

# Basic Detail Report

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A man holds up a protest placard that reads:

**'D.C. usque tandem abutere' (The Christian Democrats abuse) at an anti divorce demonstration**

**Date**

1969-1979

**Medium**

gelatin silver print

**Description**

Divorce was introduced in Italy by law of 1 December 1970. A referendum supported by Catholic organisations and by the Vatican was defeated on May 12, 1974. Before 1970, there was no provision for divorce in Italian law, and the difficulty of ridding oneself of an unwanted spouse in the absence of any legal way to do so was a frequent topic of drama and humour, reaching its apotheosis in the 1961 film *Divorce, Italian Style*. Catalina against Cicerone famous latin quote 'Quousque tandem abutere, Catilina, patientia nostra?' [How long will you abuse our pacience?]

**Dimensions**

Overall: 30.3 x 21.2 cm (11 7/8 x 8 3/8 in.)