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Tiananmen Square Protest kills many.

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APRIL 15, 1989. What started out to be a peaceful protest turned into quite a violent one. The amount of deaths that were caused from the Tiananmen Square weren't certain but an estimated 2,800 people were killed and 30,000 people were injured. A total of 50,000 were estimated to be involved with the protest.

The Tiananmen Square protesters came from all sorts of people. They came from disparate groups (groups of people that are totally different from each other) to Urban workers, and college socialists. They believed that the communist party of the China-led government was too corrupt and repressive. Also they believed that China's economic reform since 1978 had gone too far, resulting in widespread unemployment.

Although it started out peacefully, it began to get violent after the protesters became dissatisfied of their progress. The government warned them that to resign peacefully or action would be taken. Eventually

officials became tired of waiting and attacked those who were at Tiananmen Square. Armed troops with fixed bayonets fired at the protesters that had refused to leave, perhaps killing their own in the process. Students who sought refuge were pulled out of buses and beaten with heavy sticks. Even the students that had tried to leave were still beaten down with sticks. People were shot and beaten to death. Many died as a result. Also vehicles were torched and buildings were burned.



Protesters gather around
Tiananmen Square
and began to protest against
different

issues of China's government.

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During the protest there was quite a lot of media coverage! Newstations such as BBC or CNN covered the

protest site. Protesters took advantage of the opportunity, and created signs and banners designed for international television viewers.

The Tiananmen Square Protest took place in the large public square (Tiananmen Square) in Beijing China. The protest lasted for the majority of the summer of 1989. In the end hundreds of people were arrested and many were hospitalized or killed. Overall the protest might not have even been worth it.

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