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HONG KONG PROTEST TACTICS & ROLES

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"Be Water, Not Castle!"

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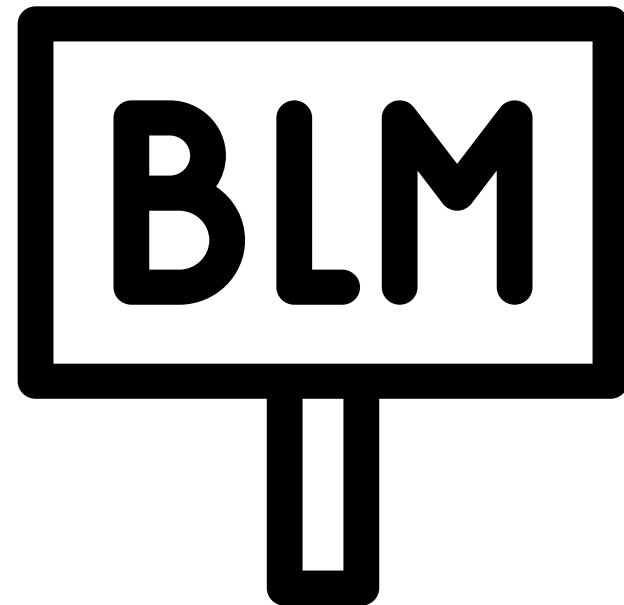
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There are many ways
to participate in a
protest and support
each other.

EACH FIGHTING
OUR OWN WAY,
WE CLIMB THE
MOUNTAIN
TOGETHER!

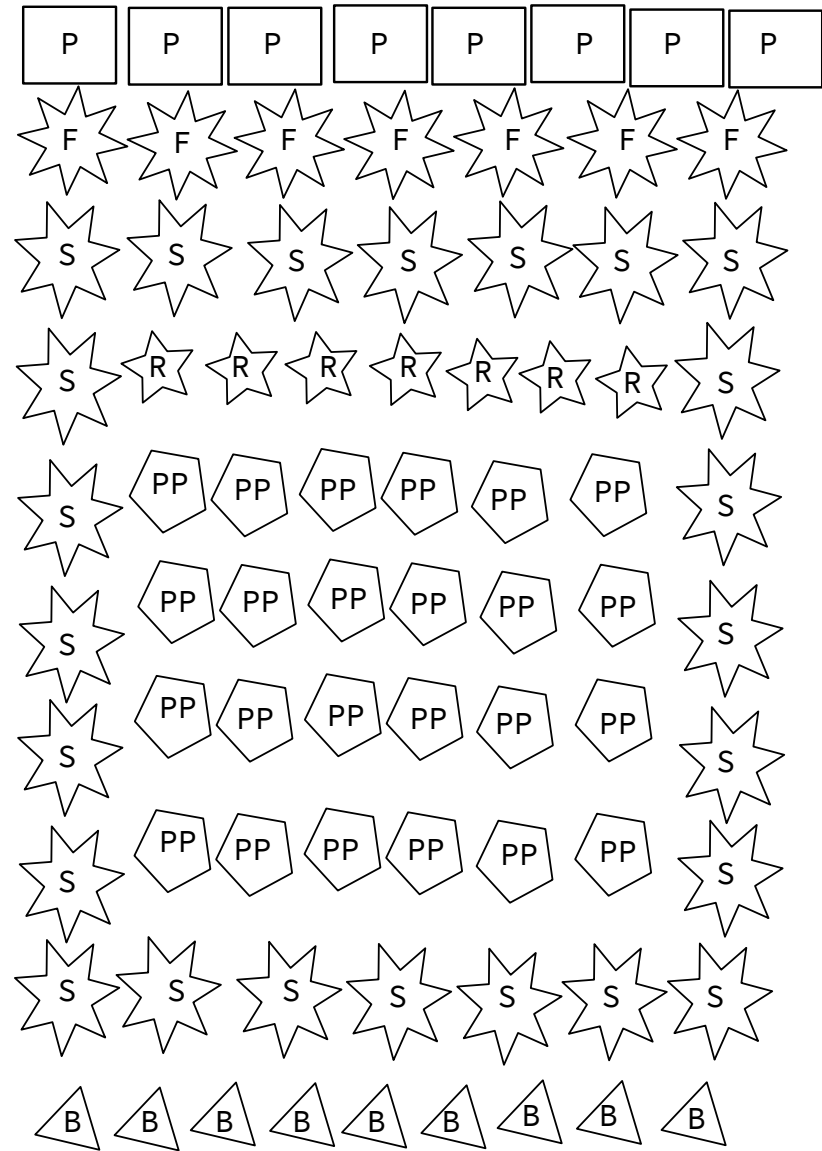
Introduction:

The following is a compilation of tactics and roles used by Hong Kong protesters that have been developed within the #AntiELAB movement since March 15, 2019. The HK Anti ELAB movement was sparked when the HK government proposed a China-backed extradition law that would allow the Chinese government to extradite migrants back to China for any crime.

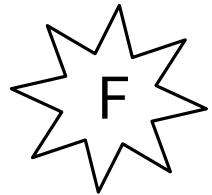
While the initial guides on protest roles were shared in public Telegram channels by native Hong Kongers, these tactics are actually more than likely a combination of tactics used in Lebanon, Haiti, Sudan, Greece, France, Egypt, Turkey, and Tunisia. There is a difference in the reason that all of these movements began, however the tactics and roles are similar due to being asymmetric conflicts against the state (by the people).

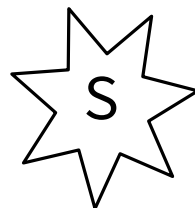
The USA Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement initially began in 2013 after the murder of Trayvon Martin by the racist vigilante citizen George Zimmerman. Then in August of 2014 the movement exploded nationwide due to the police murder of Mike Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Since about 2016 the movement has been relatively quiet, until late May of 2020 when Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin pressed his knee on the neck of George Floyd for eight


Map:




Map Key:

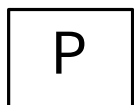
 = Frontliner

 = Shield
Soldier

 = Range
Soldier

 = Barricader

 = Peaceful
Protester

 = Police

minutes and forty-six seconds (8:46), killing him in broad daylight while 3 other pigs watched him. This brought the movement out of its slumber, leading to the arson of the Minneapolis 3rd precinct on May 29th (as well as many other acts of arson and extreme waves of unrest in every major US city). Other zines and online articles have covered the tactics and lessons learned from some of those protests and the unrest in many other cities within the so-called USA.

This zine is intended to show how the (effective) roles and tactics that Hong Kongers use in the Anti ELAB movement against the police can be utilized here in the US. On pages 6-33 you will find a edited set of protest roles directly transcribed from a infographic shared in HK Telegram chatrooms. On pages 34-35 you will find a example infographic that visually explains how a street demonstration might look from a bird's eye view.

In Hong Kong, they have the saying: “Be water, not castle”. This means to move fast and not to fight on the terms of the police. This way we are in control of the situation. The struggle against police brutality is worldwide, however policing is mostly racialized within the US. That being said: from Hong Kong to Minneapolis, all cops are bastards!

Additional reading & links:

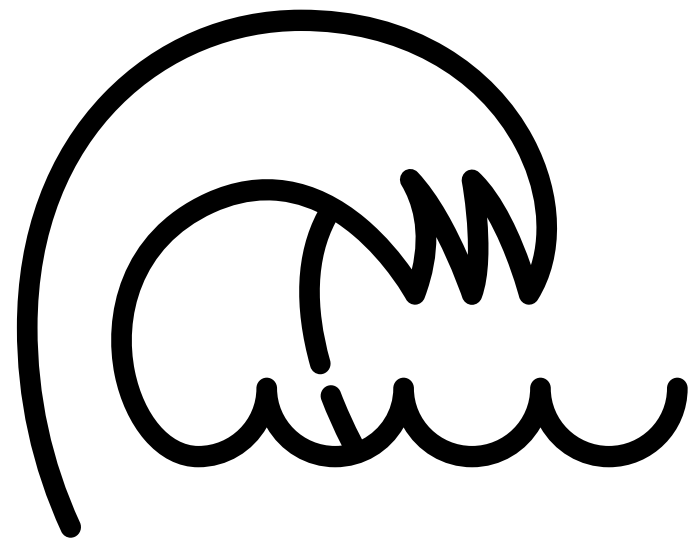
- 1.) 'To Hongkongers: How can we understand 'Black Lives Matter'? 'A riot is the voice of the unheard'' by Samuel Chan and Alex Chow <https://lausan.hk/2020/to-hongkongers-how-can-we-understand-black-lives-matter-a-riot-is-the-voice-of-the-unheard/>
- 2.) 'Welcome to the Frontlines: Beyond Violence and Non-Violence' by Chuang Collective <http://chuangcn.org/2020/06/frontlines/>
- 3.) 'The Siege of the 3rd Precinct in Minneapolis' by Crimethinc Collective <https://crimethinc.com/2020/06/10/the-siege-of-the-third-precinct-in-minneapolis-an-account-and-analysis>
- 4.) 'The Failure of Non-Violence' by Peter Gelderloos <https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/peter-gelderloos-the-failure-of-nonviolence>
- 5.) 'The Master's Tools: Warfare and Insurgent Possibility' by Tom Nomad <https://archive.org/details/TomNomadTheMastersToolsWarfareAndInsurgentPossibility>
- 6.) 'Deceiving the Sky' by No New Ideas Press <https://no-new-ideas-press.tumblr.com/post/189453786066/deceiving-the-sky-is-a-collectively-produced-book>
- 7.) HK protester roles infographic --- https://archive.org/details/hkprotestroles1312_202007

Peaceful Protester

Protesters who don't want to fight, but join hand in hand with frontliners, sometimes engaging in stickering and/or graffiti.



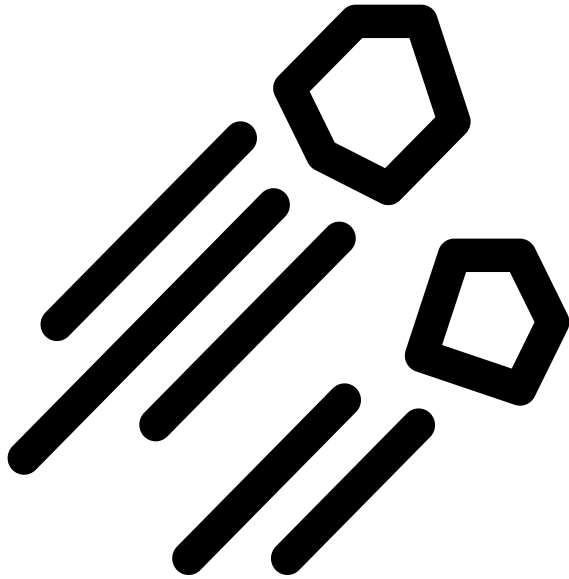
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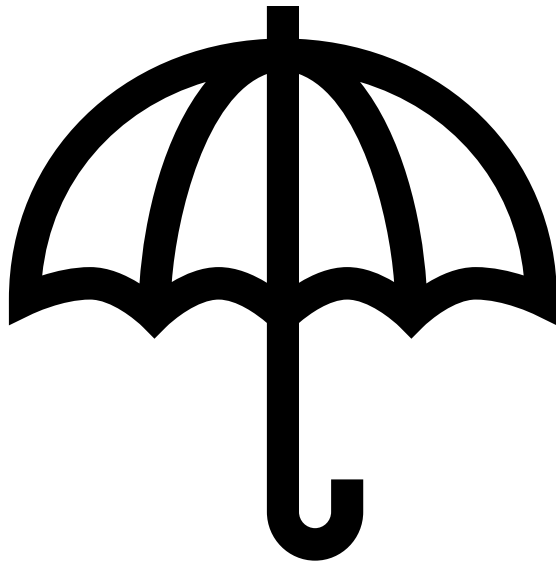
Range Soldier

Protesters who throw water bottles, umbrellas, and trash to stop police from advancing.



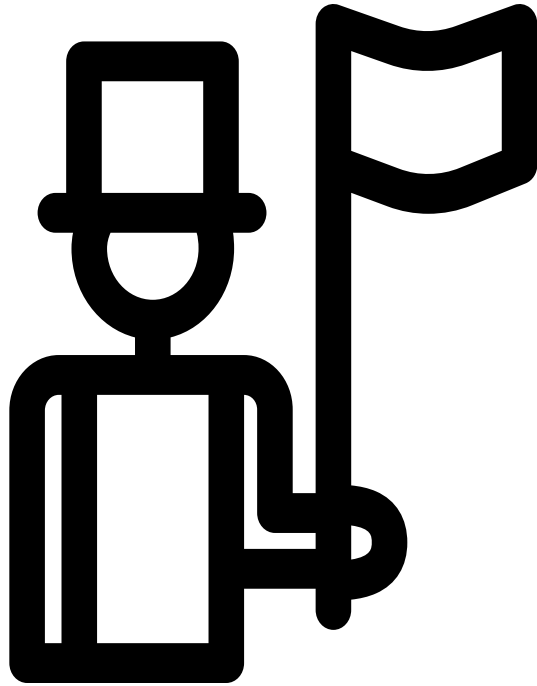
Shield Soldier

Frontliners who use wood boards, trash can lids, or large signs to form a first line of defense.



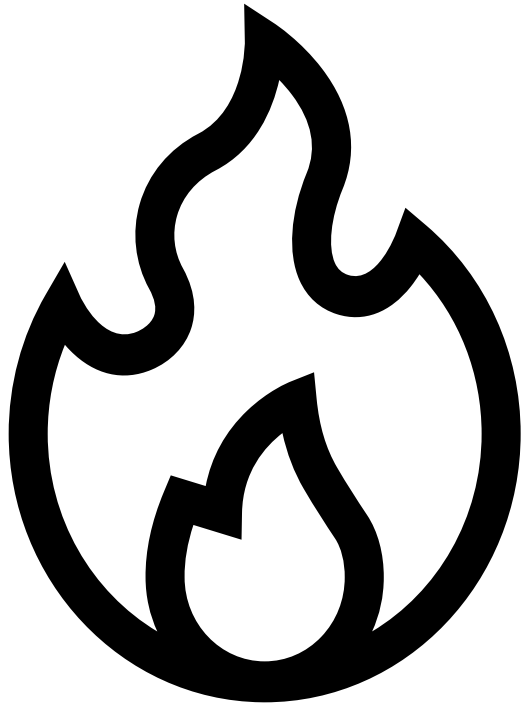
Flag Bearer

Uses signs or a
iPhone (airdrop) to
signal to protesters
when police are
advancing or
attacking.



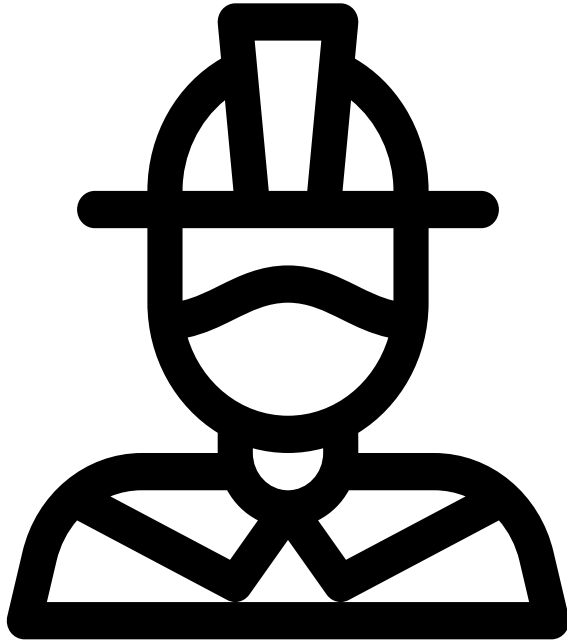
Frontliner

Protesters who use umbrellas to guard against projectiles and cameras, while keeping hands free when help is needed (de-arrest).



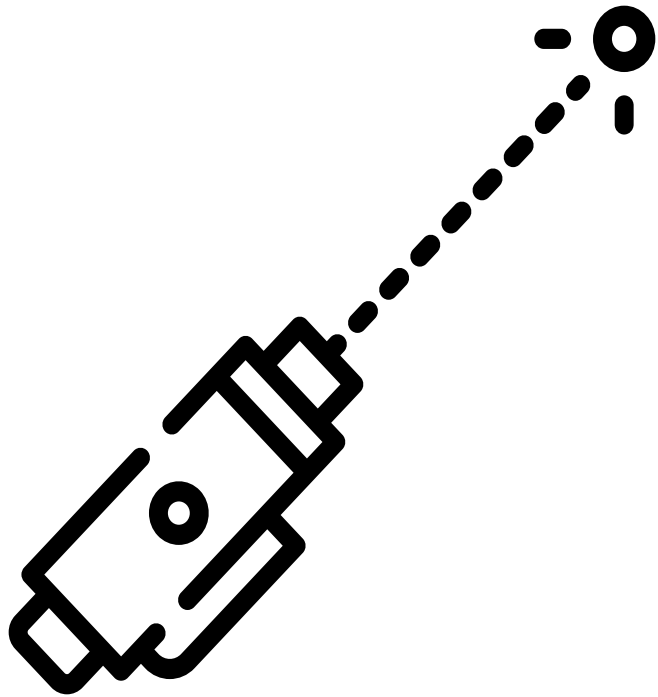
Fire Squad

Protesters who use water and traffic cones to suppress and extinguish teargas canisters.



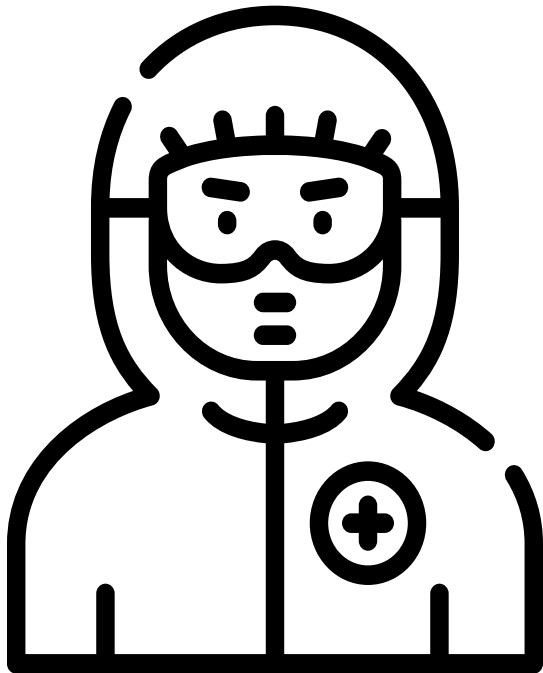
Pyro

Protesters who come prepared to set a fire to barricades and throw flammable projectiles (Molotov cocktails and/or road flares).



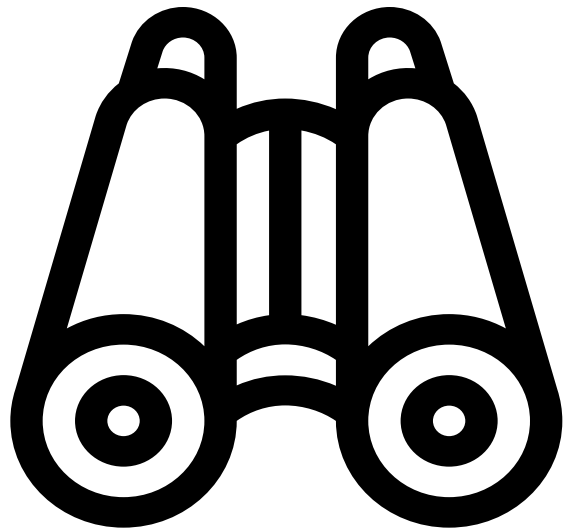
Medic

Protest supporters
who are able to treat
injuries or have
bottles of water to
treat teargas
exposure.



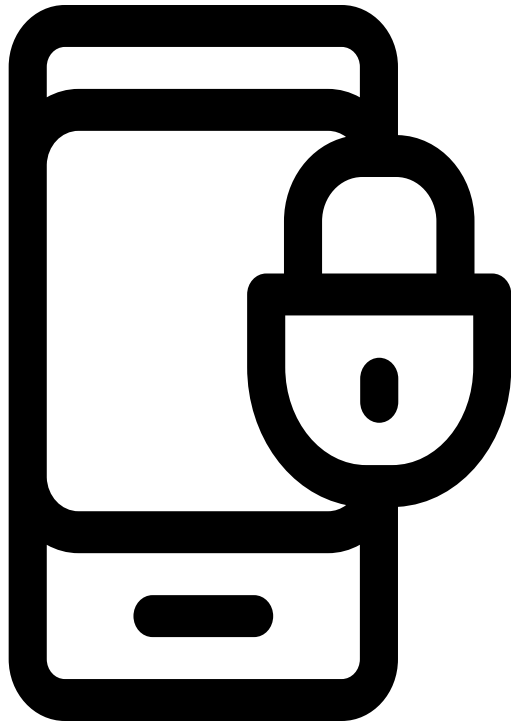
Laser Tech

Protesters who use laser pointers to obstruct surveillance cameras, drones and police visors. Use only as a group!



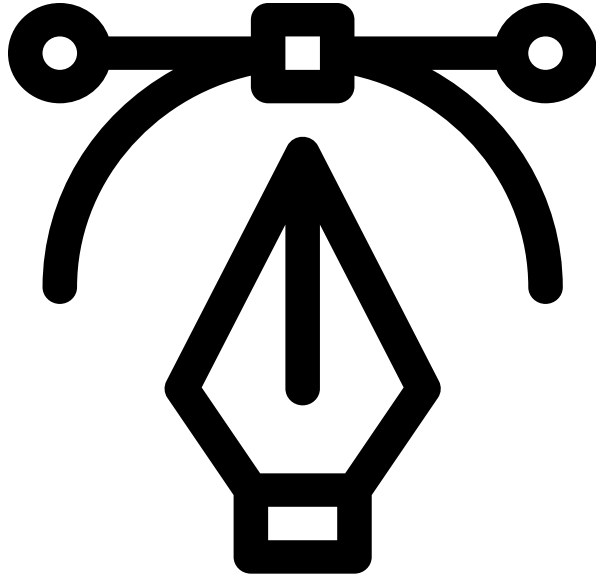
Online Comms

Online protesters who use social media apps like Signal/Telegram/Twitter to report on police strategies and provide protesters with real time strategic updates.



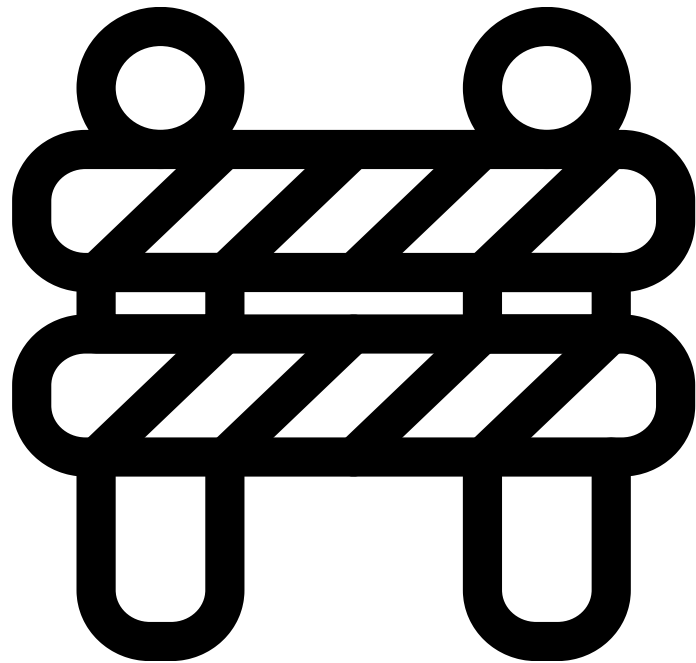
Copwatch

Protest supporters
who use phones to
record violent police
and document police
tactics and weaponry.
National NLG Hotline
Phone Number: (212)
679-5100



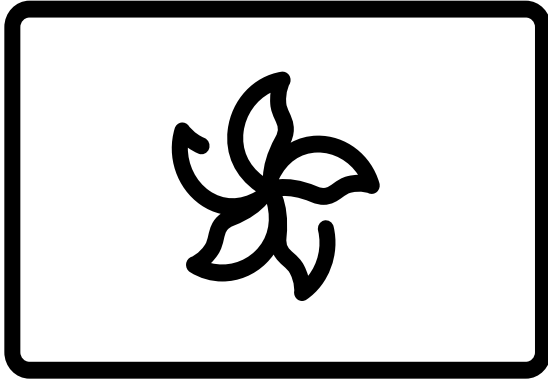
Barricaders

Protesters who build barricades out of found objects at strategic positions to block oncoming police and traffic that trails protesters.



Graphic Designers

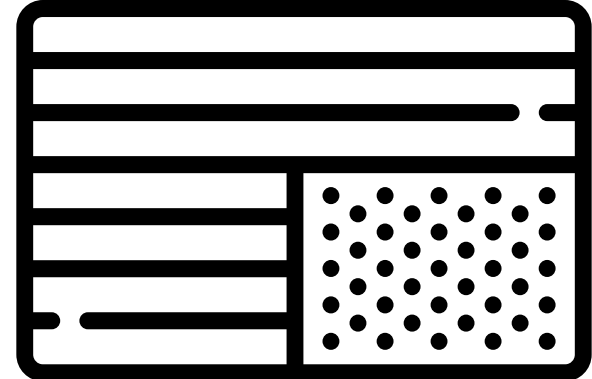
Protest supporters who make inspiring graphics, helpful info-graphics, or banners for protests.



Hong Kong

#AntiELAB

**TWO
COUNTRIES**



Amerikkka

#BlackLives
Matter

**ONE
CORRUPT
SYSTEM**