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WHAT DOES DIGNITY LOOK LIKE: IMAGES

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In this image, Vedran Smailović, otherwise known as the Cellist of Sarajevo, plays his cello in the ruins of the bombed out National Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina, known as Vijecnica. During the Siege of Sarajevo in the 1990's, Vedran Smailović repeatedly risked his life to play Albinoni's Adagio in G Minor at the sites of funerals and sniper and mortar attacks.

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Demonstrators marching on Washington, 1963, with Martin Luther King, Jr. at the left

"Roughly 250,000 people marched through Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963. Called The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the event called the nation's attention to the injustice and inequalities that black Americans faced because of the color of their skin. The Declaration of Independence states that 'all men are created equal.' But even after the Civil War and the end of slavery, people of color found themselves treated unfairly. They weren't allowed in many public schools, they had to eat at separate restaurants and use separate bathrooms, and they had to pay taxes and pass literacy tests to vote. The idea was to keep blacks "separate but equal." The demonstrators in this image were marching for equality."

Text credit: http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/2003/08/the-march-on-washington-for-jobs-and-freedom/

"A Chinese man temporarily blocking a line of tanks on June 5,1989, the day after demonstrators"

"On the morning of June 5, 1989, the day after the Tiananmen Square massacre in Beijing, when Chinese troops attacked pro-democracy demonstrators camped on the plaza, a man carrying shopping bags stepped in front of the war machines, waving his arms and refusing to move. The tanks tried to go around the man, but he stepped back into their path, climbing atop one briefly. Onlookers assumed the man would be killed, but the tanks held their fire. Eventually the man was whisked away. This image appeared on front pages all over the world. Decades after Tank Man became a global hero, he remains unidentified."

Modified from http://100photos.time.com/photos/jeff-widener-tank-man

"The Syrian Civil Defense, known commonly as the White Helmets, is a volunteer corps of Syrians who act as first responders in the Syrian civil war, which is now in its sixth year. Established in 2013, the group's charter is simple: to carry out search-and-rescue operations to save the maximum number of lives. When airstrikes rain down on rebel-held parts of Syria, a group of 3,000 civilian volunteers are usually the first to respond. Inspired by a Quranic verse that says 'to save a life is to save all of humanity,' the group has rescued more than 60,000 people—a feat that earned them the Right to Livelihood Award, commonly known as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize,' in recognition for their 'outstanding bravery, compassion and humanitarian engagement in rescuing civilians.' It has also put them in contention for the Nobel Peace Prize."

Text source: https://www.theatlantic.com/news/archive/2016/09/syria-white-helmets/502073/

Image credit: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Dignity_Statue.jpg

Dignity of Earth and Sky is a statue in South Dakota that honors the Lakota and Dakota Native American tribes. The sculptor Dale Lamphere said, “Dignity represents the courage, perseverance and wisdom of the Lakota and Dakota culture in South Dakota.”

Text source: https://www.travelsouthdakota.com/explore-with-us/spotlights/dignity-earth-sky

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