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Gen Z leading global protest against governments - 20th October 2025

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Young people worldwide are protesting against their governments. Generation Z (people born between 1996 and 2010) is rising to express discontent with their leaders. They are concerned about inequality, corruption, nepotism, corporate greed, and bleak career prospects. This week in Madagascar, a group of protesters helped remove the country's president. In Morocco, people marched calling for better healthcare and education.

Protesters have two things in common. One is anger about the state of the world; the other is a flag from a Japanese manga. In the "One Piece" manga, pirates fly the flag and fight against injustice. Al Jazeera reported that in protests in Nepal, the flag was painted on walls, hung from cars, and displayed instead of national flags. The flag is used in satire. Protesters are using it to represent what they view as failures of governments.

Level 5

Young people worldwide are taking to the streets in protest against their governments. From Madagascar to Peru, Generation Z is rising to express discontent with their leaders. Gen Z consists of people born between 1996 and 2010. They share a common concern about increasing inequality, corruption, nepotism, and corporate greed. They are worried about their bleak career prospects. This week in Madagascar, a group of protesters helped oust the country's president. In Morocco, people marched to call for better healthcare and education.

Protesters have two things in common. One is an exasperation about the state of the world; the other is a flag from a Japanese manga. The flag has a skull and crossed bones. In the manga, pirates fly the flag and fight against oppression and injustice. The flag has been on protesters' banners and seen in graffiti. Al Jazeera reported that in protests in Nepal, the flag was painted on murals, hung from cars, and displayed in place of national flags. It added that the flag is used in satire. Protesters are using the flag to represent what they view as "failures of governance".

Level 6

Young people across the globe are taking to the streets in protest against their governments. From Madagascar, to Peru, to Indonesia, Generation Z is rising to express their growing discontent with their leaders. Gen Z consists of people born roughly between 1996 and 2010. They share a common perception of a world of increasing inequality, corruption, nepotism, corporate greed, and a bleak outlook regarding career prospects. This week in Madagascar, a group of protesters dubbed "Gen Z Madagascar" helped oust the country's president. Young Indonesians took part in deadly demonstrations over lawmakers' pay. In Morocco, people marched to call for better healthcare and education.

The protesters have two things in common. One is a growing exasperation about the state of the world; the other is the use of a flag from a Japanese manga called "One Piece". The flag depicts a skull with a straw hat and crossed bones. In the manga, a group of pirates fly the flag and fight against oppressive governments and injustice. In real life, the flag has appeared on banners and social media, and seen in graffiti. Al Jazeera reported that in protests in Nepal, the flag was painted on murals, hung from vehicles, and was displayed in place of national flags. It added: "It is used partly in satire, partly as a statement: rejecting the status quo, calling out what protesters see as failures of governance."