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## 18 Of The Most Amazingly Creative Protests Ever!

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TRUTH ONE LIE  
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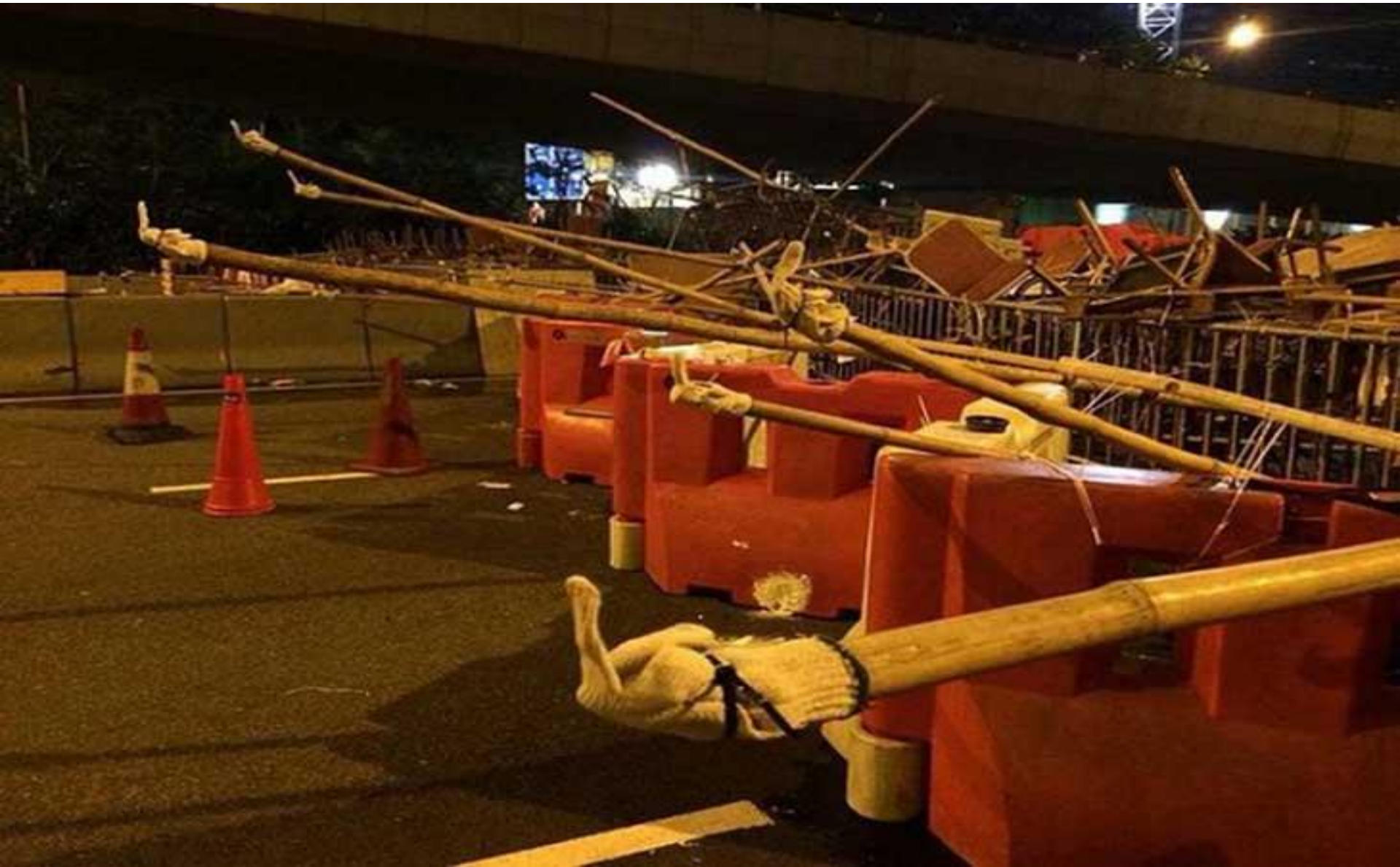
What does create long-lasting change, is changing the hearts and minds of the people, and changing the consciousness of society. This is done by connecting to them on both an emotional and a logical level, not by just expressing how angry you are there. There is certainly plenty of value in large gatherings where people loudly express their views, but it will require a bit more creativity than that to really connect with people on a deeper level.

Most people think protests are aimless especially when they are mismanaged and get violent. Such protests instead lead to many socio-economic challenges, which create more problems than before.

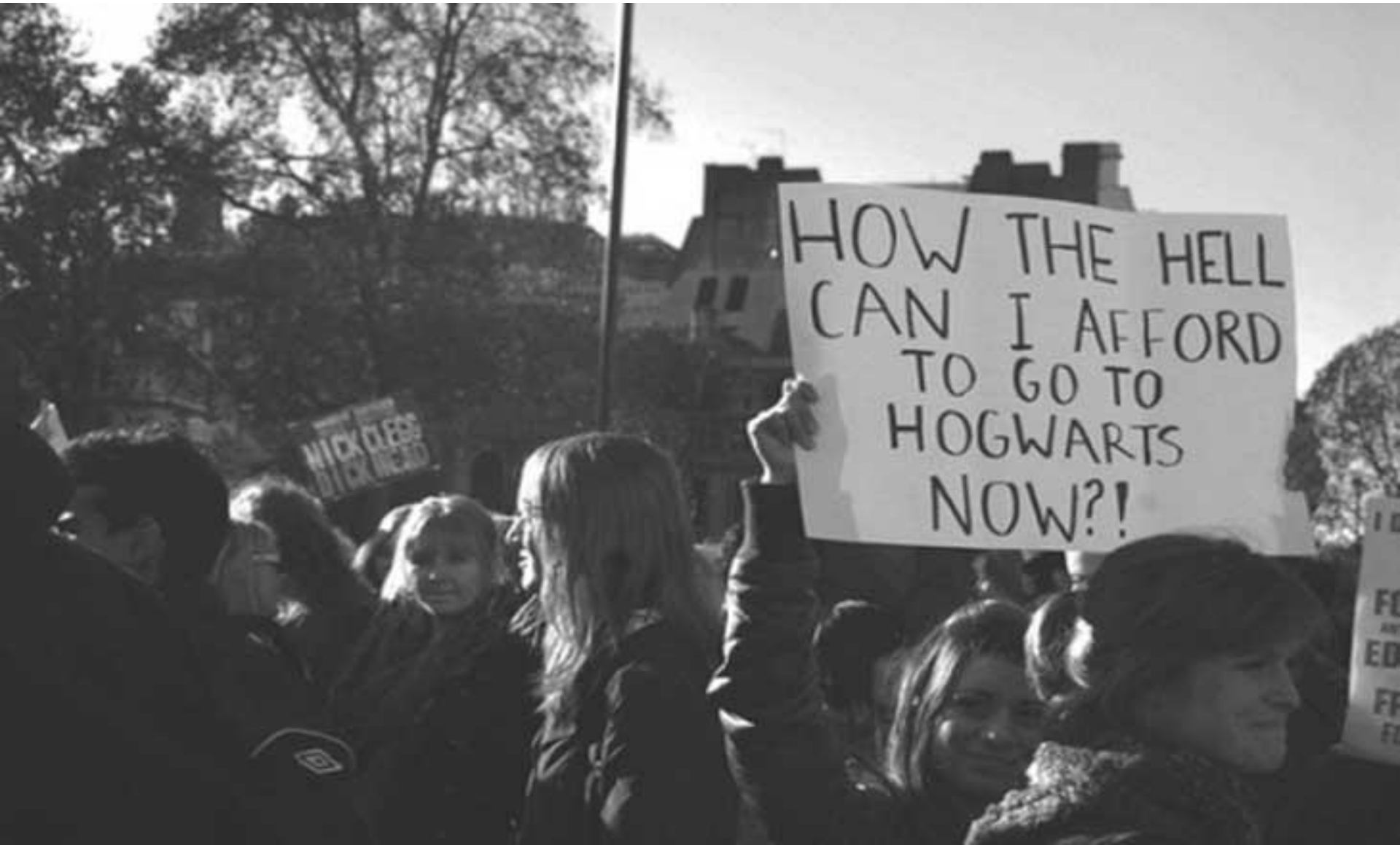
However, if clever words and peaceful gestures are used for a protest, it gets more positive attention and hence may change the course of history. Traditionally, protests have been thought of as a way to demand change from the masters, but as we have seen throughout history, this rarely achieves long-lasting change.

**Here are 18 of some of the most creative protests ever recorded in history:**

# 1. Road Block Clearly Conveys The Sentiments Of Hong Kong Protestors



## 2. When The Protesters Are Harry Potter Fans Too





EDUCATION  
STRONG EDUCATION = STRONG ECONOMY  
CUTS NEVER HEAL!

THIS WOULDN'T  
HAPPEN  
IN  
HOGWARTS



# 3. A Spanish Girl Protesting For Palestine At Hollywood Walk Of Fame





# 4. A Demo Against Illegal Organ Transplant





# 5. Indian Men Protest Against Government Comments That “Those Who Dress Immodestly Are Inviting Rape”



# 6. Brazilians Protest Against FIFA World Cup





# 7. Portland Protests Against The Transportation Of Coal, Gas And Oil





# 8. A Perfect Answer To Westboro Baptist Church's Logic: God Hates No One





# 9. PTI Protesters Against Prime Minister's UN Address





# 10. Factory Workers Lay Down Their Hats In The Italy Streets





# 11. EU Dairy Farmers Protestors Used Milk Cannon Against Police



## 12. Spanish Coal Miners Protests By Holding A Night Vigil With Their Helmets



# 13. There Do Exist Time Travel Protests





# 14. A Good Idea, Though!

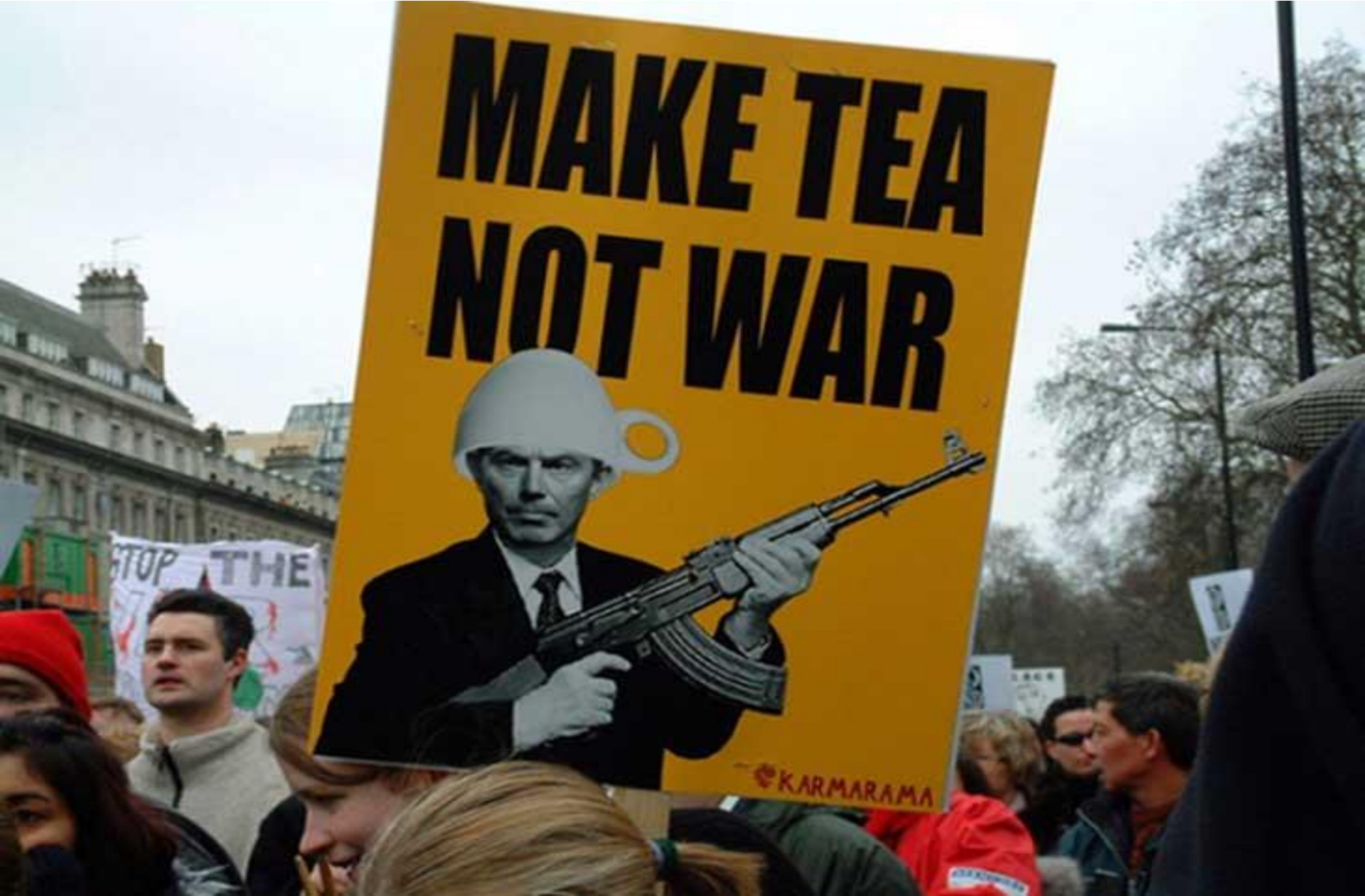
SENATORS Should  
Wear Uniforms like  
Nascar Drivers  
so we could Identify  
their Corporate Sponsors

# 15. Powerful Words On A Tent During The Occupy Events





# 16. British Themed Protest



# 17. A Reply To Another Sign





# 18. Give Three Piece A Chance: Protest Against Abercrombie & Fitch Outlet On London's Historic Savile Row



# 17 powerful ways people protested in 2015

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One of the most common types of protests is a mass gathering, complete with handmade signs calling for change. But sticking to that format can limit the imagination – and activists have had enough of limits.

When it came to protesting in 2015, advocates proved that wherever there's an issue, there's a powerful way to tackle it. Savvy protesters used creativity as a tool to break through the noise, highlighting social and environmental causes in the most eye-catching ways.

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While every protest advocating for a just, sensitive and comprehensive issue is attention-worthy, there's something undoubtedly special about a demonstration that demands to be noticed through innovative imagery.

Check out these efforts that powerfully made an impact this year.

# 1. G7 world leader balloons



Activists installed balloons featuring portraits of world leaders ahead of the [G7 Summit](#) on June 5 in Munich, Germany, to bring attention to global poverty and inequality. The balloons were accompanied by a banner proclaiming, "Dear G7, Be more than hot air. Act now to end extreme poverty."



## 2. Violence against women



At a June 12 protest in Ankara, Turkey, activists showed solidarity by showing split photographs of student [Özgecan Aslan](#) and other Turkish women who were victims of violence. The demonstration fought against the country's culture of [violence against women](#), with outrage ignited by the death of Aslan, who was killed while resisting an attempted rape in February.



# 3. "Sì" for LGBTQ equality



On June 26, 50,000 activists in Milan, Italy, took to the streets to call for wider rights for LGBTQ citizens. A sea of signs with the word "Sì" represented the protesters saying "Yes" to equality with one simple, united message.



## 4. *Blood Mirror* art protest



In June, artist Jordan Eagles debuted his newest artwork, *Blood Mirror* – a [sculpture](#) made of the blood of nine men who have sex with men. The art piece was made as a statement against the [FDA mandated blood ban](#) in the U.S., which stated that any man who had sex with a man since 1977 (the beginning of the AIDS epidemic) was barred from blood donation. The glass sculpture, at a towering seven feet tall, was displayed around the country in 2015 to advocate for the repeal of the discriminatory ban. This photo was taken in Trinity Church in New York City.



# 5. Running of the Bulls



Animal rights activists [protested](#) the famous San Fermín festival in Pamplona, Spain – more commonly known as the "Running of the Bulls" – in July. Activists painted themselves red, lying down on the streets of Pamplona to call for an end to the historic event, which they claim harms and abuses the bulls involved.



## 6. A painted sun around the Arc de Triomphe



Greenpeace activists created a sun around the Arc de Triomphe, a famous Parisian landmark, during the [U.N. Climate Summit](#) in Paris on Dec. 11. Protesters, who had been demonstrating around the city for the 12-day duration of the climate talks, spilled yellow washable paint along the streets using bicycles, allowing passing cars to spread the dye along the streets.



## 7. Black Lives Matter "die-ins,,

For [Black Lives Matter](#) protesters, there's power in the rawness and urgency of their message – and unapologetic visibility. Throughout the year, protesters from the movement organized mass "die-ins" across the country to protest police brutality and violence. The particular protest pictured above was especially impactful, taking place in Ferguson, Missouri, on Aug. 9 – the one-year anniversary of the death of Michael Brown.

Die-ins are not exclusive to the Black Lives Matter movement – in fact, they're a somewhat common protesting method. But the message these protesters sent is particularly powerful when applied to a movement centered around the mass killings of people of color by law enforcement.





## 8. Empty shoes as climate activism



Activists and advocates neatly placed thousands of pairs of shoes in Paris' Place de la République on Nov. 30 in a [protest](#) coinciding with the beginning of the U.N. Climate Summit in Paris. In the aftermath of [deadly terror attacks](#) in the city on Nov. 13, French officials banned large-scale protests.

To still make a mark in the absence of actual activists, protesters sent their shoes to be placed at the square, each pair representing a person in support of a comprehensive and impactful climate agreement. The shoes included those of Pope Francis and a pair for U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon.



## 9. Migrants' mouths sewn shut



Migrants and refugees sewed their mouths shut in "no man's land" during a protest on Nov. 23 on the border of Greece and Macedonia. They were [left in limbo](#) at the border after several European countries declared they would only allow "war-zone refugees" from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria to pass through their countries.



# 10. Mudslide protest



**On Nov. 16, protesters in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, lay in muddy water outside of the headquarters of Vale, a major mining company, to protest the bursting of two dams. The dams, partially owned by Vale, unleashed a flood of muddy waste that leveled a local village. It left 10 dead and polluted waters, causing a devastating environmental impact.**

## 11. Plastic bags for cleaner air



Activists "choked" on plastic bags outside of the European council in Brussels, Belgium, in a protest for cleaner air on Dec. 16. The protest came just days after the end of the U.N. Climate Summit in Paris, calling on government officials to give continued attention to climate concerns.



## 12. Carne humana



A group of activists from Anima Naturalis, an animal rights group, participated in a street performance in Mexico City on Mar. 20. The activists posed as packaged meat products, labeled as "human meat." The protest was in conjunction with International Day Without Meat, a day that encourages people to go without meat.



# 13. Shaking hands across the Slovenia-Croatia border



After Slovenia [rolled out](#) a razor fence on the Slovenia-Croatia border to block the path of migrants and refugees, protesters gathered at the fence to shake hands through the sharp metal blockade on Dec. 19. The protesters also decorated the stark metal border with holiday ornaments, balloons and banners, and even played volleyball over the structure.



# 14. March 2 Justice



From April 13-21, a group of protesters marched 250 miles over nine days to call for criminal justice reform in the United States. The trek, from New York City to Washington, D.C., was dubbed the [March 2 Justice](#), conceived by Justice League NYC to deliver a "Justice Package" to Congress. The package included three pieces of federal legislation designed to end racial profiling, demilitarize the police, and invest in youth counseling and delinquency prevention.



# 15. Kashmiri government employee protests



Kashmiri government employees protested the lack of contractual stability and pending salaries throughout the year, especially throughout the summer like in this Aug. 10 protest in Srinagar, India. Security officials commonly used water dyed purple to try to break up the various protests that popped up throughout the city during the summer. Protesters in Srinagar, however, were defiant throughout the year, leading to arrests when the colorful water did not succeed in breaking morale.



# 16. Body bags to represent refugees



Approximately 200 activists were zipped into black body bags on a beach in the UK resort town of Brighton during a demonstration organized by Amnesty International on Apr. 22. The protest was meant to highlight the UK's lack of response to the rapidly escalating migrant and refugee crisis in the Mediterranean.



# 17. Taiwanese Government workers protest



Taiwanese workers wearing white masks lay in the street during a protest outside a government office in Taipei, Taiwan, on Oct. 26. Activists protested the government's treatment of workers, including mass layoffs to contracted and temporary employees. Protesters lying in the street [spelled out](#) "Give back annual salary" in Chinese, and their white masks symbolized the silence of workers.





For a noble cause: Activist Basanta Das carrying 13 children on his specially-designed cycle in Assam on Wednesday to protest against poaching of one-horned rhinos.— Photo: PTI



# Farmers Suicide Threat Protest





Farmers stage novel protest by jumping into sea. The farmers wanted the government to waive off their loans.



**PARADIP:** In a novel way of protest against Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's 'poor command' over Odia, the activists of Paradip Yuva Bahini on Monday took out a rally and wrote 12,000 letters to him urging him to learn Odia.



# Tamil Nadu Farmers With Skulls Of Fellow Farmers Who Committed Suicide during a Protest At Jantar





Tamil Nadu farmers stage a protest where they can be seen whipped by a man dressed





New Delhi, India- April 17, 2017: Tamil Farmer pretending to eat grass



Farmers enact hangings or attempted suicide of other farmers affected by crop distress. (Raj





Ayyakannu, behind TN farmers' protest, to stay put until demands are met





Chennai: Grabbing eyeballs with their novel way of protest, Tamil Nadu farmers on Saturday drank urine in another desperate bid to draw the government's





# Protesting Tamil Nadu farmers at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi.



# Agitating Tamil Nadu farmers at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi





Tamil farmers stripped naked near PMO during their protest in New Delhi.



A man wearing PM Modi's mask beats a Tamil Nadu farmer during a play as part of protest seeking compensation for drought in the state, at Jantar Mantar on April 18, 2017 in New Delhi, India.





Will slit our throats at Jantar Mantar, if government takes no action: Protesting Tamil Nadu farmers



50-year-old widow Nachchmma along with 150 farmers from Tamil Nadu protest with skulls of fellow dead farmers for the issue of Tamil Nadu Delta turning into desert at Jantar Mantar on March 21, 2017 in New Delhi, India.





# Delhi: Tamil Nadu farmers wear sarees, break bangles on 34th day of protest





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# Delhi's Tamil Youth comes in support of Tamil Nadu Farmers





Neduvasal protest : Families of the farmers protesting against the hydro-carbon project as it would cause damage





# Why Tamil Nadu is protesting against Neduvasal Hydrocarbon project





ஹைட்ரோ கார்பன் திட்டம் : இதையடுத்து, அப்பகுதியை  
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தெரிவித்தனர்.





Women breaking into an Oppari (song of lament) during a mock funeral for the hydrocarbon project at Neduvasal





**16வது நாளாக தொடருது போராட்டம்..!  
தவிக்குது 6 கிராமம்..! மிரளுது அரசு..!?**





# Neduvasal Protest Continuous On 21st Day





# நெடுவாசலில் போராடும் மக்கள்





Youth from Tamil Nadu in support of Tamil Nadu farmers who agitating for loan waiver and compensation for their crop failure, on April 2, 2017 in New Delhi, India.









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