This course will explore the long tradition of American protest movements for social justice. We will examine important people, writers, and organizations who helped to build the abolitionist movement against slavery; women's fight for the vote, reproductive rights and equal pay; the battle for LGBTQI rights, the civil rights movement; the labor movement, Occupy and Black Lives Matter. We will seek to understand the dynamics of social movements, what makes them succeed, and how to build new strategies for social change.