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| Table 1 : Focus groups discussion guide |
| Question type | Purpose | Question |
| Introduction | To begin discussion/ To examine protest experience | Have you ever participated in any type of public protest? |
|  | To examine views on protests | What are your general views/attitudes on public protests? Are they useful in modern societies?  |
| Main discussion | To examine engagement with media protest coverage | In your everyday life, are you interested in getting informed on what happens in public protests? |
|  |  | How do you usually get informed about protest news? |
|  | To examine perceived effect of protest news on audience. | Can you recall the last time you watched/heard/read news about protests? What did you feel? What were your thoughts? |
|  |  | Would you like to describe the first thing that comes to your mind when you come across news concerning protests |
|  |  | When you come across news concerning protests, what is that draws your attention |
|  | To examine audience’s attitudes towards media coverage of protests. | What do you think generally of the way media cover protests?  |
|  |  | Do you think that the media may influence opinions about protests? |
|  |  | Do you find differences in the way protests are covered by different types of media? |
|  |  | Do you trust certain media more than other in order to get informed on protest events? Why? |
|  |  | Let’s say there is a protest the purposes of which you agree with. Would you change your mind if it was negatively covered by media? |