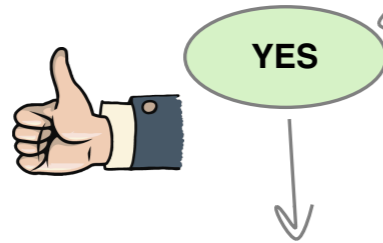




WAS CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING EQUALITY BY 1969?

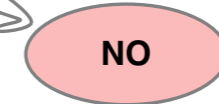


TACTICS AND ORGANISATION
They were highly organised and effective in their tactics
1) Marches - like Coalisland March and Derry March 1968. Highlighted issues and got publicity
2) Squat in 1968 in CALEDON got publicity across the UK and Ireland
3) DERRY MARCH 1968 made good use of personalities (4 MP's) and Television (RTE crew)
4) Use of placards with statements like One Man One Vote
5) Use of protest songs like We shall Overcome, borrowed fro US Civil rights campaign



FIVE POINT PROGRAMME
- achieved and end to multiple voting
- Council housing based on merit
- Replacement of Londonderry Corporation by Development commission
- Ombudsman set up to handle complaints

CAMERON COMMISSION SET UP
To investigate causes of the trouble and recommend reforms. It also looked into policing



1) THERE WERE LIMITS TO FIVE POINT PLAN
Not everyone was happy. Many nationalists felt it did not go far enough
1) It left the B Specials still armed
2) One man One vote was not achieved
3) Gerrymandering still existed
4) Special powers act only partially removed

INCREASING TENSION
Marching only increased the tension in the Northern Ireland

BURNTOLLET BRIDGE
People's democracy demonstrators attacked by loyalists and left undefended by police. It looked to be the work OF A PLANNED ATTACK
It polarised opinion with many unionists feeling that the marchers were set up to be ambushed.

INCREASED UNIONIST TENSION
There were deep fears of the potential for a United Ireland amongst the unionist community . There was also the fear and belief that the nationalists were achieving all they wanted through violent ways
O' Neil's cabinet and official Unionist Party were split. Faulkner and Craig both made stances against O'Neill
There was anger at the five point programme
There was anger at the Cameron commission

Violence was increasing (NEWRY)
Marches were being met by rival and hostile counter marchers

FAILURE OF ONEILL
O'Neills resignation was a sign that nothing more was being achieved