1) VOTES 👛

Catholics felt **discriminated** against. Protestants had an in built majority in N.Ireland. They made up 65% of the population so would always have MAJORITY RULE

More votes were also allocated for wealthier voters / business owners. They could claim up to 7 votes! As most businesses were run by Protestants this gave them a lot more votes.



2) GERRYMANDERING 👛



In areas of Northern Ireland the electoral boundaries were unfairly manipulated so that unionists would always win power. Therefore in **Derry City**, a mostly catholic city, the electoral boundaries were drawn in such a way that the unionist maintained a majority!



3) HOUSING 🏠

In the 1960's most housing was allocated by the councils. As many of these were unionist controlled the allocation tended to be unfairly given to mostly Protestants. Catholic families were left in poor **overcrowded housing**. Protestant councils were aware that a house meant a vote in local elections. They therefore arranged to accommodate Protestants first.



4) JOBS

Job discrimination was also widespread in N. Ireland. Most business owners tended to be Protestant and the council jobs were also allocated to mainly Protestants. **Unemployment** was **very high** in mostly catholic areas especially west of the river Bann



The police in N.Ireland were the RUC. They were almost entirely Protestant and weren't trusted by Catholics.

They were supported by the part time B Specials who were mostly staunch protestants The SPECIAL POWERS ACT allowed the police to arrest without trial. Many Catholics felt this power was abused by the police



DISCRIMINATION

IN N. IRELAND



Northern Ireland Civil Rights

Association.

NICRA DEMANDS

1) ONE MAN ONE VOTE

NICRA demanded that 1 vote should be given to all citizens of N. Ireland over the age of 18 They wanted the allocation of business votes to

2) AN END TO GERRYMANDERING

NICRA demanded that gerrymandering be stopped



3) FAIR ALLOCATION OF HOUSING

NICRA believed housing should be allocated on need not creed (religion/ background)



4) AN END TO JOB DISCRIMINATION

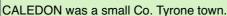
Jobs should be allocated fairly based on merit

5) NICRA DEMANDED AN END TO THE SPECIAL POWERS ACT AND THE B SPECIALS





1) CALEDON SQUAT 🏠



The unionist Dungannon council had allocated a council house in the village to a 19 year old Protestant girl instead of a catholic family of five.

The nationalist MP Austin Currie aimed to bring attention to this by squatting in the house. This story was covered throughout the UK bringing attention to it



2) COALISLAND to DUNGANNON MARCH

In order to keep the pressure on and the story in the news a march was organised from COALISLAND to Dungannon. This was stopped from entering Dungannon centre by the RUC but passed peacefully. It didn't gain m...





3) DERRY MARCH OCTOBER 1968

A March was organised for Derry to publicise the housing issue there This March was **BANNED** from entering the city centre by the **GOVERNMENT** who were afraid of an attack by Protestant apprentice boys On the day of the March a relatively small crowd of **400** turned up BUT they were

accompanied by 4 Members of Parliament AND an RTE TV crew

The March started peacefully but then came to an area where it was banned. The RUC used violence to disperse the March. The scenes were broadcast around the world causing publicity and anger

NEWRY 1968

Further marches were planned by NICRA. However, the March in NEWRY in 1968 broke down into violence with protestors losing their cool for the first time.

NICRA USE OF TACTICS

