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Learning Unit on the Right to Protest: Student Worksheet

Discussion Questions

1. Why is the right to protest important to democracy? Whose views does it favour?
2. There have not been a lot of cases brought to the court on the issue of the right to protest and conflict with public order. This gives you the opportunity to voice your opinion on where the balance between public order and the right to protest should be. What do you think?
3. Supporting the right to protest can be challenging when the protest is about something you strongly disagree with. Think of something you strongly disagree with (for example capital punishment) and make an argument that supports the right to protest about that issue.
4. Choose one of the following protests:
 - G-20 (2010)
 - Occupy movement (2011)
 - Climate Strikes (2018- ongoing)
 - Wet'suwet'en protests (2019-20)

Research the event and identify any civil liberties restrictions during the protest (police or government action). What are your thoughts on the reasonableness of those limits?