

A Summary of the 5 Demands

The Beginning

On 9 June, the groundswell of opposition to the extradition bill erupted for the first time. An estimated 1 million people marched the Hong Kong streets demanding that the legislation be withdrawn.

The demonstration was very peaceful in the beginning. However, the government ignored their voices and tried to rush the bill through the legislative council. From then on, things started to escalate and it is still going on, 4 months into the movement.

Many events had taken place since the first million-person march (**check out the Timeline exhibit**). On 12 June, police officers fired volleys of tear gas, scattering the stunned crowd of demonstrators. It was the first cries of alarm against their crowd-control tactics.

“In 2019, when an estimated 1 million people took to the streets on June 9, they only had one demand: the withdrawal of the hated extradition bill...But as confrontations with police escalated and the movement morphing into a wide anti-government campaign, protesters came up with five demands.”

Adolfo Arranz and Jeffie Lam, 28 Sept 2019, SCMP



An estimated 2 million people marched through Hong Kong on 16 June.

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