

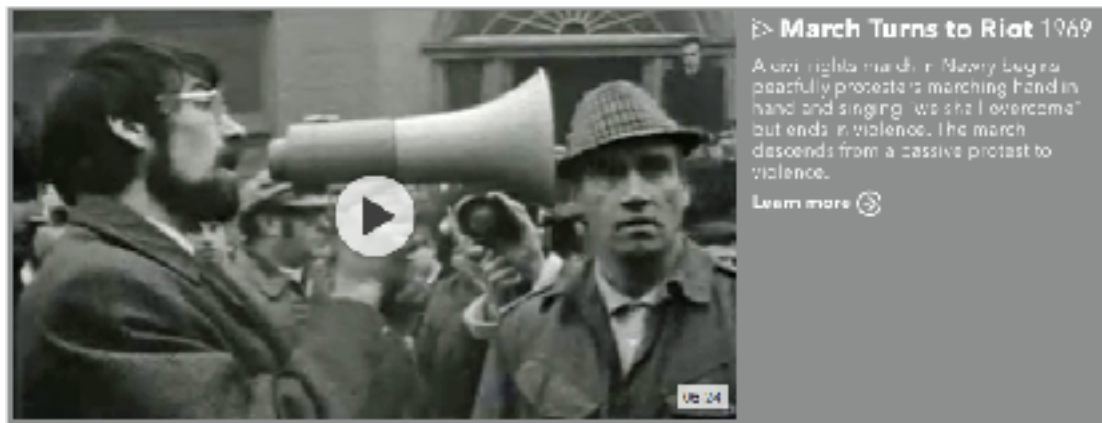
Curriculum link: Politics and society in Northern Ireland, 1949-1993 - the Civil Rights Movement

RTÉ Archives, Online exhibition: Civil Rights in Northern Ireland - Violence in Newry

Access the online exhibition [here](#)

In March 1969 a civil rights march organised by Newry People's Democracy descended into violence. It began as a peaceful protest but rioting occurred later that day when some protestors overturned and burned police tenders.

Activity 1



- Watch the video clip, 'March turns to riot' (1969) up until Tom Keane of the People's Democracy addresses the crowd.
- Use the table below to write down your observations of the march.
- When you have finished making notes, work with a partner to explain the significance of your observations.

Civil rights march in Newry	Notes/observations	Why is this significant? What does it tell the historian about the civil rights movement?
1. Press coverage		
2. Song sung by protestors		
3. Gender, body language and behaviour of protestors		

4. Use of symbols and banners by protestors		
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Activity 2

Continue watching to the end of the video clip. Discuss with your classmates the following questions:

- What happened after Tom Keane's speech?
- How did the behaviour of the protestors change?
- What did you learn about the development of the civil rights movement in Northern Ireland from watching this video clip?