

Annex: Significant National Protests, January 2010 to September 2015

Start Date	Country	Country Status	Trigger	Motivation	Participants	Number of Participants
May 2010	Greece	Free	Series of public spending cuts and tax increases	Austerity measures, unemployment, poverty, corruption, cronyism	Youth, students, low- and middle-income citizens, general public	Tens of thousands
December 2010	Belarus	Not free	Alleged election fraud	Dissatisfaction with government, lack of freedoms, corruption, lack of transparency and government accountability, economic mismanagement	Opposition, general public, youth	Tens of thousands
December 2010	Tunisia	Free	Self-immolation of Tunisian street vendor Mohamed Bouazizi in protest of the confiscation of his wares and the harassment and humiliation that he reported was inflicted on him by a municipal official	Corruption, lack of freedoms, poor living standards, police violence, unemployment, lack of human rights	General public including students, teachers, lawyers, journalists, human rights activists, trade unionists, opposition politicians, and police officers	Tens of thousands
January 2011	Albania	Partly free	Revelation of corruption scandal involving incumbent deputy prime minister	Corruption, dissatisfaction with government, lack of freedoms, political deadlock	Opposition, general public	Tens of thousands
January 2011	Algeria	Not free	Protests in Tunisia and Egypt, and a copycat suicide of Tunisian street vendor Mohamed Bouazizi	Rising cost of living, high unemployment, lack of government accountability, lack of political freedoms	General public, youth	Thousands
January 2011	Azerbaijan	Not free	Protest in Tunisia and an antigovernment campaign organized on social media platforms	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, lack of freedoms, unemployment	Students, opposition	Thousands
January 2011	Egypt	Not free	Protest in Tunisia and anger over police brutality; on January 25, a national holiday to commemorate the police forces, Egyptians took to the streets, calling it a day of rage	Dissatisfaction with government, unemployment, poverty, corruption, demand for end to long-standing rule of then president Hosni Mubarak	Opposition, general public, Mubarak supporters	Hundreds of thousands or more
January 2011	Jordan	Not free	Sweeping victory of parliamentary elections by pro-government candidates	Corruption, inflation, unemployment, lack of public accountability	Opposition, youth, general public	Tens of thousands
January 2011	Tanzania	Partly free	Protest in Tunisia, and the detainment of chairman of opposition Chadema, Freeman Mbowe, ahead of a rally against government corruption	Corruption, systemic mistrust, dissatisfaction with government	Opposition	Thousands
January 2011	Yemen	Not free	Protest in Tunisia and the arrest of a prominent female activist who had called for an end to the thirty-three-year rule of former president Ali Abdullah Saleh	Demand for democracy, dissatisfaction with government, demand for constitutional and electoral reform, abuse of power, lack of freedoms, corruption, scarcity of natural resources and reserves	Human rights activists, journalists, opposition, youth, students, government supporters	Hundreds of thousands
February 2011	Armenia	Partly free	Protests in Tunisia and Egypt, and the anniversary of the 2008 protests, when ten people died protesting the presidential election result	Dissatisfaction with government, democratic deficit, poor economic conditions, corruption	Opposition	Tens of thousands
February 2011	Bahrain	Not free	Protests in Tunisia and Egypt, and the anniversary of the country's 2002 constitution	Dissatisfaction with government, demand for changes to constitution, demand for the end of monarchy, demand for democracy, demand for release of political prisoners, demand for end to use of torture	Shias, Shia activists, young members of both Shia and Sunni communities, youth	Tens of thousands
February 2011	Croatia	Free	Antigovernment campaign organized on online social media platforms	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, economic mismanagement, poor living standards	Opposition, students, senior citizens, general public	Tens of thousands
February 2011	Libya	Not free	Protests in Tunisia and Egypt, and the arrest of a human rights activist in Benghazi	Dissatisfaction with government, demand for regime change to bring an end to strongman leader Muammar Qaddafi's forty-one-year rule	Opposition, regime loyalists	Tens of thousands
February 2011	Morocco	Partly free	Protests in Tunisia and Egypt, and simmering discontent with slowing pace of political reform and worsening quality of democracy	Dissatisfaction with government, poor democratic quality, corruption, lack of freedoms, demand for constitutional reform	Youth, general public	Tens of thousands
March 2011	Syria	Not free	Protests in Tunisia and Egypt, and the arrests of at least fifteen children for painting antigovernment graffiti on the walls of a school in Daraa	Demand for release of arrested and tortured children, dissatisfaction with government (and President Bashar al-Assad's predecessor and father, Hafez), lack of freedoms, poor economic situation, government repression	General public, youth, opposition, government supporters	Hundreds of thousands
March 2011	United Kingdom	Free	Coalition government announcement of public spending cuts	Austerity measures, unemployment, economic mismanagement, poverty	Public- and private-sector workers, students, pensioners, general public	Hundreds of thousands
April 2011	Chile	Free	A growing divide in quality of education on the basis of social class	Demand for changes to education system, dissatisfaction with government response to environmental issues, unemployment	Students, youth, general public	Hundreds of thousands
April 2011	India	Free	Anna Hazare's declaration of a hunger strike against corruption	Corruption, dissatisfaction with government, lack of transparency of political processes	Activist Anna Hazare and supporters, general public	Tens of thousands
April 2011	Uganda	Not free	Arrest of opposition leader Kizza Besigye, who called for peaceful Walk to Work campaign after losing third attempt at the Ugandan presidency	Financial mismanagement, high cost of living, lack of freedoms	Opposition, activist groups	Thousands
May 2011	Czech Republic	Free	Government measures taken to increase healthcare costs and raise the retirement age	Austerity measures, corruption, dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement	Students, trade and workers' unions, general public	Tens of thousands
May 2011	Mexico	Partly free	Killings resulting from drug war in Mexico	Dissatisfaction with government strategy in the war on drugs, lack of freedoms, corruption	Indigenous communities, general public from cities surrounding Mexico City	Hundreds of thousands
May 2011	Spain	Free	Frustration with rising unemployment rate, cost of living, and incompetent politicians unable to deal with effects of economic crisis	Austerity measures, corruption, dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement	Several anti-austerity and anti-government movements catalyzed by social networks, mobile networks, and the Internet; youth; the unemployed and impoverished; students	Tens of thousands
June 2011	Belarus	Not free	Simmering unrest from the December 2010 violent protest against alleged election fraud	Dissatisfaction with government, change of government, economic mismanagement	Youth, outside the established opposition mainstream	Thousands
June 2011	Greece	Free	Greek parliament's backing of midterm austerity bill, further increasing taxes and public spending cuts	Austerity measures, unemployment, poverty, corruption, cronyism, dissatisfaction with government, political failure, systemic mistrust	General public, low- and middle-income citizens, youth	Tens of thousands
June 2011	Panama	Free	Passing of a new law that opened up native lands to foreign mining and hydroelectric companies	Discrimination of indigenous peoples, avoiding the displacement of tens of thousands of indigenous people, protecting the environment and agriculture of native region	Indigenous communities, environmental activists	Thousands
July 2011	Malawi	Partly free	Worsening fuel shortages, rising prices, and growing unemployment rate	Dissatisfaction with government, financial mismanagement, increasing autocracy, fuel and foreign currency shortages, poor human rights record	Activist groups, youth, students, general public	Thousands
August 2011	United Kingdom	Free	Death of Mark Duggan, a twenty-nine-year-old man who was killed by officers from the Trident unit of the Metropolitan Police that investigates gun crime, according to the Independent Police Complaints Commission, an external government body that regulates the police	Economic hardship, police brutality, racism, classism	Youth, poor, unemployed	Thousands
September 2011	Israel	Free	Economic slump and rising cost of living	Demand for political change, economic mismanagement	General public, youth	Hundreds of thousands
September 2011	United States	Free	Anger over a financial system seen as favoring the rich and powerful at the expense of ordinary citizens	Economic and social injustice	Urban and educated youth, low- and middle-income citizens, general public	Hundreds of thousands
October 2011	Colombia	Partly free	Proposal by the government of President Juan Manuel Santos to reform higher education	Defense of public education system against privatization of higher-education institutions	Students, student groups, teachers	Tens of thousands
December 2011	Russia	Not free	Alleged election fraud	Corruption, cronyism, demand for regime change	Middle-income citizens, youth, opposition	Hundreds of thousands
December 2011	Slovakia	Free	Leaked documents showing top politicians dividing kickbacks, lucrative jobs, and spheres of influence with powerful oligarchs	Corruption, dissatisfaction with government, cronyism, economic mismanagement, lack of transparency	General public	Tens of thousands
January 2012	Nigeria	Partly free	Fuel subsidy removal	Financial mismanagement, corruption, systemic mistrust	General public, labor unions	Tens of thousands
January 2012	Romania	Free	Resignation of former deputy health minister Raed Arafat, who had criticized the draft healthcare reform bill that would have added private firms to the state health sector	Austerity measures, corruption, dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement, demand for resignation of then president Traian Basescu and the centrist government of then prime minister Emil Boc	Opposition, youth, general public	Thousands
January 2012	Senegal	Free	Then president Abdoulaye Wade's announcement of his candidacy to stand for a third term in the 2012 election, proposing an extraconstitutional presidential term	Long-standing ruler, perceived authoritarian drift	Opposition	Thousands
January 2012	South Africa	Free	General government neglect of the poor, lack of public services	Lack of affordable housing, dissatisfaction with government's general neglect of the poor, widening income gap, economic mismanagement	Poor, black South Africans	Hundreds of thousands or more
March 2012	Colombia	Partly free	Bad performance and increasing cost of Bogota's public transport system TransMilenio	Poor economic situation, poor public services, dissatisfaction with government failure to address local concerns	Students, general public	Hundreds
May 2012	Azerbaijan	Not free	Two days before the country hosted Eurovision, human rights activists and opposition protesters seized on the song contest to highlight the lack of freedoms in Azerbaijan	Dissatisfaction with government, poor human rights record, lack of democratic standards	Opposition, human rights activists	Thousands
June 2012	Bulgaria	Free	New forestry act lifting restrictions on the development of a ski resort	Corruption, dissatisfaction with government, abuse of power	Youth, environmental activists, opposition	Thousands
June 2012	Togo	Partly free	Electoral reforms made in favor of the ruling party ahead of a poll later that year	Dissatisfaction with government, demand for end to system allowing unlimited presidential terms, poor democratic quality	Opposition	Tens of thousands
July 2012	Mexico	Partly free	Alleged election fraud, media bias	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, media bias, lack of transparency, demand for educational reform	Opposition	Tens of thousands
August 2012	Tajikistan	Not free	Killing of rebel leader Imomnazar Imomnazarov, one of several former opposition field commanders who were granted amnesty for crimes they allegedly committed during the Tajik Civil War, and given state posts	Civil unrest, dissatisfaction with government, poverty, economic mismanagement, systemic mistrust, cronyism, police brutality	Opposition, youth, general public	Thousands
November 2012	Argentina	Free	Antigovernment campaign organized on online social media platforms	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, crime, insecurity, inflation, economic mismanagement	Opposition, middle-income citizens, general public	Hundreds of thousands
December 2012	India	Free	Rape of a twenty-three-year-old woman and severe beating of her friend by six men in New Delhi	Dissatisfaction with government's handling of increasing sexual violence cases against women	Urban, educated youth	Thousands
December 2012	Iraq	Not free	Detention of the bodyguards of a Sunni minister in Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's coalition government, which reinforced widespread Sunni perceptions that the premier is intent on eliminating his Sunni political rivals	Dissatisfaction with government, grievances left unresolved when U.S. forces withdrew one year earlier, demand for discontinuation of democracy-hampering sectarian and ethnic quota system	Sunnis, youth, students, Iraqi civil society, trade unionists	Tens of thousands
December 2012	Slovenia	Free	Government announcement of budget cuts in already financially troubled state	Austerity measures, corruption, dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement, poor democratic standards	Labor unions, public- and private-sector workers, students, general public	Thousands
January 2013	Azerbaijan	Not free	Car accident involving the owner of the Chirag motel, the site of an alleged brothel, which authorities ignored repeated calls by local residents to shut down	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, abuse of power, lack of freedoms, unemployment	Opposition, residents of Ismayilli	Thousands
January 2013	Pakistan	Partly free	Revelation of a series of big corruption scandals across the political system, a few months before the country's general election	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, demand for dissolution of parliament, demand for electoral system reform	Canadian-Pakistani cleric Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri and supporters, general public	Tens of thousands
February 2013	Bulgaria	Free	Hike in electricity prices	Dissatisfaction with government, political failure, systemic mistrust, poverty, corruption, organized crime, conflict of interests between politics and business	Low- and middle-income citizens, general public	Tens of thousands
February 2013	Guinea	Partly free	Alleged election fraud	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, systemic mistrust, political deadlock, electoral reform, ethnic rivalry and violence	Opposition, government supporters, youth	Thousands
February 2013	Ireland	Free	Bank debts being passed on to Irish taxpayers	Austerity measures, dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement, worsening economic conditions, unemployment	Opposition, public- and private-sector workers, trade and workers' unions, unemployed	Hundreds of thousands
February 2013	Singapore	Partly free	Government announcement to increase the population through immigration	Dissatisfaction with government's immigration policies, poor economic conditions, poor living standards, rising property prices and living costs	Youth, general public	Thousands
March 2013	Cyprus	Free	bailout deal with EU that closed banks and seized large deposits	Corruption, economic mismanagement and collapse, abuse of power, lack of transparency, dissatisfaction with government	Bank workers, bondholders, general public	Thousands
April 2013	Argentina	Free	General anger over a deteriorating economy and President Cristina Fernandez's efforts to reform the media and courts	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, economic mismanagement, abuse of power, poor democratic quality	Opposition, middle-income citizens, general public	Hundreds of thousands
April 2013	Armenia	Partly free	Alleged election fraud	Dissatisfaction with government, poor democratic quality, economic mismanagement, corruption	Opposition	Thousands
May 2013	Italy	Free	Austerity policies and high unemployment	Austerity measures, corruption, dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement	Labor unions, students, general public	Tens of thousands
May 2013	Malaysia	Partly free	Alleged election fraud	Dissatisfaction with government, demand for electoral reform	Opposition, general public	Tens of thousands
June 2013	Brazil	Free	Increase in bus fares	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, economic mismanagement, police brutality, poor public services, excess spending on the World Cup	Youth, middle-income citizens, workers, opposition	Hundreds of thousands or more
June 2013	Bulgaria	Free	Appointment of media magnate Delyan Peevski as security chief, and disappointment in Bulgaria's subjecting of state institutions to private interests	Dissatisfaction with government, systemic mistrust, persistent poverty, corruption, organized crime, economic mismanagement	Opposition, students, celebrities, general public	Tens of thousands
June 2013	Egypt	Not free	One-year anniversary of Mohamed Morsi's inauguration as Egypt's president	Lack of freedoms, police brutality, unemployment, economic mismanagement, emergency laws, demand for electoral reform	Opposition, Tamarod (rebellion) campaign, general public, Morsi supporters	Hundreds of thousands or more
June 2013	Turkey	Partly free	Police use of force to subdue otherwise peaceful protests about the redevelopment of Gezi Park in Istanbul	Dissatisfaction with government, perceived authoritarian drift, lack of freedoms	Environmental activists, human rights activists, students, youth, general public	Hundreds of thousands
July 2013	Cambodia	Not free	Alleged election fraud	Dissatisfaction with government, long-standing ruler, demand for political change, demand for resignation of Prime Minister Hun Sen, demand for increased wages for garment workers	Opposition, garment workers	Tens of thousands
August 2013	Colombia	Partly free	Lack of government subsidies, low wages, low prices on exports, poor labor conditions	Dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement, widening income gap	Truckers, coal miners, coffee farmers, other laborers	Hundreds of thousands
September 2013	Poland	Free	Large-scale layoffs triggered by economic slump	Austerity measures, dissatisfaction with government, change in labor and social policies, unemployment, economic mismanagement	Labor union members, low- and middle-income citizens, general public	Tens of thousands
October 2013	Portugal	Free	Government unveiling of austerity plans	Austerity measures, corruption, dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement	Labor unions, public- and private-sector workers, students, general public	Tens of thousands
November 2013	Moldova	Partly free	Moldova's plan to sign a partnership agreement with the EU at a forthcoming EU summit in Vilnius	Demand for democracy, demand for closer economic and cultural ties to the EU	Government supporters, general public	Tens of thousands
November 2013	Moldova	Partly free	A week before an EU summit in Vilnius at which Moldova was to sign a partnership agreement with the EU, opposition reacted to the recent pro-EU rally	Dissatisfaction with government, dissolution of parliament, opposition to EU integration	Opposition, general public	Tens of thousands
November 2013	Ukraine	Partly free	Government refusal to sign a political and economic Association Agreement with the EU	Corruption, economic mismanagement, poor democratic standards	Middle-income citizens, students, general public	Hundreds of thousands
December 2013	Ukraine	Partly free	Students beaten by police in Kiev's Independence Square	Corruption, economic mismanagement, police brutality, poor democratic standards	General public, students	Hundreds of thousands
January 2014	Bangladesh	Partly free	Ruling party's refusal to establish a neutral caretaker administration to oversee the general election, and the opposition party's boycott of the election	Poor democratic standards, dissatisfaction with government, demand for election reform	Opposition	Tens of thousands
February 2014	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Partly free	A rise in unemployment and a lack of stable employment conditions	Dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement, poverty, unemployment, systemic mistrust, conflict of interests between politics and business	Low- to middle-income citizens, primarily workers laid off when state-owned companies that were sold off to private ownership collapsed	Thousands
February 2014	Venezuela	Partly free	Alleged attempted rape of a student	Corruption, high crime rates, primary goods shortage	Students, youth, middle-income citizens, general public	Hundreds of thousands
May 2014	Brazil	Free	One month before the opening of the football World Cup, a mega-event budgeted at over \$11 billion	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, economic mismanagement, excessive spending on the football World Cup, poor public services	Youth, middle-income citizens, workers, opposition	Thousands
July 2014	Ghana	Free	High cost of living, recurring energy blackouts	Dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement, corruption	NGOs, trade unions, workers, opposition	Thousands
July 2014	China (Hong Kong)	Partly free	Seventeenth anniversary of Hong Kong's handover to China	Dissatisfaction with government, demand for democracy and self-rule, universal suffrage	Occupy Central campaign and supporters, youth, general public	Hundreds of thousands
August 2014	Pakistan	Partly free	Alleged election fraud	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, demand for removal of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, demand for snap elections, demand for electoral system reform	Opposition candidate and supporters, general public	Thousands
August 2014	United States	Free	Grand jury decisions involving the deaths of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, and Freddie Gray, among others, black men killed by white police officers	Police brutality, racial injustice, poverty, dissatisfaction with government	Youth, students, general public	Thousands
September 2014	Armenia	Partly free	Specific societal and economic policy issues such as trade tariff regulations, public transportation tariffs, and a contested pension reform plan	Dissatisfaction with government, demand for change of government, demand for economic reform	Opposition	Tens of thousands
September 2014	China (Hong Kong)	Partly free	Chinese national legislature's announced plan for Hong Kong that would give residents a direct vote for the city's chief executive, starting in 2017, but only from a list of two or three candidates pre-approved by a committee of which most members are loyal to Beijing	Dissatisfaction with government, demand for democracy and self-rule, universal suffrage	Occupy Central campaign and supporters, general public, youth, students	Tens of thousands
October 2014	Azerbaijan	Not free	Criminal charges against journalists and civil society activists	Corruption, lack of freedoms, unemployment	Students, opposition	Thousands
October 2014	Burkina Faso	Partly free	A proposed constitutional change to the electoral law and extension of the presidential term limit	Poor democratic standards, dissatisfaction with government, perceived authoritarian drift	Opposition	Tens of thousands
October 2014	Hungary	Free	Government announcement of plans to enforce Internet tax from 2015	Dissatisfaction with government, poor democratic standards, perceived right toward authoritarianism and away from the EU, systemic mistrust	Youth, students, low- and middle-income citizens, general public, opposition	Hundreds of thousands
October 2014	Ireland	Free	Government introduction of water charges	Austerity measures, economic mismanagement, worsening economic conditions, dissatisfaction with government, tax rises and public spending cutbacks	General public, opposition	Hundreds of thousands
November 2014	Albania	Partly free	Increase in taxes and energy prices	Dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement, unemployment, poor living standards	Opposition, general public	Tens of thousands
November 2014	Thailand	Not free	Amnesty bill for politically related offenses allowing former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra to avoid criminal charges	Corruption, dissatisfaction with government, abuse of power	Opposition	Hundreds of thousands
November 2014	Togo	Partly free	Opposition reaction to a march in support of President Faure Gnassingbé	Dissatisfaction with government, demand for change of constitution to impose presidential term limit, poor democratic quality	Opposition	Thousands
January 2015	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Not free	A proposed extension of the presidential term limit	Long-standing ruler, poor democratic standards, perceived authoritarian drift	Opposition, students, general public	Hundreds
January 2015	France	Free	The attack and killing of twelve people in the offices of French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in Paris	Support for freedom of expression, religious and social tolerance, solidarity in values of liberty, equality, and democracy	Over 40 world leaders, general public	Hundreds of thousands or more
March 2015	Azerbaijan	Not free	Eighty-seven days budgeted after hosting the inaugural European Games, a mega-event budgeted at over €7 billion (\$8 billion)	Dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement, excessive spending on the European Games, poor living standards, poor human rights record	Opposition, youth, general public	Tens of thousands
March 2015	Brazil	Free	Thirtieth anniversary of Brazil's end to military rule and establishment of democracy in 1985	Dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement, corruption, systemic mistrust	Middle-income citizens, youth, workers, opposition	Hundreds of thousands or more
March 2015	Hungary	Free	On Hungary's National Day, a march held over allegations of corruption and a secretive nuclear deal with Russia	Dissatisfaction with government, perceived authoritarian drift, cronyism, corruption, lack of transparency	Opposition, general public	Tens of thousands
April 2015	Burundi	Not free	Burundian constitutional court's declaration of President Pierre Nkurunziza's third-term candidacy as valid, despite claims of unconstitutionality	Violation of constitution, long-standing ruler, perceived authoritarian drift, dissatisfaction with government	Opposition, youth	Thousands
May 2015	Guatemala	Partly free	A UN anticorruption agency report that implicated several high-profile politicians including then vice president Roxana Baldetti and then president Otto Pérez Molina	Corruption, organized crime, dissatisfaction with government, demand for resignation of then vice president Roxana Baldetti and then president Otto Pérez Molina	General public, youth, urban, low- and middle-income citizens	Tens of thousands
May 2015	Macedonia	Partly free	Revelations of wiretapping scandal involving Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski and his ministers, contained in taped conversations that appear to expose tight government control over journalists, judges, and the conduct of elections	Dissatisfaction with government, corruption, poor democratic standards; perceived authoritarian drift, demand for resignation of Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski	Opposition, Gruevski supporters	Tens of thousands
May 2015	Moldova	Partly free	Revelation of the theft of \$1.5 billion from the state-owned Savings Bank and private banks Unibank and Social Bank	Corruption, dissatisfaction with government's failure to implement reforms oriented toward the EU	General public, activist groups	Tens of thousands
June 2015	Armenia	Partly free	Hike in electricity tariffs	Economic mismanagement, corruption, mismanagement of the country's power monopoly, the Russian-owned Armenian Electricity Network	Youth, students	Tens of thousands
July 2015	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Partly free	The passing of a new labor law seen by some as violating workers' rights	Dissatisfaction with government, economic mismanagement, unemployment	Opposition, workers' unions, workers	Thousands
July 2015	Iraq	Not free	Power cuts during heat wave	Corruption, poor public services, dissatisfaction with government's failure to improve basic services, poor economic conditions, dissatisfaction with role of religion in politics, demand for judiciary reform	General public, opposition, youth, mainly secular	Tens of thousands
August 2015	Brazil	Free	A rise in unemployment and inflation, and an ongoing bribery and money-laundering investigation potentially linked to President Dilma Rousseff	Demand for impeachment of President Dilma Rousseff, corruption, dissatisfaction with government, systemic mistrust	Opposition, poor, unemployed	Hundreds of thousands
August 2015	Japan	Free	Government's proposal to expand Japan's military role beyond self-defense under a reinterpretation of the country's war-renouncing constitution	Dissatisfaction with government, opposition to security policy reform	Students Emergency Action for Liberal Democracy coalition members and supporters, students, opposition	Hundreds of thousands
August 2015	Lebanon	Partly free	Government's inability to deal with garbage collection in Beirut	Dissatisfaction with government, political dysfunction, erosion of political institutions, corruption, lack of public services, conflict of interests between politics and business, lack of transparency, unemployment	Low- to middle-income citizens, youth, unemployed, You Stink campaign and supporters	Tens of thousands
August 2015	Malaysia	Partly free	A Wall Street Journal report alleging that payments of nearly \$700 million had entered Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak's bank accounts in 2013	Corruption, dissatisfaction with government, lack of freedoms, demand for democracy	General public, members and supporters of the electoral reform group Bersih (clean), opposition	Hundreds of thousands

Note: This table seeks to present a widely representative but not fully comprehensive list of major protests between January 2010 and September 2015.

Sources: Factual material for the table was drawn from a wide variety of public news sources. Country status ratings are drawn from the Freedom House report, *Freedom in the World*.