Civil Disobedience in Burma

1988 Uprising: The Origin of Resistance



2007–2008 Saffron Revolution: The International Turn

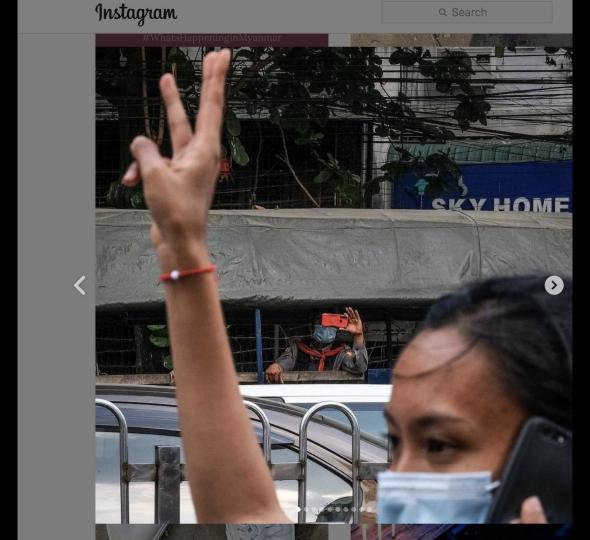






2021 Coup: Resistance Goes Viral









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Statement

1988. 2007. 2021. Each year marks a pivotal moment in Myanmar's collective memory as democratic protest movements erupted throughout the country in response to the corruption, totalitarianism, and state-sponsored violence of the military junta.

Exploring the interplay between these different moments across time and space, we examine symbols of resistance to understand how generations of Myanmar protesters have participated in civil disobedience and acted as agents of change. How does collective memory and intergenerational trauma drive these movements? How have they evolved, or stayed the same, across time? What is the influence of social media and an increasingly globalized world on protest tactics?

CAPTIONS & CREDITS

02 Mila Knezevic 1988: The birth of Myanmar's resistance, 2021 photo collage

Images of the 1988 uprising illustrates the bravery of the people of Myanmar. Glowing orbs obscuring faces and the powerful layering of protest photos convey their collective fight for liberation.

04 Lea Winston

Saffron Revolution, 2021

photo collage

Monks and civilians take over the streets of Burma to protest the military violence.

Mohd Hafiz Noor Shams

A vigil for Burma in front of the Petronas Twin Towers, 2007
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Mourners gather for an evening vigil in Burma located near the Petronas Twin Towers.

06 Kwantonge 8888s Anniversary Photo, 13 March 2008 photo, 3,008 × 2,000 (2.65 MB) Creative Commons

Protesters in the United Kingdom revive the memory of 1988 in their demand for political action.

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Protesters participate in an anti-military rally, 9 February 2021

photo, 2,048 × 1,365 (604 KB)

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Protesters wield National League for Democracy flags and the three-finger salute in a show of defiance

Mila Knezevic 9 February 2021 Screenshot from Instagram, 1,396 x 1,360 (2.4 MB)

A protester raises a three finger salute in the foreground while being recorded by a soldier in the background.

10 သူထွန်း (Thu Htun)
Passenger raising placard while driving through a protest, February 8, 2021
photo, 4624 x 3472 (6.11 MB)
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A protester in a passenger seat displays a comedic yet alarming placard in English.

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Lady Justice cosplayer in Myanmar Military Coup Protest, February 11, 2021 photo, 1,080 × 720 (114 KB)

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Lady Justice and the three-finger salute from the popular *Hunger Games* novel shows the influence of the West on the protests.