

= October Rebellion =

October Rebellion was the collective name for the series of protest events surrounding the fall 2007 meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund on October 19 ? 20 , 2007 , in Washington , D.C. , United States . The events were organized by the October Coalition . According to the October Coalition 's call to action , the group demanded an end to all third world debt using the financial institutions ' own resources , the end to structural adjustment policies believed to prioritize profit over the lives of individuals , and an end to social and environmental issues caused by oil and gas production , mining , and certain kinds of infrastructure development .

= = Demonstration at Immigration and Customs Enforcement = =

Early in the day on October 19 , an estimated 100 activists demonstrated outside the Washington headquarters of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement , an agency of the Department of Homeland Security . Demonstrators had assembled to express a critical view of the economic and immigration policies of the United States , while chanting , " No justice , no peace ! " According to The Washington Post , " They said that much immigration to the United States was the result of harsh overseas economic policies on the part of the government , the World Bank and the IMF . "

= = Georgetown march = =

The October Coalition called for " disruptive actions throughout Georgetown , " in a march starting at 9 : 00 PM on October 19 from Washington Circle in Foggy Bottom . In explaining their selection of Georgetown for a march , organizers stated on their Web site , " Georgetown , Washington 's seat of power , is a playground for the rich . Its residents possess enormous wealth at the expense of the poor majority who live so close to them . They live so close , yet a world away , hidden in plain sight . Georgetown embodies neoliberalism . Georgetown is neoliberalism . " A demonstrator at the event described the reason for going to Georgetown as being where the delegates were staying . Prior to the march , the organizers did not outline what specific actions would be taken , nor did they indicate whether or not the group would carry weapons , but encouraged participants to use " creativity " and a " diversity of tactics " . According to The Hoya , it was suggested that 30th and M Streets NW would be a preliminary destination .

The night before the march , officials at Georgetown University issued a safety alert , indicating that the demonstration was expected to occur between 6 PM and 11 PM , and was expected to end in Georgetown 's commercial district . The university advised its students to avoid the area , citing an expectation of traffic delays and road closures .

According to Josh Aldiva , an officer in the Second District of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia , there would be an increased police presence throughout the entire city , with no extra precautions taken in Georgetown beyond those being taken throughout the city , while recalling that in the past , protest activity surrounding the World Bank and IMF had been mostly peaceful .

At the appointed time , an estimated 200 to 300 demonstrators , many wearing the black clothing and masks characteristic of a black bloc , gathered at Washington Circle before departing with a heavy police escort for Georgetown , via Pennsylvania Avenue and M Street NW . The march turned north at Wisconsin Avenue , before reversing course and returning to M Street . Over the course of the march , newspaper boxes were overturned , objects were thrown , and trash cans were knocked over . Many storefronts were boarded in anticipation of the march . Two unboarded windows were broken at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street . Two arrests were made , related to an incident where an officer was pushed from a scooter .

The event was marred by an accident involving a female bystander , who was walking with a group of friends when she was struck in the forehead by a brick thrown by a demonstrator . The woman was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment following the incident . The Georgetown march ended at approximately 10 : 30 PM , when , at 29th and M Streets , police ordered the demonstrators to

disperse . Most complied with the order .

= = March to the World Bank = =

On October 20 , 2007 , approximately 500 demonstrators gathered at Franklin Square for a rally and march to the World Bank headquarters at 18th and H Streets . The group consisted of a mix of people , including students , community activists , as well as anarchists dressed for a black bloc .

The protest was peaceful , with the exception of an incident in Murrow Park , across the street from the World Bank , where several demonstrators charged the line of police as a group of finance ministers arrived and crossed the police lines for mid @-@ afternoon meetings . Police quickly came in carrying batons and shoving demonstrators , which sent some people running . However , according to Bob Exe , one of the demonstrators , the police line was never charged , but that " some pushing " may have occurred .

Following the scuffle with police , the People 's Tribunal began , which consisted of a panel of six judges , and a line @-@ up of people from countries affected by the policies of the World Bank and the IMF speaking .