

HTST 339: Activism and Protest in Canada, 1867-Present

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ST 145

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Protest for Lower Tuition Fees, Toronto, 1947



Montreal Unity Rally, 1995

This course examines the historical ideas and practices of activism and protest in Canada as integral and intimate forms of social and political communication and change. Contextual definitions of, and events associated with, activism and protest will be placed within the larger historical arguments of social justice and the development of Canada. Included in the discussion will be how expressions of power, language, and subjectivities challenge status-quo institutions, policies, values, and agendas. Individual and collective activism will be seen to negotiate and contest historical understandings of multiculturalism and ethnicity, class, gender equity and rights, intellectualism, regionalism, labour, political and economic organization, Aboriginal rights, religion, education, the environment, and social, cultural, institutional, and state formation.



Winnipeg General Strike, 1919