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Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Women protest at a feminist rally on the issues of abortion versus unwanted pregnancy and subsequent loss of paid employment and opportunities. A feminist rally in the streets, supporting the right to choose abortion over unwanted pregnancy and the subsequent loss of paid employment, and the futility of women's qualifications if they are forced to stay home to bring up their children. On the placards: 'Il figlio o il lavoro: dover scegliere non è libertà' ['A child or a job: having to choose is not the same as freedom'.] 'Ho messo il diploma nel cassetto per forza' ['I was forced to lock up my diploma in a drawer'.] The inscription on the back of the photograph makes reference to "Bread and Roses", a political slogan as well as the name of an associated poem and song. It originated from a speech given by Rose Schneiderman; a line in that speech ("The worker must have bread, but she must have roses, too.") It is commonly associated with the successful textile strike in Lawrence, Massachusetts during January–March 1912, now often known as the "Bread and Roses strike". The demonstration was led mainly by women.

Dimensions

Overall: 30.7 x 20.7 cm (12 1/8 x 8 1/8 in.)