

World Bank Protest Script

Runs 2:00 • Tape Counter Time: 25:30

Video	Audio
<p>Girl chanting. Protestors holding signs. Woman shouting and dancing.</p>	<p>A small but vocal crowd gathered outside a meeting of world financial leaders downtown today.</p>
<p>NAT SOT: PROTESTORS</p>	<p>AIN'T NO POWER LIKE THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE CUZ THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE DON'T STOP.</p>
<p>Protestors holding signs. Giant puppet.</p>	<p>About 200 demonstrators called on the World Bank to cancel the debt of poor nations.</p>
<p>Police officers. Protestors marching</p>	<p>Police came out in force, taking no chances after last year's protests, which ended in tear gas and arrests. But this time, there was no violence. So what did the protestors think of the day's activities?</p>
<p>SOT: FIRST WOMAN</p>	<p>YOU KNOW, THE MORE WE HOLD EVENTS LIKE THIS, WHICH ARE QUIETER. JUST SORT OF LIKE "LISTEN, WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUES... THIS IS WHAT'S GOING ON... THIS IS..." BOOM. THIS IS HOW WE EXPAND AND REACH THE PEOPLE THAT AREN'T BEING REACHED BECAUSE ALL THEY SEE ARE COPS BEATING DOWN ON PEOPLE. AND ARE SCARED AND LIKE "NO I'M NOT GOING TO BRING MY CHILDREN OUT."</p>
<p>SOT: SECOND WOMAN</p>	<p>OUR MOVEMENT IS DEFINED BY POLICE RESPONSE. IT IS DEFINED BY THE MASSES TO THE MASSES BY POLICE RESPONSE</p>
<p>SOT: FIRST MAN</p>	<p>THAT'S THE PROBLEM. THAT'S ALL PEOPLE FOCUS ON. PEOPLE HEAR THAT SOMEBODY SMASHED THE WINDOWS AT MCDONALD'S, ONE PERSON, AND THAT'LL TAKE AWAY FROM—YOU KNOW IN QUEBEC THERE WERE 30 THOUSAND OTHER PROTESTORS THAT WERE PEACEFUL PROTESTORS.</p> <p>BUT EVERYBODY FOCUSED ON THE FEW. IT WAS BIGGER THAN OTHER PLACES BUT THE FEW VIOLENT PROTESTORS BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY SEE. AND THEN THEY DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE.</p>
<p>SOT: SECOND WOMAN</p>	<p>PERSONALLY I LOVE HOW WE HAVE THE 10:1 POLICE RATIO BECAUSE THERE AREN'T PEOPLE DYING OR PEOPLE SELLING DRUGS TO 4TH GRADERS. AND ITS REALLY GOOD THEY'RE OUT HERE TRYING TO STIFLE MAYBE 200 VOICES.</p>

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SOT: FIRST WOMAN	WELL YOU KNOW IT'S NOT SURPRISING THOUGH THAT THERE'S SUCH A MASSIVE POLICE FORCE BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS THINK THAT WHENEVER THERE'S A GROUP OF ACTIVISTS TOGETHER IT'S GOING TO BE VIOLENT.
SOT: FIRST MAN	IF WE SHOUT AT THE COPS AND THROW ROCKS AND BOTTLES AND MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AT THEM WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO THINK BUT THAT WE'RE JUST A BUNCH OF VIOLENT PEOPLE WHO HATE THEM? AND THEY'RE GOING TO FEEL JUSTIFIED IN FOLLOWING THE ORDERS THAT THEY GET TO BEAT US OVER THE HEAD. BUT IF WE TALK TO THEM AND TRY TO EDUCATE THEM ON THE ISSUES MAYBE THEY'LL EVEN START TO EVEN AGREE WITH US.