Abstract
Was May of ’68 a revolt or revolution? Was it a student movement or a working-class one? Was May of ’68 French or global in character? May of ’68, which combined unprecedented student protests with a massive general strike, left a strong imprint on the political, social, and cultural development of French society. Starting with a contextualization of the “facts,” this article reflects on the direct and indirect effects, as well as controversies, that May of ’68 still generates forty years later. It emphasizes the way that young people today perceive the events of period and how May of ’68 was at the center of the 2007 French presidential campaign.

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