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Select Protests in China:

[The Cause of the Riots in the Yangtse Valley \(1891\)](#) (MIT's Visualizing Cultures)

- [View Chinese pamphlet with translations and notes](#)
- [1891 Book images](#)
- [1891 Book introduction translation](#)

[The Boxer Uprising: The Gathering Storm in North China \(1850-1900\)](#) (MIT's Visualizing Cultures)

- [The Boxer Uprising](#)
- [Carving Up China](#)
- [Imperialists Rivalries](#)

1989 Tiananmen Square Protests (June Fourth Incident)

- [Tiananmen Square Protests](#) (History.com, 5/31/2019)
- [Tiananmen Square Fast Facts](#) (CNN.com, updated 5/25/2020)
- [Timeline: Tiananmen protests](#) (BBC.com, 6/2/2014, includes videos)

Falun Gong practitioners at Zhongnanhai (4/25/1999)

- [China to Arrest Falun Gong Leader](#) (BBC News, 7/29/1999, Focus on Faith Program)
- [China's Crackdown on Falun Gong](#) (BBC News, 8/3/2017, Witness History Program)

[Recent high-profile mass protests in China](#) (BBC News, 7/3/2012)

Hong Kong

- [Hong Kong crisis: at least 360 arrested as China protests grow](#) (The Guardian, 5/27/2020)
- [China's Rebel City: The Hong Kong Protests](#) (Video: South China Morning Post, 12/7/2020)
- [The Hong Kong protests explained in 100 and 500 words](#) (BBC News, 11/28/2019)
- [Why are there protests in Hong Kong? All the context you need](#) (BBC News, 5/21/2020)

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Tokyo May Day Riots (1952) – May 12, 1952

- [The May Day Riots](#) (Office of the Command Historian, 2012)
- [Bloody May Day](#) (Cross Currents)
- [Labor Unions](#) – (Cross Currents, various articles)
- [May Day Riots, Tokyo, Japan](#) (National Archives Catalog)

Anpo Protests (1959-1960 and 1970) against the US-Japan Security Treaty that allowed the United States to maintain military bases in Japan.

- [After the Uprising: the Anpo treaty protests and the unmaking of Japan's postwar left](#) (The Nation, 3/3/2020)

Todai Riots (1968-1969) started with the protests by medical students at the University of Tokyo (Todai) about the working conditions of interns

- [The Todai Riots: 1968-69](#) (The Japan Times, Deep Dives)
- [1968: The year Japan truly raised its voice](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Legacy of 1960 protest movement lives on](#) (The Japan Times, 6/11/2010)
- [Tokyo Riots](#) (Video, 1952)

Recent Protests in Japan:

- [Thousands march in Tokyo to protest Myanmar coup, biggest Japan demonstration so far](#) (Reuters, 2/14/2021)
- [Have Japanese youth lost the spirit of protest?](#) (DW, 3/31/2021)
- [Why are Japanese Youth Distancing Themselves from Social Activism?](#) (Nippon.com, 3/30/2021)
- [Japan's "Artsy" Protest Culture: Anti-nuclear demonstrations following the Fukushima crisis are something new, but not quite an embrace of protest](#) (The Diplomat, 6/13/2011)
- [Japan's student protests: To the barricades in designer gear](#) (BBC News, 10/20/2015)

MIT's Visualizing Cultures –

- [Social Protest in Imperial Japan \(The Hibiya Riot of 1905\)](#)
- [Tokyo 1960: Days of Rage and Grief](#)
- [History and background of Protests in Japan, 1960](#)
- [Protest Art in 1950s Japan: The Forgotten Reportage Painters](#)

[Political Protest in Interwar Japan – 1](#) (Unit)

- [Image Gallery](#) (Ohara Institute for Social Research, Hosei University)
- [Parties and Politics](#)
- [Labor Activism](#)
- [Farmers' Movements](#)

MIT's Visualizing Cultures MOOCs:

- [Visualizing Japan \(1850s–1930s\): Westernization, Protest, Modernity](#)

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Select Protests in South Korea:

Candlelight protests to impeach President Park, 2016–2017

- [S Korea Sees largest protests against President Park Guen-hye](#) (BBC News, 11/26/2016)
- [South Koreans are showing the world how protests can work](#) (The Washington Post, 12/8/2016)
- [South Koreans Rally in Largest Protest in Decades to Demand President's Ouster](#) (NY Times, 11/13/2016)
- [Revolution by Candlelight: How South Koreans Toppled a government](#) (Dissent, 2017)
- [Koreans Have Mastered the Art of the Protest](#) (Foreign Policy, 12/2/2016)
- [South Korea's candlelight protests](#) (East Asia Forum, 2/7/2017)
- Nan Kim, [Candlelight and the Yellow Ribbon: Catalyzing Re-Democratization in South Korea](#) (The Asia-Pacific Journal/Japan Focus, 7/15/2017)

2018–2019 South Korean protests.

- [In Seoul, Crowds Denounce a Divisive Politician. Days Later, Others Defend Him.](#) (NY Times, 10/12/2019)
- [Why are Street Protests so Common in South Korea?](#) (The Diplomat, 8/15, 2019)
- [Scandal over justice minister galvanizes South Koreans to protest](#) (Reuters, 10/12/2019)
- [S. Koreans hold massive rally against justice minister](#) (YONHAP News Agency, 10/3/2019)

Key Moments in Protest Histories

- [10 years on: 'Yongsan disaster' victims still want fact-finding, justice](#) (The Korea Times, 1/20/2019)
- [6 die as evicted tenants protest in South Korea](#) (NBC News, 1/19/2009)
- [South Korea redevelopment battles turn deadly](#) (Los Angeles Times, 2/9/2009)
- [South Korea: Clampdown against Sewol ferry anniversary protest an insult to the victims](#) (Amnesty International, 4/17/2015)
- [Heavy Police Presence At Ferry Demonstrations Bring Seoul To A Halt](#) (NPR, 4/18/2015)
- [South Korea Sewol ferry protest turns violent](#) (BBC, 4/18/2015)
- [Videos Show Police in South Korea Dousing Sewol Protesters With Water Cannons](#) (Vice, 5/2/2015)
- [Activist in South Korea Dies of Injuries From Police Water Cannon](#) (NY Times, 9/25/2016)
- [Five Years Since the Death of the Farmer, Baek Nam-gi: Water Cannon Guidelines Still Not Established](#) (The Kyunghyang Shinmun, 11/11/2020)
- “Black Protests” Call End to Outdated Abortion Law (Korea Exposé, 12/14/2017)
- [The First Rally Against South Korea's Spycam Porn Epidemic](#) (Korea Exposé, 5/21/2018)
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- [South Korea: After 12 Years of Protests, Women Workers Get 'Dream Jobs' Back](#) (Labor Notes, 8/2/2018)
- ['My Last Stand': In South Korea, a Protester's Lone Fight Against Samsung](#) (NY Times, 4/19/2020)

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- [South Korean Ends Yearlong Tower Protest After Samsung Apologizes](#) (NY Times, 5/29/2020)

Recent Articles:

- [South Korea Baffled by Stop-and-Search, Policy Bus Walls During Protests](#) (The Diplomat, 10/5/2020)
- [How violent protests in South Korea became a thing of the past](#) (PRI, 7/2/2020)