

#OccupyWallstreet

week one



#OCCUPYWALLSTREET
SEPTEMBER 17TH.
BRING TENT.

This book is a documentation of the first week of Americans taking back their country from those who know only greed and power. Those people are headquartered on Wall St. in New York City and have destroyed people who work for a living. The importance of this work is not only to record the history of the American people but also to circumvent a media blackout. Virtually no news outlet is covering the event in the U.S. In fact, there is more coverage in Europe than in America. This is not by accident.

This is a collection of information from September 17 – September 24. If it were the TEA PARTY you would have seen it on every news channel in the country, but because it is against corporate interests, the corporate media WILL NOT COVER IT. Even MSNBC, a station that claims to be for the working people would rather talk about republicans than the 99% who have had enough.

*This book has no affiliation with any of the people who organized the occupation. It was created by what has been posted on the interwebs. I am simply one American who has had enough and is doing everything and everything I can to make the people who depend on Wall street **fail**. Share this with any and everyone. Post it, email it print it. SPREAD THE MESSAGE: we the people of the United States of America have had enough of the greed, the money and the power to the 1%.*

**The corporation is the problem.
The 99% are the solution.**

 **#OccupyWallstreet**

@wallstfail

The Mission

"On the 17th of September, we want to see 20,000 people to flood into lower Manhattan, set up beds, kitchens, peaceful barricades and occupy Wall Street for a few months.

Like our brothers and sisters in Egypt, Greece, Spain, and Iceland, we plan to use the revolutionary Arab Spring tactic of mass occupation to restore democracy in America. We also encourage the use of nonviolence to achieve our ends and maximize the safety of all participants.

Who is Occupy Wall Street?

Occupy Wall Street is leaderless resistance movement with people of many colors, genders and political persuasions. The one thing we all have in common is that We Are The 99% that will no longer tolerate the greed and corruption of the 1%.

The original call for this occupation was published by Adbusters in July; since then, many individuals across the country have stepped up to organize this event, such as the people of the NYC General Assembly and US Day of Rage. There'll also be similar occupations in the near future such as October 2011 in Freedom Plaza, Washington D.C."

<https://occupywallst.org/>



It has to start somewhere

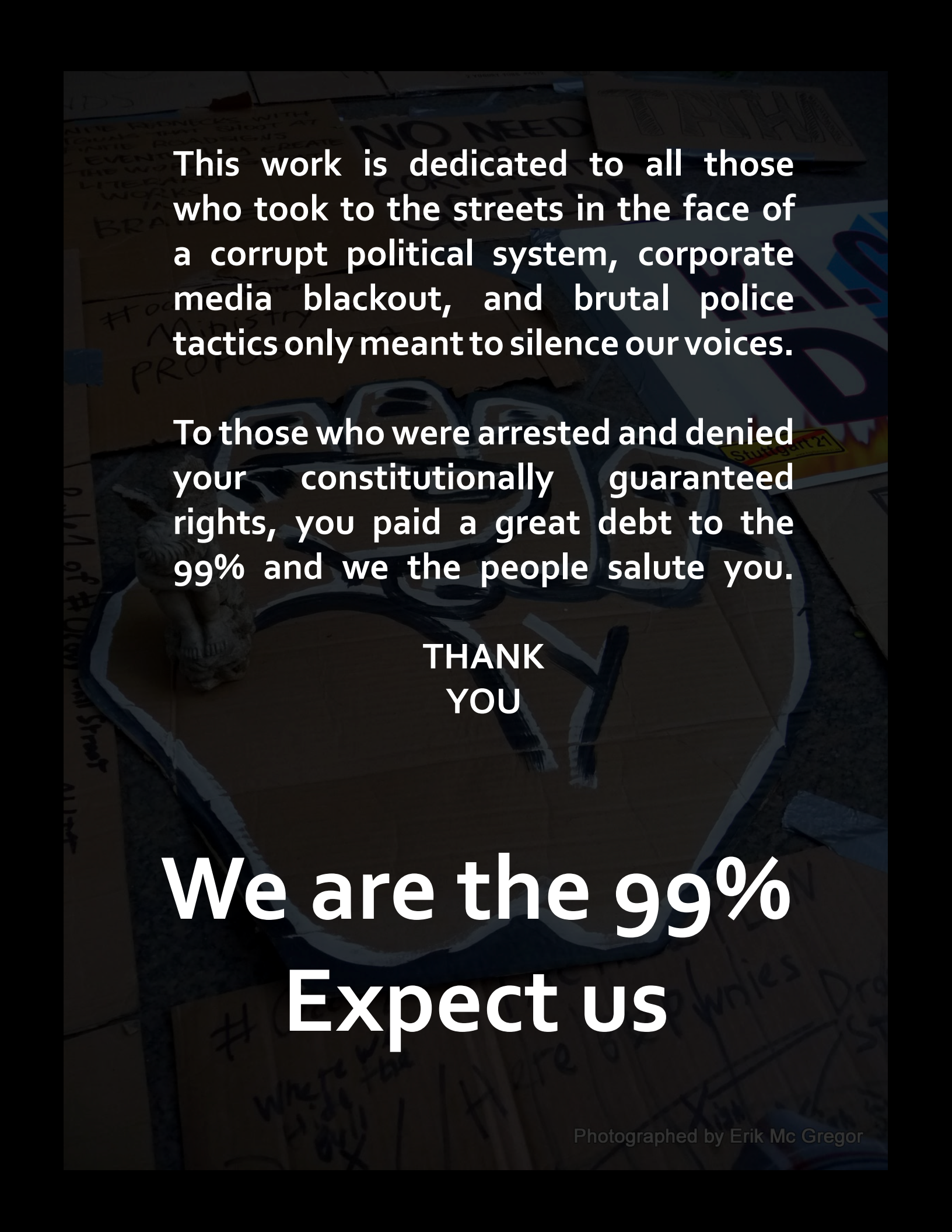
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What better place than here

What better time than now

September 17, 2011

-Rage Against The Machine - Guerilla Radio



This work is dedicated to all those
who took to the streets in the face of
a corrupt political system, corporate
media blackout, and brutal police
tactics only meant to silence our voices.

To those who were arrested and denied
your constitutionally guaranteed
rights, you paid a great debt to the
99% and we the people salute you.

THANK
YOU

We are the 99%
Expect us

Photographed by Erik Mc Gregor

September 17 saw the beginning of the Occupy Wall Street gathering. An estimated 1,000 people attended on the first day.



NYPD police officers prohibited protesters from erecting tents, citing loitering rules. This led to masses of people walking up and down Wall Street.

<http://www.adbusters.org/blogs/adbusters-blog/occupywallstreet-orientation-guide.html>

Good news culture jammers!

The weather forecast for tomorrow is partly cloudy skies and highs of 68°F. Nighttime temperatures will reach a low of 52°F. There is a small chance of rain later in the week. Bring, at minimum, warm clothing, sleeping bag, food, water and a tarp.

Saturday's occupation begins at noon in Bowling Green Park. The first people's assembly will start at 3 p.m. at One Chase Manhattan Plaza and continue until our one demand is agreed upon by all. Check out the full schedule of events.

A leaked bulletin from the New York Police Department reveals that they expect at least 5,000, and maybe even 20,000 people to swarm Wall Street tomorrow. That just might be enough for us to pull this off!

A telephone support line has been set up by occupywallst.org. For directions or help call (877) 881-3020 to speak with a local activist. For legal advice, or to report an arrest, call the National Lawyers Guild at (212) 679-6018.

Democracy Now!, Bloomberg News, the Washington Post and CNN covered #OCCUPYWALLSTREET today. The CNN article is a good summary.

When asked about the occupation, the mayor of New York City responded, "People have a right to protest, and if they want to protest, we'll be happy to make sure they have locations to do it. As long as they do it where other people's rights are respected, this is the place where people can speak their minds ..."

Anonymous says they will release their new hacktivism tool at 7am in solidarity with #OCCUPYWALL-STREET.

While Michael Moore and the rest of the mainstream left continues to be largely silent about #OCCUPY-WALLSTREET, American rapper Lupe Fiasco has been vocal in his support. Lupe has vowed to donate 50 tents to the occupation and has written a poem celebrating our efforts.

President Obama will be in New York City at a private \$38,500 per person fundraising event on Monday, September 19th starting at 5:30 p.m. at 820 Park Avenue. Maybe we can go there and invite him to join our people's assembly?

For those who cannot attend one of the many solidarity events happening in Milan, Madrid, Valencia, London, Lisbon, Athens, San Francisco, Santander, Madison, Amsterdam, Los Angeles and now Algeria and Israel, there will be a live stream of events at: livestream.com/globalrevolution

This is your last chance to send a message to all your friends via Facebook, Twitter and phone asking them to join you tomorrow.

For up-to-date information follow occupywallst.org, nycga.net and [@occupywallstnyc](https://twitter.com/occupywallstnyc)

Good luck ... Hang in there!

for the wild, Culture Jammers HQ



Anonymous Statement:

Wall Street,

The fetid empire of corruption and consumption you have created is stifling the lives of hard working Americans. You have crystallized this country into a monolithic tyranny, yet in doing so made the ties that bind its people brittle. Some four years ago you shattered this country, liquidating it piecemeal for your own selfish interests. We are here, gathered at the steps of your butcher block four years later, frenzied and furious, Democrat and Republican, young and old. Your horrendous actions have crossed party lines. Your crimes have united this great melting pot into a white hot alloy of rage. The world is stirring and revolution is brewing. You see yourselves at the eye of the storm, luxuriating in peace and tranquility while all around is ripped apart and made anew. Anonymous is here to offer a gentle reminder: you are not at the eye of the storm; you are at the center of the crosshairs. The people have grown weary of your shackles, your greed having left them with nothing to lose but their chains. From Cairo to Iran, London to Tunisia and Syria to Greece, this is our day of rage.

We are Anonymous.

We are legion.

We do not forget.

We do not forgive.

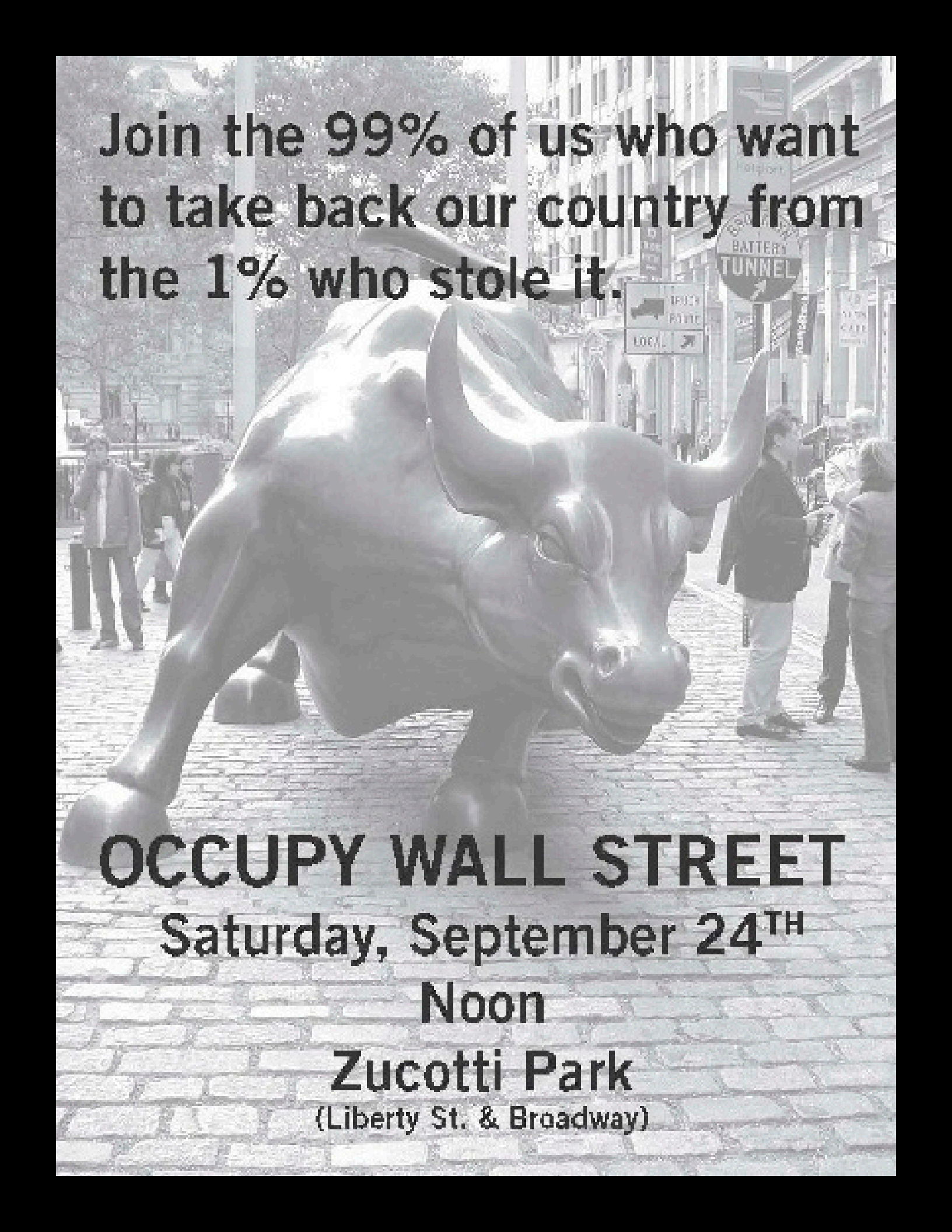
Expect us.

Ultimatum

Entities that oppress the people while corrupting the public domain and due process are not persons.

The seige of Wall Street will continue until such a time that the decision to consider corporations persons under the law for the purposes of first amendment free speech is revoked through legislative or judicial decision.





**Join the 99% of us who want
to take back our country from
the 1% who stole it.**

OCCUPY WALL STREET

Saturday, September 24TH

Noon

Zucotti Park

(Liberty St. & Broadway)

Wall Street Campground



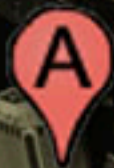
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"Features a perfect view of bankers in their natural habitat -- highly recommended."

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September 17th. Bring tent.

This is the first communiqué from the 99 percent. We are occupying Wall Street.

On September 17th, 2011, approximately 2,000 of us marched on the Financial District. At twelve noon, a detachment of us marched on the head of Wall Street and formed a spontaneous blockade, prompting the New York Police Department to threaten arrest. Speakers including the Reverend Billy Talen of the Church of Stop Shopping, and actress Rosanne Barr spoke on the steps of the American Indian Smithsonian Museum to the crowd, which included conscious rappers Lupe Fiasco and Immortal Technique.

Over 1,000 of us marched from Bowling Green Park amid heavy police presence, across the Financial District and chanting "Wall Street is our street" and "power to the people, not to the banks." Many stayed at One Liberty Plaza, where later in the evening a meal was served and water was distributed. Song, dance, puppetry, and other art added cheer across the plaza.

Two thousand strong, we held a general assembly, based upon a consensus-driven decision-making process. Decisions were made for the group to occupy One Liberty Plaza in the Wall Street corridor through the evening, bedding down in sleeping bags and donated blankets. By 7 AM ET Sunday morning, we still held the plaza under constant police presence. Another assembly is scheduled for 10 AM ET today.

We speak as one. All of our decisions, from our choices to march on Wall Street to our decision to camp at One Liberty Plaza were decided through a consensus process by the group, for the group.

Second Communiqué: A Message From Occupied Wall Street

This is the second communiqué from the 99 percent. We are occupying Wall Street.

On September 18th, 2011, about 400 of us woke up in the Financial District amidst heavy police presence. After an impromptu dance party, we resumed our General Assembly in One Liberty Plaza around ten in the morning. We made our demands heard, which are many but revolve around a common point: our voice will no longer be ignored.

At noon a large group of us marched through the Financial District and Battery Park chanting "this is what democracy looks like." During our march many onlookers joined our ranks, while many more expressed solidarity with our cause. By the time the detachment returned to One Liberty Plaza over 100 sympathizers had joined us. Our efforts were bolstered by generous donations of food and water from across the country and the world. As the day progressed our numbers continued to grow, and by three in the afternoon we were more than a thousand strong.

Before sunset 500 of us marched on the Financial District, where hundreds of onlookers joined us. After we reconvened the General Assembly the police demanded we remove our signs, but they did it for us instead. Later, they threatened to arrest us for using a bullhorn, so we spoke together in one voice, louder than any amplifier.

We speak as one. All of our decisions, from our choice to march on Wall Street to our decision to continue occupying One Liberty Plaza, were decided through a consensus process by the group, for the group.

We're still here. We intend to stay until we see movements toward real change in our country and the world. This is the third communiqué from the 99 percent.

Today, we occupied Wall Street from the heart of the Financial District. Starting at 8:00 AM, we began a march through the Wall Street area, rolling through the blocks around the New York Stock Exchange. At 9:30 AM, we rang our own "morning bell" to start a "people's exchange," which we brought back to Liberty Plaza. Two more marches occurred during the day around the Wall Street district, each drawing more supporters to us.

Hundreds of us have been occupying One Liberty Plaza, a park in the heart of the Wall Street district, since Saturday afternoon. We have marched on the Financial District, held a candlelight vigil to honor the fallen victims of Wall Street, and filled the plaza with song, dance, and spontaneous acts of liberation.

Food has been donated to the plaza from supporters all over the world. Online donations for pizza, falafels, and other food are coming in from supporters in Omaha, Madrid, Montreal, and other cities, and have exceeded \$8,660 [admin: now \$10,000]. (Link to donate: www.wepay.com/donate/99275)

On Saturday we held a general assembly, two thousand strong, based on a consensus-driven decision-making process. Decisions were made for the group to occupy Liberty Plaza in the Wall Street corridor, bedding down in sleeping bags and donated blankets. By 8:00 PM on Monday we still held the plaza, despite constant police presence.

We speak as one. All of our decisions, from our choices to march on Wall Street to our decision to camp at Liberty Plaza were decided through a consensus process by the group, for the group. We are building the world that we want to see, based on human need and sustainability, not corporate greed.

Planned and spontaneous actions will continue throughout the coming days. Expect us.



This statement is ours, and for anyone who will get behind it. Representing ourselves, we bring this call for revolution.

We want freedom for all, without regards for identity, because we are all people, and because no other reason should be needed. However, this freedom has been largely taken from the people, and slowly made to trickle down, whenever we get angry.

Money, it has been said, has taken over politics. In truth, we say, money has always been part of the capitalist political system. A system based on the existence of have and have nots, where inequality is inherent to the system, will inevitably lead to a situation where the haves find a way to rule, whether by the sword or by the dollar.

We agree that we need to see election reform. However, the election reform proposed ignores the causes which allowed such a system to happen. Some will readily blame the federal reserve, but the political system has been beholden to political machinations of the wealthy well before its founding.

We need to address the core facts: these corporations, even if they were unable to compete in the electoral arena, would still remain control of society. They would retain economic control, which would allow them to retain political control. Term limits would, again, not solve this, as many in the political class already leave politics to find themselves as part of the corporate elites.

We need to retake the freedom that has been stolen from the people, altogether.

If you agree that freedom is the right to communicate, to live, to be, to go, to love, to do what you will without the impositions of others, then you might be one of us.

If you agree that a person is entitled to the sweat of their brows, that being talented at management should not entitle others to act like overseers and overlords, that all workers should have the right to engage in decisions, democratically, then you might be one of us.

If you agree that freedom for some is not the same as freedom for all, and that freedom for all is the only true freedom, then you might be one of us.

If you agree that power is not right, that life trumps property, then you might be one of us.

If you agree that state and corporation are merely two sides of the same oppressive power structure, if you realize how media distorts things to preserve it, how it pits the people against the people to remain in power, then you might be one of us.

And so we call on people to act

We call for protests to remain active in the cities. Those already there, to grow, to organize, to raise consciousnesses, for those cities where there are no protests, for protests to organize and disrupt the system.

We call for workers to not only strike, but seize their workplaces collectively, and to organize them democratically. We call for students and teachers to act together, to teach democracy, not merely the teachers to the students, but the students to the teachers. To seize the classrooms and free minds together.

We call for the unemployed to volunteer, to learn, to teach, to use what skills they have to support themselves as part of the revolting people as a community.

We call for the organization of people's assemblies in every city, every public square, every township.

We call for the seizure and use of abandoned buildings, of abandoned land, of every property seized and abandoned by speculators, for the people, for every group that will organize them.

We call for a revolution of the mind as well as the body politic.

https://occupywallst.org/article/September_Revolution/



Four arrests on Wednesday

Published 2011-09-21 05:42:30 UTC by OccupyWallSt

Four people have been arrested so far (as of 1:28 PM EST) on day 5 of the Occupy Wall Street protest. The first arrest took place this morning during Opening Bell March. At 10:10 AM, Isaac Wilder was taken into police custody and is being held at W. 154 St. New York, NY. One firsthand witness has informed us he was at the front of the peaceful march taking place on a public sidewalk when police demanded protesters turned left. When Isaac asserted his right to continue marching forward in public space, he was immediately arrested.

Two other arrests took place at 12:30 PM EST at Liberty Plaza. Two first-hand witnesses have confirmed the following story:

People were peacefully assembling on the sidewalk and the police told the public that they could not stand on public sidewalks. One person, was standing peacefully on the sidewalk and holding up a sign and the police swarmed him and arrested him. he peacefully went with them, without resisting in any way. People then peacefully walked with him and chanted in solidarity. And the police ran into the middle of the crowd and tackled one of the people there, and arrested him.

<http://youranonnews.tumblr.com/post/10455357526/anonymous-press-release-for-occupy-wall-street-action>

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A Message From Occupied Wall Street (Day Five)

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This is the fifth communiqué from the 99 percent. We are occupying Wall Street.

On September 21st, 2011, Troy Davis, an innocent man, was murdered by the state of Georgia. Troy Davis was one of the 99 percent.

Ending capital punishment is our one demand.

On September 21st, 2011, the richest 400 Americans owned more wealth than half of the country's population.

Ending wealth inequality is our one demand.

On September 21st, 2011, four of our members were arrested on baseless charges.

Ending police intimidation is our one demand.

On September 21st, 2011, we determined that Yahoo lied about occupywallst.org being in spam filters.

Ending corporate censorship is our one demand.

On September 21st, 2011, roughly eighty percent of Americans thought the country was on the wrong track.

Ending the modern gilded age is our one demand.

On September 21st, 2011, roughly 15% of Americans approved of the job Congress was doing.

Ending political corruption is our one demand.

On September 21st, 2011, roughly one sixth of Americans did not have work.

Ending joblessness is our one demand.

On September 21st, 2011, roughly one sixth of America lived in poverty.

Ending poverty is our one demand.

On September 21st, 2011, roughly fifty million Americans were without health insurance.

Ending health-profiteering is our one demand.

On September 21st, 2011, America had military bases in around one hundred and thirty out of one hundred and sixty-five countries.

Ending American imperialism is our one demand.

On September 21st, 2011, America was at war with the world.

Ending war is our one demand.

On September 21st, 2011, we stood in solidarity with Madrid, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Madison, Toronto, London, Athens, Sydney, Stuttgart, Tokyo, Milan, Amsterdam, Algiers, Tel Aviv, Portland and Chicago. Soon we will stand with Phoenix, Montreal, Cleveland and Atlanta. We're still here. We are growing. We intend to stay until we see movements toward real change in our country and the world.

You have fought all the wars. You have worked for all the bosses. You have wandered over all the countries. Have you harvested the fruits of your labors, the price of your victories? Does the past comfort you? Does the present smile on you? Does the future promise you anything? Have you found a piece of land where you can live like a human being and die like a human being? On these questions, on this argument, and on this theme, the struggle for existence, the people will speak. Join us.

We speak as one. All of our decisions, from our choice to march on Wall Street to our decision to continue occupying Liberty Square, were decided through a consensus based process by the group, for the group.







**WALL STREET
IS
DESTROYING
AMERICA**

A Message From Occupied Wall Street (Day Six)

Published 2011-09-23 07:30:16 UTC by OccupyWallSt

This is the sixth communiqué from the 99 percent. We are occupying Wall Street.

On September 22nd, 2011, sixteen cities from around the country and the world stood in solidarity with us, protesting the disparity of power and wealth that exists in our society. In Liberty Square, no such disparity exists. Everyone's needs are taken care for, food, medicine, water. The only need, the only right, that we cannot take care of is shelter, though this is not our choice. Mayor Bloomberg said that he would give us a space to protest but at every moment he attempts to erode us. He uses absurd police tactics – arresting protesters for using chalk on sidewalks, for wearing masks on the back of their heads in violation of a law that is a century and a half old, for... what, exactly? He uses the tactics of media suppression only available to a billionaire with a media empire. It has not worked. It will not work. We are growing. Each day more cities join us. Each day our movement grows. We demand real change. We will see it.

As organized by our labor working group and outreach working group, we stood in solidarity with Teamsters local 814 and picketed Sotheby's. We are joined and will act in solidarity with the Professional Staff Congress, a union of 20,000 employees from the City University of New York.

As always, our General assembly and work groups kept busy maintaining and securing our space and our freedoms.

Tonight we were joined by a protest against the for-profit legal lynching of Troy Davis. We are all Troy Davis. If Troy Davis had been a member of the 1% he would still be alive. Together we numbered nearly a thousand strong and marched on Wall Street. The police arrested six of us and attempted to incite violence by splitting the march and boxing in protesters, in spite of this, we remained true to our principles of nonviolence. After the police arrested our members we marched on their First Precinct as phone calls from supporters flooded in, urging the police to release the jailed peaceful protesters.

We are unions, students, teachers, veterans, first responders, families, the unemployed and underemployed. We are all races, sexes and creeds. We are the majority. We are the 99 percent. And we will no longer be silent.

As members of the 99 percent, we occupy Wall Street as a symbolic gesture of our discontent with the current economic and political climate and as an example of a better world to come. Therefore we invite the public, our fellow 99 percent, to join us in a march on SATURDAY AT NOON, starting from LIBERTY SQUARE (ZUC-COTTI PARK) at LIBERTY & BROADWAY.

This is a call for individuals, families and community and advocacy groups to march in solidarity.

We stand in solidarity with Madrid, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Madison, Toronto, London, Athens, Sydney, Stuttgart, Tokyo, Milan, Amsterdam, Algiers, Tel Aviv, Portland and Chicago. Soon we will stand with Phoenix, Montreal, Cleveland, Atlanta, Kansas City, Dallas, Seattle and Orlando. We're still here. We are growing. We intend to stay until we see movements toward real change in our country and the world.

We speak as one. All of our decisions, from our choice to march on Wall Street to our decision to continue occupying Liberty Square in spite of police brutality, were decided through a consensus based process by the group, for the group.

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GREED

A Message From Occupied Wall Street (Day Seven)

Posted by OccupyWallSt

This is the seventh communiqué from the 99 percent. We are occupying Wall Street.

On September 21st, 2011, it rained. We organized what shelter the police would allow us and thought. We thought about everything that is wrong with this country, with this world. We talked. We talked about everything that is wrong in this world. There has been no real conversation in this country and this world about wealth and the way it is misused. We are that conversation. Join us and make your voice heard. What is your one demand?

Our voice will no longer be ignored. There are too many things wrong with this world for our voices to be silenced. You know this. We know this. This is why we are here, why we grow every day.

occupy your homes. You own your home, a callous bank that split ownership of your home into hundreds of parts, redistributing them across the world under false ratings does not own your home. Fifty times as much speculative trading as commercial trading goes on each day in America. You are in debt to people who make money by moving money from place to place using computers.

You have a right to shelter. No one can take that right from you.

Banks are able to restructure settlements constantly, they receive billions and billions of dollars so that they can stay afloat for long enough to steal your property from you. Do not let them. Do not leave your house. If the police come to steal your house and deliver it to the 1 percent film them and show the world and then join us. If we are not already occupying your city, your town, bring a sleeping bag, a pillow, and contact us. We will help you find food. We will help you sue for shelter. We will find each other. We will grow. We will build - city by city, block by block.

We stand in solidarity with homeowners across the country and the world whose homes are in the process of being stolen by faceless conglomerations motivated only by profit. We are the 99 percent. We will not let you steal our homes. We will not let you deprive us of a basic right, shelter, so that you can buy a home you do not use. We are here. We are growing. And we will not be moved.

We stand in solidarity with Madrid, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Madison, Toronto, London, Athens, Sydney, Stuttgart, Tokyo, Milan, Amsterdam, Algiers, Tel Aviv, Portland, Chicago and Palestine. Soon we will stand with Phoenix, Montreal, Cleveland, Atlanta, Kansas City, Dallas, Orlando and Miami. We're still here. We are growing. We intend to stay until we see movements toward real change in our country and the world.







<http://www.usdayofrage.org/public-announcements/151-support-us-day-of-rages-occupation-of-wall-street-occupywallstreet-usdor.html>

American institutions and government have been captured by oligarchs and kleptocrats, who systematically set about stealing and looting what was once a great nation.

America can once again be a great nation, but we must take it back. NOBODY will do this for us. It will not be handled back to us by bought 'representatives'.

Wall Street is a huge contributor to the political machine, which in turns enables Wall Street's corporate plunder of our nation. Both the Democratic and Republican parties set the bankster agenda because of the MONEY. When we speak of 'taking the MONEY out of politics', we have no choice but to focus on the sources of the MONEY.

As a critical FIRST STEP, we call on Citizens to take the lead. Bring your friends and neighbors together to non-violently protest the tyranny of kleptocrats on Sept 17, 2011 (#Sept17).

We at usdayofrage.org DO NOT tolerate violence of any kind. US Day of Rage NYC, San Francisco, and Los Angeles stand in solidarity with each others' actions and endorse the planned actions of the NYC Assembly to #occupywallstreet on #Sept17.

We will support and endorse the planned action of a NON-VIOLENT occupation of the financial district by the free and independent assembly of people, which is currently being planned by the NYC Assembly. We will post their website and plans as soon as they are live. The next assembly meeting is Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 5pm in Tompkins Square Park. Come down. Everyone is welcome.

We will continue to support them in the mean time by attending meetings, live tweeting meetings, and participating in the action to #occupywallstreet. Please keep in mind that tactics and logistics for this action are still being planned, and that "Wall Street" is a term for the financial district of New York City.

US Day of Rage (<http://www.usdayofrage.org>) will also plan one day non violent protests and actions against major banks on Sept 17, 2011 in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle and New York (and more as they become official).

We do this in order to enable working people and parents, or anyone who cannot #occupywallstreet to make their voices heard on Sept 17, 2011. We will post details of our planned actions and a map of major banking institutions in NYC by the end of the week. Hints: All seeing eyes. Monopoly Money. Get out of Jail Free Cards.

Regardless of political persuasion or faith, Americans realize that these corporations and banksters feed off our nation, spawning a host of threats to liberty and national security. We need like minded people of all stripes to join us. As Americans we may bang our head on other matters, but on this we totally agree.

In a democracy: progressives; unions; conservatives; tea party; and unaffiliated Americans can govern and work things out. In a kleptocracy, controlled by the banksters, we cannot. We must stop their influence, their motives, and their tricks, from continuing to destroy our democratic republic, and together we can do it.

US Day of Rage ([usdayofrage.org](http://www.usdayofrage.org)) demands that money be removed from the buying of politicians who feed the Wall Street beast. We demand that the resources of our nation no longer be used to coddle and benefit banksters and their minions. We demand that the US Government diligently reign in the parasitic destruction wreaked by Wall Street. We demand that our nation no longer be held hostage to 'too big to fail' banks. We demand that solutions be found that stop the Federal Reserve from stealing our future.

<http://www.usdayofrage.org/>

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OF RAGE
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WALL STREET**

SEPTEMBER 17TH 2011

99 Percenters Occupy Wall Street

Posted on Sep 20, 2011

AP / John Minchillo

By Amy Goodman

If 2,000 tea party activists descended on Wall Street, you would probably have an equal number of reporters there covering them. Yet 2,000 people did occupy Wall Street on Saturday. They weren't carrying the banner of the tea party, the Gadsden flag with its coiled snake and the threat "Don't Tread on Me." Yet their message was clear: "We are the 99 percent that will no longer tolerate the greed and corruption of the 1 percent." They were there, mostly young, protesting the virtually unregulated speculation of Wall Street that caused the global financial meltdown.

One of New York's better-known billionaires, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, commented on the protests: "You have a lot of kids graduating college, can't find jobs. That's what happened in Cairo. That's what happened in Madrid. You don't want those kinds of riots here." Riots? Is that really what the Arab Spring and the European protests are about?

Perhaps to the chagrin of Mayor Bloomberg, that is exactly what inspired many who occupied Wall Street. In its most recent communique, the Wall Street protest umbrella group said: "On Saturday we held a general assembly, two thousand strong. ... By 8 p.m. on Monday we still held the plaza, despite constant police presence. ... We are building the world that we want to see, based on human need and sustainability, not corporate greed."

Speaking of the tea party, Texas Gov. Rick Perry has caused a continuous fracas in the Republican presidential debates with his declaration that the U.S.' revered Social Security system is a "Ponzi scheme." Charles Ponzi was the con artist who swindled thousands in 1920 with a fraudulent promise for high returns on investments. A typical Ponzi scheme involves taking money from investors, then paying them off with money taken from new investors, rather than paying them from actual earnings. Social Security is actually solvent, with a trust fund of more than \$2.6 trillion. The real Ponzi scheme threatening the U.S. public is the voracious greed of Wall Street banks.

I interviewed one of the "Occupy Wall Street" protest organizers. David Graeber teaches at Goldsmiths, University of London, and has authored several books, most recently "Debt: The First 5,000 Years." Graeber points out that, in the midst of the financial crash of 2008, enormous debts between banks were renegotiated. Yet only a fraction of troubled mortgages have gotten the same treatment. He said: "Debts between the very wealthy or between governments can always be renegotiated and always have been throughout world history. ... It's when you have debts owed by the poor to the rich that suddenly debts become a sacred obligation, more important than anything else. The idea of renegotiating them becomes unthinkable."

President Barack Obama has proposed a jobs plan and further efforts to reduce the deficit. One is a so-called millionaire's tax, endorsed by billionaire Obama supporter Warren Buffett. The Republicans call the proposed tax "class warfare." Graeber commented: "For the last 30 years we've seen a political battle being waged by the super-rich against everyone else, and this is the latest move in the shadow dance, which is completely dysfunctional economically and politically. It's the reason why young people have just abandoned any thought of appealing to politicians. We all know what's going to happen. The tax proposals are a sort of mock populist gesture, which everyone knows will be shot down. What will actually probably happen would be more cuts to social services."

Outside in the cold Tuesday morning, the demonstrators continued their fourth day of the protest with a march amidst a heavy police presence and the ringing of an opening bell at 9:30 a.m. for a "people's exchange," just as the opening bell of the New York Stock Exchange is rung. While the bankers remained secure in their bailed-out banks, outside, the police began arresting protesters. In a just world, with a just economy, we have to wonder, who would be out in the cold? Who would be getting arrested?

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The 99% Demand: Occupy Wall Street! Bring Our War \$\$ Home!

Posted by Melanie Butler - Tue, Sep 20, 2011
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-Edited to add: this morning (Tuesday, September 20th) seven more protesters were arrested — some violently. One is currently reported to be in hospital.

Day three of the encampment at Liberty Plaza, formerly known as Zuccotti park, is coming to a close. A lively group stands at the corner waving cardboard signs to passersby: JOIN US. WE ARE THE 99%. Helium balloons pop up throughout the park, boosting morale and providing helpful markers ("Where are you sleeping?" "Over by the red balloon"). From the other side of the park, where we sit eating some of the \$6,000 worth of pizza donated to the protest thus far, we hear a loud stream of honking from Broadway. People jump to their feet, speculating it's the Hell's Angels. Rumor has it they are part of the 99%.

Charged with Possession of a Deadly Weapon: Sidewalk Chalk

10 am: I arrive in the plaza to find five people have already been arrested during a march from Liberty Plaza to Wall Street for the opening bell of the Stock Exchange. At around 11:00 am a crowd rushes towards the sidewalk on Broadway chanting "shame!" — police are arresting two people for drawing on the sidewalk with colored chalk. Returning to the scene of the crime Andrea Osborne, one of the chalk offenders, tells me that before she was arrested, one of the NYPD officers told the demonstrators it was okay to draw on the sidewalk.

"I don't know what they're trying to do. I think they're really afraid of us and they're trying to instill the same fear into us."

The General Assembly of NY convenes in Liberty Plaza

People converge for a General Assembly — one of many that will take place today — to give legal updates and advice. The General Assembly, or GA, is an open, participatory forum through which decisions and announcements for Occupy Wall Street are made and the various working groups responsible for organizing Occupy Wall Street were formed. There is a committee for everything from medical help to direct action; as of today there is also a dumpster-diving committee and a hygiene committee. The food committee, who on Saturday announced "no-one will go hungry on Wall Street" is concerned about the lack of vegan meal options. Every time I have been hungry, there has been food. Nobody can say we are not organized.

Occupy Wall Street Media Committee hard at work

The media committee of the GA announces they've been fielding requests about how to respond to reporters asking "what is our one demand?" This question has pervaded the weekly GAs ever since Adbusters first issued the call to Occupy Wall Street back in July. The media committee reminds us that we are all here for our own reasons and no-one can speak for the group, but proposes that anyone interviewed include the following two words in their statement: "join us." The proposal is passed through consensus demonstrated by raised hands, wiggling fingers, knocking fists.

Bring Our War Dollars Home!

Seeing my hot pink "Bring Our War Dollars Home" sign, a member of the media team says "hey, CODE-PINK! Thanks for the oatmeal!" I'm as surprised by the recognition as I am by her revelation that she has even seen food today; the only stationary presence in the park (with the exception of people sleeping), the media team never seem to stray from their intricately wired laptop hub, except maybe to light cigarettes. I ask her how she knew it was CODEPINK who brought the oatmeal: Twitter, naturally.

Occupying Wall Street on Saturday - photo courtesy of cphantasm

On Saturday CODEPINK joined the mass demonstration at Bowling Green, marching with a Make Jobs Not War banner and encouraging people to demonstrate what they wanted to "make" instead of war with our mobile Make ____ Not War photo booth. In the week leading up to Saturday's demonstration we joined with the Arts and Culture committee of the GA in creative, participatory actions aimed at demilitarizing Wall Street and building for the mass occupation.

Throughout the day I see various people – some familiar, some not – adopting the CODEPINK "Bring Our War Dollars Home" sign and its message. A young man asks if he can hold the sign for awhile. He is part of the 99% who are outraged that our tax dollars are spent killing people in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, and Palestine, while record levels of Americans are living in poverty. I watch as reporters ask members of the Granny Peace Brigade what the sign is about and why they're here, pointing out that most people demonstrating are a fraction of their age. A Granny throws her fists and face towards the sky shouting with glee: "YES! And thank GOD!"

Police look on as protesters add to the collage of pizza-box signs

Night falls and I reconvene with The Arts and Culture Committee, who are discussing how to keep momentum and spirits up – hula hoops, radical cheerleaders, music – and the criminality of sidewalk chalk (apparently it's legal if we clean it up afterwards).

At 9:00 pm the first vegan pizzas arrive. The ever-expanding collection of recycled pizza-box signs covering the sidewalk by the park demand an end to wars, funding for healthcare, bail outs for student debt, jobs, environmental and economic justice, and freedom for Troy Davis and Bradley Manning.

At 9:30 the sound of hundreds of hands clapping from the other side of the park signals the GA is meeting. The message appears on a giant white sheet projected from a digital screen where anyone can send a message to people in the park and post to twitter and other social media.

Digital message screen in Liberty Plaza

I send a message to the digital screen: I see beauty all around me. I look around at my brothers and sisters in the A & C committee, weary but alert. For some it is their seventh day of action and the third night spent in the park.

*We are tired. We are together. We are here.
JOIN US.*





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To my Brothers and Sisters,

We are in a time of revolution, we all are fighting for a new era, an era of FREEDOM! An era of financial stability, an era of justice and an era of Unity. We have watched our brothers and sisters Occupy Wall Street and accomplished their goals of occupying this space until their demands are met. People from around the world did not think it was possible but it was done. Now they call for more people to get their message across, they call for support from the masses around the world, they are on the front lines and for us who cannot make it or watch them as they push to accomplish their goals, need to help them any way we can. I call on our brothers and sisters to help them occupy Wall Street for as long as they can, but the only way this is possible is if they have our backing and they have the proper tools and supplies for them to stay. This Operation will remain active until they are no longer there. Here is what you can do to help:

1. Post Comments on every Popular YouTube video with the words "#OccupyWallstreet we are fighting for your future!!! <http://bit.ly/pjozgZ>" This will help spread the message.
2. If you have any means of getting batteries to Wall Street Zuccotti Park, then please either find a way to get them there or go and hand them out.
3. If you can help feed our brothers and sisters there who are occupying Wall Street then please donate some food to them, either order pizza or any other kind of food to them there.

Location: Zuccotti park, Liberty street New York, NY

4. Donate First Aid kits, small travel size boxes are ok, as they might get some cuts and bruises.
5. Contact News and Media about the wrongful arrest and aggressive behavior some of these protesters have endured.
6. Have any extra Umbrellas or ponchos this would help since the weather is showing some heavy rain coming soon.

These things will help them lots. Remember they are fighting for our and our kids future. They have put themselves in harms way and risked their freedom for us. We should be helping as much as possible. We are not asking you to go crazy, we are asking for what you can give or do. United we can change the world. Thank you

If you have any questions please go to OccupyWallst.org | @OccupyWallSt On Twitter | @MotorMouthNews on twitter | Or:

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Dear NYPD,

We are fighting for you too.
We are fighting for your right to health
care and education for your children.

Please return the favor.

Love,

Liberty Plaza













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THE SECOND AMERICAN REVOLUTION BEGINS





Dreamers, jammers, rabble-rousers and revolutionaries,

#OCCUPYWALLSTREET is a week old and roaring strong. We, the people, are finding our voice, realizing that, yes we can revive our democracy. It is beautiful. It is an achievement. And it has the potential to grow into something even more wild and wonderful over the next few weeks and months.

This Saturday at noon at the people's assembly in Liberty Plaza there will be a celebration of our incredible first week. Last Saturday, 5,000 people flocked nonviolently to Wall Street ... this Saturday there will be 10,000. And then in the weeks that follow, we will swell to 50,000 ... and maybe even to 100,000+ by mid-October. Wouldn't that be something!

For those who cannot make it to Wall Street's liberated space, why not organize #OCCUPYCHICAGO, #OCCUPYDALLAS, #OCCUPYSANFRANCISCO, #OCCUPYBOSTON and #OCCUPYDC. This is the perfect moment to expand our movement into financial districts, iconic sites of economic power and branches of Bank of America everywhere.

According to PBS Newshour, 45 percent of young Americans aged 16 to 29 don't have a job. Economists are talking glumly about a "lost generation" but they've got it wrong. We're the generation that pulls off the second American Revolution.

#OCCUPYWALLSTREET

A 1% TAX
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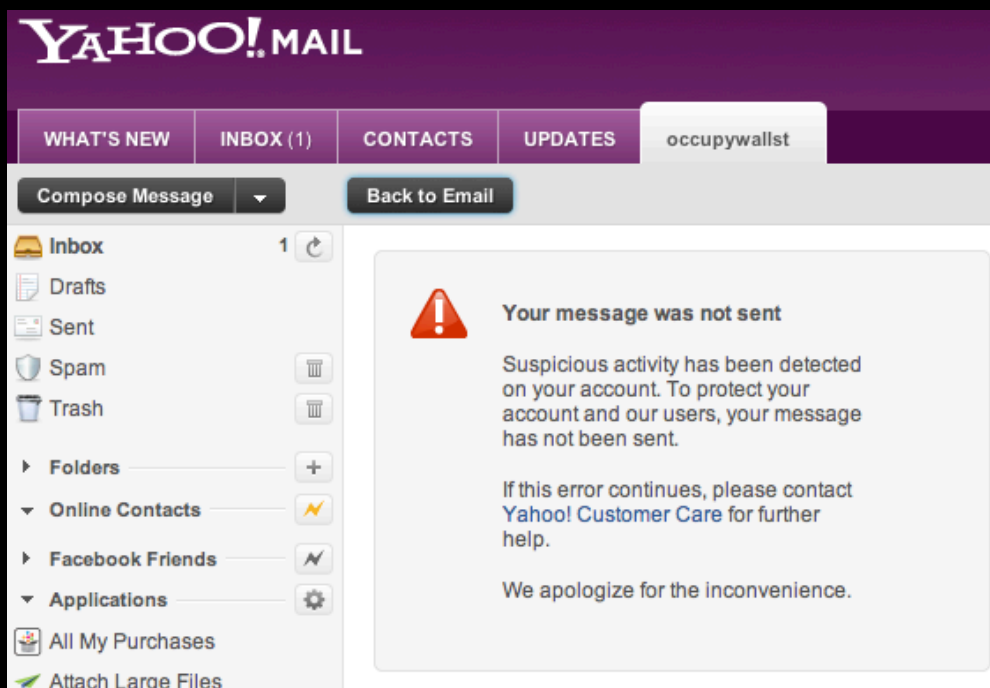
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Yahoo blocks users from sending e-mails about the OccupyWallSt.org website with a message claiming "suspicious activity"

Thinking about e-mailing your friends and neighbors about the protests against Wall Street happening right now? If you have a Yahoo e-mail account, think again. ThinkProgress has reviewed claims that Yahoo is censoring e-mails relating to the protest and found that after several attempts on multiple accounts, we too were prevented from sending messages about the "Occupy Wall Street" demonstrations.

Over the weekend, thousands gathered for a "Tahrir Square"-style protest of Wall Street's domination of American politics. The protesters, organized online and by organizations like Adbusters, have called their effort "Occupy Wall Street" and have set up the website: www.OccupyWallSt.org. However, several YouTube users posted videos of themselves trying to email a message inviting their friends to visit the Occupy Wall St campaign website, only to be blocked repeatedly by Yahoo. View a video of ThinkProgress making the attempt with the same blocked message experienced by others (click full screen for a better view of the text):

ThinkProgress tried other protest websites, like AmericansforProsperity.org and TeaPartyPatriots.org, and both messages were sent smoothly. However, emails relating to the OccupyWallSt.org protest were blocked with the following message (emphasis added):



Your message was not sent
Suspicious activity has been detected on your account. To protect your account and our users, your message has not been sent.

If this error continues, please contact Yahoo! Customer Care for further help.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

ThinkProgress has sent a request for more information to Yahoo, and will post any reply once we have received it with Yahoo's explanation for its apparent censorship.

It's not the first time Yahoo has been accused of political censorship. Yahoo officially partners with the repressive Chinese regime to provide the government with access to emails related to groups viewed as dissidents. An explosive investigation by Der Spiegel found that Yahoo provided Chinese authorities with access to emails from journalists, and the snooping resulted in the same journalists being sent to prison camps.

The Occupy Wall Street protests have continued, but if you own a Yahoo e-mail account, you might not know about it.

<http://thinkprogress.org/media/2011/09/20/323856/yahoo-censoring-occupy-wall-street-protests/>

CALL TO ACTION

- Use Cash. not credit cards. Banks collect fees every time your swipe the card. <http://www.usecashmovement.org/>
- If you have a 401K, Stop adding to it. Change it to a Self Directed IRA . This allows less gambling with retirement money.
- If you own stocks, sell them. Never buy stocks again.
- Don't buy from a corporation unless you have to, BUY LOCAL.
- Don't buy from a fortune 500 company.
- If you work in the financial industry, quit.
- Ride your bike, walk or take public transportation. Use less Oil.
- Only buy things you really need.
- Be the change you wish to see in the world.
- Always remain peaceful. Violence gives excuse for oppression.
- Educate yourself.

Close your account if you bank with :

1. Bank of America Corp.
 2. J. P. Morgan Chase & Company
 3. Citigroup
 4. Wells Fargo & Company
 5. Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
 6. Morgan Stanley
 7. Metlife, Inc.
 8. Barclays Group US
 9. Taunus Corporation
 10. HSBC North America Inc.
- (Top 10 banks)

11 Things You Can Do to Help the 'Occupy Wall Street' Movement

<http://www.adbusters.org/blogs/adbusters-blog/how-you-can-help-occupywallstreet.html?page=1>

- 1) Spread the word -- there's something going on. People have started a movement -- they're occupying Wall Street. Hundreds of people have been camped out in lower Manhattan for four days!
- 2) If you're in New York and can only spare a little time or money: bring American flags, cardboard, markers, water, etc. down to Liberty Park.
- 3) If you're in the New York area and have a day, a morning, an afternoon, go down there. The weather appears to be holding. Take the day off and just go. I know it sounds hard to believe but you will be heard. This is an open general assembly effort and you will get your say and be a real participant.
- 4) If you are a little ways from NYC, organize foursomes to go to NYC for the day. It will cost you the train/bus/car fare. Take nothing but some food and water and your body.
- 5) Too far to get to NYC? Sign this petition and I will read your name and comments in Liberty Park this week, I promise. Break Up Goldman Sachs Now!
- 6) Be subversive against the big money interests wherever you are and encourage others to do the same. Don't give the banksters 4 percent of every purchase you make with a credit or debit card -- use cash. See: UseCashMovement
- 7) Be subversive: max out your credit card on large ticket items and return them the next day. (This one is right out of the Saul Alinsky playbook.)
- 8) Move your money from a big bank to a credit union.
- 9) Picket a local branch of a bank. When the press asks you what the heck you think you're doing, tell them it's in solidarity with Occupy Wall Street.
- 10) Send food to the protesters in Liberty Park through a New York friend or go to the live stream chat for information on local eats that will take your order. (Yes, you'll have to use your credit card, big spender!)
- 11) Do you know anybody who knows anybody who knows a writer, a celebrity, etc. who will show their face at the protest? Get to them now.

Bonus Support Idea 12) Spread the word again, and repeat!

September 20, 2011



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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>
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#OCCUPYFDSF in San Francisco, USA
#OWSLOSANGELES in Los Angeles, USA
#TakeTheSquareWI in Madison, USA
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