**Group 1**

* In 1969, on the 100th anniversary of the annual song festival, after finishing their official Soviet-approved programme, the Estonian choir sang additional traditional Estonian songs and refused to leave the stage.
* Soviet officials ordered the brass bands to drown out the singing but this didn’t work.
* Eventually, as thousands of Estonians continued to sing, the Soviets were forced to let the conductor come back onto the stage to conduct the song.

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**Group 2**

* In 1987, at a demonstration in Hirve Park where there were several thousand Estonians, the police shut off the public address system.
* Demonstrators responded by using rolled up paper megaphones to be heard over the crowd.
* They spoke against the Soviet occupation, but were not arrested.

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**Group 3**

* In the summer of 1988, during song concerts that attracted thousands, creative Estonian protesters brought separate blue, black, and white banners to fly side by side, creating the visual effect of flying the Estonian flag – an act that had been forbidden for years.

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**Group 4**

* In August 1989, because the USSR continued to deny that the occupation of the Baltic nations was illegal, more than a million Estonians, Latvians, and Lithuanians organized and formed a 600km human chain from Estonia in the north to Lithuania in the south.
* Activists held signs that declared “Freedom for the Baltics.”

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