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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the photograph attached while answering the questions below in order. The questions are designed to guide students into a deeper analysis of the source and sharpen associated cognitive skills.

Level I: Description

- 1. What is happening in this image?
- 2. What are the people in this image carrying?
- 3. What do the banners say?

Level II: Interpretation

- 1. Why might the people be mourning loss?
- 2. What is being protested?

Level III: Analysis

1. What does this image tell you about what was occurring at the time the picture was taken?



