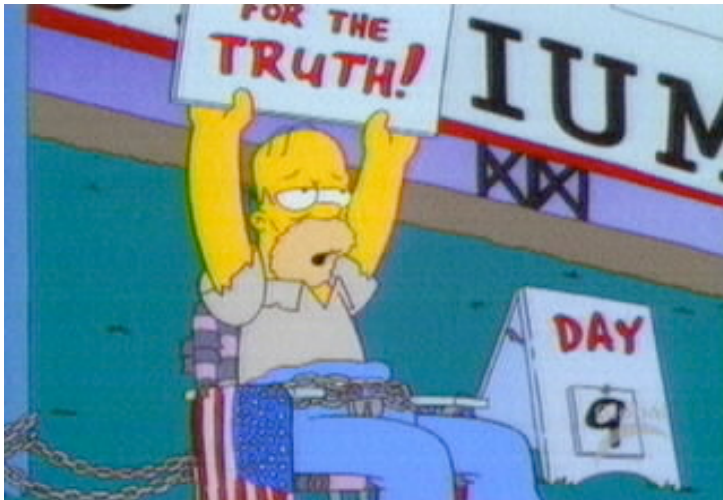
1. Injury: ex: [Palestinian](#) rock throwers
2. Assassination: ex: John Wilkes Booth shot and killed [Pres. Lincoln](#)



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iii. Martyrdom – self sacrifice to promote a cause

1. Hunger Strike: ex: [Homer Simpson](#)
2. Suicide as protest: ex: [Buddhist monks](#) or kamikaze pilots
3. Risking death for a cause: ex: [Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela](#)



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