

What do you do when there's something really bad that you want to prevent?

Physically interceding and preventing the perpetrators from continuing is the most direct option, but if they're powerful and have protection it probably won't be all that successful and might only cause problems.

You could hold signs, chant and march... but that's only going to be effective if they care what you think. A large enough crowd can create an enormous amount of pressure, but what if they're just going to ignore you anyway?

You could also smash some things up, trying to only target things that belong to the people whose actions you're objecting to, but if they're wealthy enough to just absorb the losses, you'll probably just incur retaliation, and onlookers might miss your political message and assume you're just a vandal.

Sometimes, when things have become absurd, you have no voice, and any direct action will just be misconstrued, the best option might be to simply be silly.

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In all the media I've read about the G20, nobody talks about the rebel clowns, or the 99 red balloons someone released into the no-fly zone above Toronto.

And nobody talks about how, before Constable Adam Josephs threatened to arrest Courtney Winkels for blowing bubbles, she made the officer beside him smile, just for a moment, on the worst day of the year.