THE**SOCCUPIED** WALL STREET JOURNAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011

ISSUE 2, 2ND PRINTING

The Most Important Thing in the World

wish-list of pro-corporate policies: privatizing education and social security, slashing public services, getting rid of the last constraints on corporate power. Amidst the economic crisis, this is happening the institutions that are sturdy enough world over.

There is only one thing that can block this tactic, and fortunately, it's 99% is taking to the streets from Madison to Madrid to say "No. We have refused to give the media the will not pay for your crisis."

2008. It ricocheted to Greece and where the crisis began.

f there is one thing I know, movements spring up like beautiit's that the 1% loves a crisis. ful flowers but quickly die off. It's When people are panicked because they don't have roots. And and desperate and no one they don't have long term plans for seems to know what to do, that is how they are going to sustain themthe ideal time to push through their selves. So when storms come, they get washed away.

Being horizontal and deeply democratic is wonderful. These principles are compatible with the hard work of building structures and to weather the storms ahead. I have great faith that this will happen.

Something else this movement a very big thing: the 99%. And that is doing right: You have committed yourselves to non-violence. You images of broken windows and That slogan began in Italy in street fights it craves so desperately. And that tremendous discipline has France and Ireland and finally it meant that, again and again, the has made its way to the square mile story has been the disgraceful and unprovoked police brutality. Which "Why are they protesting?" ask we just saw more of Wednesday night. Meanwhile, support for this movement grows and grows. More



NEW YORK TURNS OUT TO OCCUPY WALL STREET: Labor unions and student walkouts brought tens of thousands to Foley Square on Oct. 5. After dusk, crowds filled lower Manhattan around Zuccotti Park, re-named Liberty Square by the occupation. Despite high spirits among the protesters and no incidents of violence or vandalism, NYPD officers arrested numerous people. Pepper spray and batons were also deployed. PHOTO: Jen Ross

To The Sept. 17 Occupiers,

THIS REBELLION WILL NOT STOP

the baffled pundits on TV. Meanwhile, the rest of the world asks: "What took you so long?" "We've been wondering when you were going to show up." And most of all: "Welcome."

AUTHOR NAOMI KLEIN SPEAKS TO THE **OCCUPIERS**

Many people have drawn parallels between Occupy Wall Street and the so-called anti-globalization protests that came to world attention in Seattle in 1999. That was the last time a global, youth-led, decentralized movement took direct aim at corporate power. And I am proud to have been part of what we called "the movement of movements."

But there are important differences too. For instance, we chose summits as our targets: the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the G8. Summits are transient by their nature, they only last a week. That made us transient too. We'd appear, grab world headlines, then disappear. And in the frenzy of hyper patriotism and militarism that followed the 9/11 attacks, it was easy in North America.

hand, has chosen a fixed target. And presence here. This is wise. Only when you stay put can you grow roots. This is crucial. It is a fact of the information age that too many

But the biggest difference a decade makes is that in 1999, we were taking on capitalism at the peak of a frenzied economic boom. Unemployment was low, stock portfolios were bulging. The media was drunk on easy money. Back then it was all about start-ups, not shut downs.

wisdom.

We pointed out that the deregulation behind the frenzy came at a price. It was damaging to labor standards. It was damaging to environmental standards. Corporations were becoming more powerful than governments and that was damaging to our democracies. But to be honest with you, while the good times rolled, taking on an economic system based on greed was a tough sell, at least in rich countries.

Ten years later, it seems as if there aren't any more rich countries. Just a whole lot of rich people. People who got rich looting the public wealth and exhausting natural resources around the world.

The point is, today everyone can see that the system is deeply unjust to sweep us away completely, at least and careening out of control. Unfettered greed has trashed the global Occupy Wall Street, on the other economy. And it is trashing the natural world as well. We are overfishyou have put no end date on your ing our oceans, polluting our water with fracking and deepwater drilling, turning to the dirtiest forms

Continued on back page 👗

HEY MONEYMAN the crowd is outside. The past, the future and the now is outside. The teachers and cooks and the drop-outs too. Word on the street is they looking for you...

HEY MONEYMAN they saying whats the score? And how much blood have you spilled on the butcher shop floor? Those numbers keep running but what they running into? The crowd is outside and they asking of you...

HEY MONEYMAN MONEYMAN the mayors' on the phone. He says he wants to know if all those people went home. Those momma's and poppa's and students and cooks. Those teachers and preachers, one second I'll look...

HEY MONEYMAN MONEYMAN the tents are still up, the songs are still singing and the coffee's in cups. The nights due to fall and the sun's going down but its still a whole mess of good folks hanging round... They eyes are wide and their voices are loud. Its white and black and colorless proud. The signs are big and the smiles are bright. By heaven I reckon its gone be one hell of a night!

HEY MONEYMAN POOR MONEYMAN you should slip out the back. Cuz the forces of greed are under attack. No bombs or bullets or rocks or guns. Just hashtag's and voices at the tops of their lungs! And Moneyman Moneyman I wont need a ride. But if you need me...

You can find me outside.



he lords of finance in the skyscrapers surrounding Zuccotti Park, who toy with money and lives, who make the political class, the press, and the judiciary jump at their demands, who destroy the ecosystem for profit and drain the U.S. Treasury to gamble and speculate, took little notice at first activists on the street below them three weeks ago.

The elites consider everyone outside their sphere marginal or invisible. What significance could a young woman named Ketchup, who worked in a Chicago theater cooperative and paid her bills as a waitress, have for the powerful? What could she and those in Zuccotti Park do to them? What threat can the weak pose to the strong? Those who worship money believe their buckets of cash, like the \$4.6 million J.P. Morgan Chase gave last week to the New York City Police Foundation, can buy them perpetual power and security. Masters all, kneeling before the idols of the marketplace, blinded by their selfimportance, impervious to human suffering, bloated from unchecked greed and privilege, they were about to be taught the folly of hubris.

Even now, three weeks later, the elites and their mouthpieces in the press continue to puzzle over what we want. Where is the list of demands? Why don't they present us with specific goals? Why can't they articulate what they need?

The goal to us is very, very clear. It can be articulated in one word—REBELLION. We have not

come to work within the system. We are not pleading with the Congress for electoral reform. We know electoral politics is a farce. We have found another way to be heard and exercise power. We have no faith in the political system or the two major political parties. And we know the corporate press will not amplify our voices which is why we have a press of our own. We know the economy serves the oligarchs. We know that to survive this protest we will have to build non-hierarchical communal systems that care for everyone.

These are goals the power elite cannot comprehend. They cannot envision a day when they will not be in charge of our lives. The elites believe, and seek to make us believe, that globalization and unfettered capitalism are natural law, some kind of permanent and eternal dynamic that can never be altered. What the elites fail to realize is that rebellion will not stop until the cor-

porate state is extinguished. It will not stop until the corporate abuse of the poor, the working class, the elderly, the sick, children, those being slaughtered in our imperial wars and tortured in our black sites, stops. It will not stop until foreclosures and bank repossessions stop. It will not stop until students no longer have to go into massive debt to be educated, and families no longer have to plunge into bankruptcy to pay medical bills. It will not stop until the corporate destruction of the ecosystem stops, and our relationships with each other and the planet are radically reconfigured.

And that is why the elites, and the rotted and degenerate system of corporate power they sustain, are in serious trouble. That is why they keep asking what the demands are. They don't know what is happening. They are deaf, dumb and blind.

BY CHRIS HEDGES



UNAFRAID: Despite 700 + arrests on the Brooklyn Bridge on Oct. 1, crowds surged in the following days. PHOTO: Adrian Kinloch

and even on the right to vote.



What Liberty Square Means The Progress of Revolutions

watched in horror as voters power, and took ever mo away from regular people. watched in horror as voters power, and took ever more power the propertied elite could vote.

of self-described Tea Party Republi- sinites deserved what they got. But "counterpart"? cans. Months later, the impact of that the state that birthed the Progressive electoral change became clear. Gov- Party is not the state most riddled **FROM THE LIBERTY TREE TO** ernor Scott Walker unleashed attacks with Tea Party supporters; it is the LIBERTY SQUARE collective bargaining, to access health first and hardest.

elected because hundreds of thou- they call for is not revolution, but tury, another layer. sands of young people and poor reaction. They want to go back in Liberty Square is the twenty-first The biggest act of sabotage revolutionaries of 1776. It seems

people alienated by the failures of the time. When they speak of the time century Liberty Tree. If you want against a multinational corporation both sides are eager to employ the political system chose not to vote. of the Founding Fathers, they often to understand what is happening in American history began with a language of revolution. What makes They'd voted in 2008 in record num- mean the time before the end of there, imagine: Under the Liberty gathering at the Liberty Tree. That us fundamentally different from bers. Huge numbers. But in 2010, slavery, before labor unions were Tree that stood in Boston Com- act was the Boston Tea Party. after the Obama administration and legalized, before women were con- mon, early in the first American end the wars or to deliver a new deal civil rights era, before the environ- to air their grievances and hammer We in the occupation at Wall abolitionist movement, the workfor America's poor and young peo- mental movement. In fact, many out solutions collectively, and it Street have been compared by news ers' rights movement, the women's ple, the turnout was just not there of them seem to want to go back was there the promise of American media to the contemporary Tea movement, the civil rights move for Wisconsin Democrats. And so to the time before the Boston Tea democracy first took root. We are Party movement. Is this because ment, the feminist and queer libera-

Liberty Square.

of Wisconsin replaced progressive Recent politics have been pre- Street, which in caricature has been can Revolution included people of Is passion and conviction now the under all the movements for equal standard-bearer Russ Feingold with a dominately a struggle between the depicted as the left's answer to the many classes, and many more eth- domain of the Tea Party? They've social, racial, gender and economic Tea Party mega-millionaire, and the far-right and Democrats. Some contemporary Tea Party move- nicities, genders, and races than appropriated it? And anyone who rights since this country was first state's capitol came under the control went so far as to say that Wiscon- ment, different from its far-right our high school history books tell. also speaks of the American Revolu- founded Working-class radicals worked the tion with passion must worry about We love our country for its prog-Boston docks, among them Crispus being associated with them? Some ress on these fronts. We believe Attucks. There were artisans like fear the nonviolent direct action in seeing more progress on these Paul and Rachel Revere, lawyers and being taken at Liberty Square. They fronts. The Tea Party can only look on the right to organize, to engage in state where people stood up to them As workers walk Wall Street agitators like John and Sam Adams. are afraid of being too impolite, too back. We move with the flow of hisevery day, they traverse an African The Liberty Tree was a place where disruptive, as they ask for progress - tory, looking forward. care, food, shelter, a quality education The corporate funders of the Tea burial ground, passing over many all these people – many who would they are afraid of appearing as fringe Party movement may hearken back layers of history without a thought. not have ordinarily associated with fanatics like the Tea Party. Walker and his cohorts were to the Revolutionary era, yet what Let us add, in the twenty-first cen- one another - could gather and Many of us in Liberty Square unite in common cause.

congressional Democrats failed to sidered people under law, before the Revolution, any and all could come IMPASSIONED & PROGRESSIVE a multitude of revolutions: the



17 DEC /TUNISIA

the country.

• The self-immolation of 26-year-old produce

Tunisia, sparks a wave of protests against police

violence and the decades-long autocratic rule of

President Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali. Four weeks

later, Ben Ali is forced out of power and flees

vendor Mohammed Bouazizi in Sidi Bouzid,

Meeting for the first time, again

the three weeks that the Financial changed—there are a lot of older black ence, in the increased living expense. Pro- be real. The economic crisis did not begin members of the black community, student at NYU.

our own, why would we need white kids distance. to make it legitimate," voiced Aaron, a "We have been here before. We have their own. black protestor in his late 50s. "It's more had rallies and protests, meetings and boy- "It's a class/caste war," said a young along with a new sense of unity, a transties, with our own people."

Square and the march to Liberty Square the inner city, the effects of this corporate The document composed by the New

especially older ones, questioned the value After decades fighting against eco- What's different as of Wednesday, poor people have been in a state of crisis of joining a movement they perceived nomic and social injustice in their own however, when a sea of multi-colored faces since the founding of this country, and belonged primarily to privileged white communities, it seemed natural perhaps overflowed out of Foley Square, is the for indigenous communities, since before that many blacks would greet Occupy eagerness of many blacks to put divisions the founding of the nation," it reads. "We "We've been doing this for so long on Wall Street with skepticism and some behind them and to stand in solidarity are actively working to unite the diverse

But at the 30,000-strong rally at Foley told the Amsterdam News. "If you live in race."

District has been occupied, many folk who joined today," said Michael, a testing on Wall Street comes behind a long with the collapse of the Lehman Broth-

with an occupation whose principles are voices of all communities."

genuine when it's in our own communi- cotts-for some of us it is second nature," black protestor named Steve. "Everyone formative movement is emerging. Brooklyn-based activist Caleef Cousar is feeling the same pressure regardless of

on Wednesday, there was a visible shift. greed are omnipresent. You see it in the York City General Assembly's People of "The makeup of this march has really gentrification, in the hostile police pres- Color working group puts it best: "Let's

25 JAN ÆGYPT • Using person-to-person contact, social networking and citizen-made media, people of Cairo organize a mass protest

on Police Day, demanding an end to harassment, repression and torture. What follows is an 18-day national uprising against President Hosni Mubarak's dictatorial government. It is symbolized by the occupation of Tahrir Square, but has its roots in years of labor, media and human rights organizing. Hundreds of thousands of Egyptians join after the regime blocks internet traffic and sends thugs to attack protesters. Workers strike throughout the country. On Feb. 11, the Mubarak government falls. The success inspires an Arab Spring of pro-democracy action from Yemen to Bahrain to Syria.





17 FEB/WISCONSIN & OHIO

 Wisconsinites protesting Gov. Scott Walker's austerity budget and his attack on collective bargaining carry Egyptian flags and signs, drawing a parallel between their struggles. In the weeks-long protest, hundreds of thousands of people occupy the state capitol; hundreds of students are arrested. In Columbus, Ohio, nearly 4,000 protest against similar attacks on the public sector and workers' rights.

 500,000 protestors take to London's streets in the March for the Alternative, coordinated by the Trades Union Congress. Teachers and public sector workers hold massive strikes.

26 MAR/LONDON

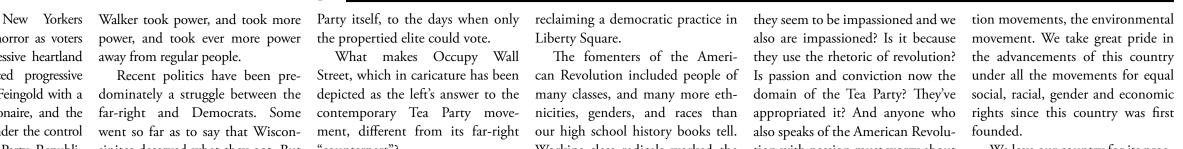


also hearken to the efforts of the the new Tea Party movement is that our revolution descends from

history of us protesting on Main Street." ers in 2008. Indeed, people of color and

That appears to be happening, and

BY AMITY PAYE



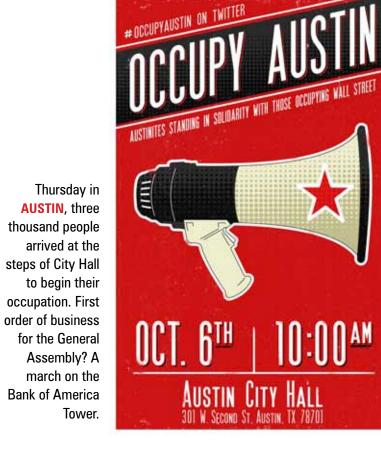
By Rebecca Manski WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM **B.R. M**ANSKI AND **R**IZZO

order of business for the General Assembly? A march on the Bank of America

99% WANT YOU

FOCCUPYDC #OCCUPYKST OCCUPYDC.ORG

Two blocks from the National Mall and within a towering Bank of America earshot of the White House, Occupy **DC** on headquarters. Their General Thursday set up camp at Freedom Plaza and Assembly—in the best marched upwards of two thousand protesters tradition of thinking globally, through the heart of the nation's government. acting locally—has forged At a stop at the Chamber of Commerce — from relationships with youth which hangs a huge four-piece banner that organizations working to reads "JOBS" — the protesters hand-delivered reduce violence, develop hundreds of resumes and job applications and jobs, and promote environtemporarily shut the place down.



n downtown BOSTO hundreds of protesters occupying Dewey Square in plain sight of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and mental justice in the city.

For one week in **SEATTLE**, occupiers have been holding a public park at 4th Avenue and Pine Street through rain and 40 degree emoval of all tents and took away twenty occupiers who refused. Undeterred, the camp of about three hundred has steadily grown since.

OCCUPY

The Federal Reserve Bank of SAN FRANCISCO



In LOS ANGELES more than two hundred have for a week occupied the lawn in front of City Hall. On Wednesday, encouraged by half a dozen local council members who showed solidarity with the group, is surrounded on three sides by hundreds of citizens of the city convened a foroccupiers who have been encamped at the mal public assembly and approved their use of tents for the duration. In a show of extraordinary 'mutual ing regularly with occupations respect,' there have been exactly

set to begin in neighboring Berkeley on Oct. 8, and two days later in Oakland. paper went to press.

In the birthplace an earlier revolution, a new one has sprung. On Thursday in PHILADELPHIA, 10USands assembled at Dilworth Plaza across from City Hall. The city offered a permit for the occupation "in perpetuity"; their General Assembly was split on the decision.

This is just a small slice of the occupations sweeping across the country. Hundreds of planning meetings have been scheduled — from Birmingham to Kalamazoo to Frankfurt to Cape Town to São Paulo, on every continent except Antarctica.

From New York to everywhere: we're with you,

 Protests against austerity and unemployment erupt in 58 Spanish cities, beginning the 15-M Movement. In Madrid, more than 1,000 indignados camp in the central square, Puerta Del Sol; 300,000 supporters gather for weeks of mass assemblies to demand a greater say in the political process. Embracing participatory democracy, they reject traditional parties and the rule of finance capital.



25 MAY/GREECE

 Yearlong protests against a series of government austerity measures, enacted in 2010 as a condition for a bailout by the European Union, take a new turn as thousands of people calling themselves the aganaktismenoi, or indignants, demonstrate across the country. These are the biggest protests in Greece since 1973. In Athens people occupy Syntagma Square as a new round of austerity measures is announced by the government. Inspired by the Spanish example, they hold mass assemblies. Speaking of the effects of economic crisis, one protester tells a reporter, "Everyone is in Syntagma Square; they just don't know it yet."

 Young people, first in working-class London neighborhoods and then in cities throughout the country, rebel days after police shoot and kill 29-year-old Mark Duggan. Spurred by police violence, racism and alienation, it is the largest uprising in recent English history. Five people die, at least 16 are injured and more than 3,000 get arrested.

6 AUG / ENGLAND

23 SEPT/DAY 7

 Less than 24 hours after the execution of Troy Davis by the state of Georgia, hundreds of New Yorkers rally in Union Square to demonstrate outrage. Battling police barricades, protestors march down Broadway and join forces with Occupy Wall Street in Liberty Park. The mass action marks an important linkage among activist groups and offers a glimpse of a people's solidarity movement taking form.

 Thousands from Occupy Wall Brooklyn Bridge. Partway across, record 700 arrests on the roadway.

 In California, more than 12,000 prisoners enter the second week of a hunger strike protesting conditions in state penitentiaries – the largest prisoner strike in U.S. history. Organizers say the strike is in solidarity with the Wall Street occupation and others starting across the U.S.

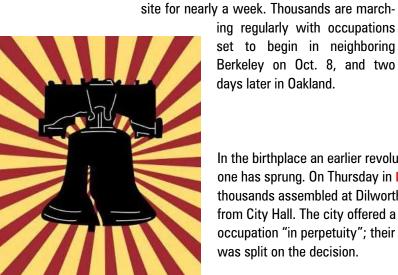
1 OCT /DAY 15



Street attempt to march across the they are blocked by police who



you're with us. REPORTS FROM INTREPID, HEARTFELT, TRULY PATRIOTIC OCCUPIERS EVERYWHERI



No list of demands

PHOTO: Peter Carroll

we will occupy o for the 99% of the We will not be si October 1, 2011 LA City Hall 200 N Spring St Bring tents, sleeping food, supplies, friend

zero arrests as of the time this

We are speaking to each other, and listening. This occupation is first about participation.

Tens of thousands of New Yorkers streamed into Foley Square on Wednesday—labor unions rolled out, students walked out. The occupation of Wall Street grew to resemble the city we live in.

What race, age, religion, occupation did we represent? None of them. All of them. Barricaded in by steel pens, surrounded by a thousand cops and NYPD helicopters above, we saw our power reflected in their need to control us. But just as this is our movement, it is our narrative too.

The exhausted political machines and their PR slicks are already seeking leaders to elevate, messages to claim, talking points to move on. They, more than anyone, will attempt to seize and shape this moment. They are racing to reach the front of the line.

But how can they run out in front of something that is in front of them? They cannot. For Wall Street and Washington, the demand is not on them to give us something that isn't theirs to give. It's ours. It's on us. We aren't going anywhere. We just got here.

High schools, campuses walk-out to OCCUPY

with her son, Saamad Nimo, a are looking at very few prospects." sophomore at Newark Central High Faculty support of the walkout School, and joined thousands of was also widespread as teachers student demonstrators amassed in and administrators from The New solidarity with Occupy Wall Street. School, New York University, Coo-

that's only if there's any money before marching to Foley Square. available."

lied in Foley Square on Wednesday university. system that isn't serving them. go with them," she said.

Wall Street.

the most at stake in this economy "Hopefully the legislature will

atience Roberts wants a right now," he said. "With the job better future for her family. market the way it is, a lot of us who So on Oct. 5, she marched are about to graduate, like myself,

"I'm black and I'm poor," said per Union and others joined stu- hear us and understand that w

students from the tri-state area, ral- that was circulated through the they are accountable to the people.

as part of a nation-wide student Lupe Parino, a freshman at Bea- mark High School on 14th Street in walkout. There, they merged with con High School on West 61st Street Manhattan, said he "woke up two tens of thousands of union mem- in Manhattan, said her teachers years ago." Following the throngs bers, political organizers and New encouraged students to participate. of protestors Wednesday with his Yorkers from all walks to demand "They told us if we wanted to, we skateboard and sign in hand, he the transformation of an economic could meet them after school and said it was time the country woke

Sam D'Arcangelo, a senior at After hearing speeches in Foley "We need a better economy for Eugene Lang College at The New Square and marching on to Lib- the world. Not just for America, not School, was one of many voicing his erty Square, some students took just for a certain kind of people, but support on Wednesday for Occupy the opportunity to make signs and for everybody." introduce newcomers to the area "Student involvement is impor- while others headed two blocks tant because we are the ones with south to demonstrate on Wall Street.



Nimo. "I plan to go to college – dents in Washington Square Park are the ones who vote them in and not the corporations," said Eugene At The New School alone, 137 Chen from CUNY Law School. Roberts and Nimo, along with faculty members and employees "And while they get their money droves of university and high school endorsed the march in an email from the corporations, ultimately

Eric Fuentes, a senior at Landup too.

BY MILES KOHRMAN

4 OCT/DAY 18

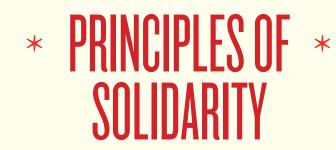
 Demonstrations and sit-ins spread to dozens of cities across the country with protesters camped out in Los Angeles near City Hall, assembled before he Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago and marching hrough downtown Boston. Marches in Memphis, Burlington, Minneapolis, Baltimore and parts of Texas take shape as protesters state they will sleep in the streets and occupy parks for as long as it takes until their voices are heard. Using social networks protesters announce they are ready to mobilize large groups for mass actions within hours.

 JPMorgan Chase announces a \$4.6 million donation to the New York City Police Foundation. The gift is the largest in the history of the foundation, raising questions about corporate interests using law enforcement to intensify their crackdown on protestors. A day later, the New York attorney general files a lawsuit against the Bank of New York Mellon, accusing it of cheating state and other pension funds nationwide of foreign exchange fees over the last decade totaling some \$2 billion.

5 OCT /DAY 19

• 30,000 protestors comprised of transit, communication, teacher, health care, labor and other unions join a student walkout and residents from across New York City at a rally in Foley Park outside City Hall. Following a march to Liberty Square in solidarity with Occupy Wall Street, a few hundred demonstrators gather at the corner of Broadway and Wall Street, attempting to gain access; they topple some steel barricades and are met by police batons and pepper spray. Amid a number of arrests, one supervisor is seen wildly swinging his baton striking numerous people indiscriminately. Three journalists are injured in the process. While departmental regulations authorize the use of pepper spray against a crowd posing physical threats to police officers, they also require that an ambulance be dispatched after such an incident, which did not occur. Extensive video footage showed no demonstrator attacks against police, and no officer injuries were reported.

OMETHI AYING



The following Principles of Solidarity have been adopted by the GA as "a living document" that will be revised through the democratic process of the N.Y.C. General Assembly.

On September 17, 2011, people from all across the United States of America and the world came to protest the blatant injustices of our times perpetuated by the economic and political elites. On the 17th we as individuals rose up against political disenfranchisement and social and economic injustice. We spoke out, resisted, and successfully occupied Wall Street. Today, we proudly remain in Liberty Square constituting ourselves as autonomous political beings engaged in non-violent civil disobedience and building solidarity based on mutual respect, acceptance, and love. It is from these reclaimed grounds that we say to all Americans and to the world: Enough! How many crises does it take? We are the 99% and we have moved to reclaim our mortgaged future.

Through a direct democratic process, we have come together as individuals and crafted these principles of solidarity, which are points of unity that include, but are not limited to:

- Engaging in direct and transparent participatory democracy;
- Exercising personal and collective responsibility;
- Recognizing individuals' inherent privilege and the influence it has on all interactions;
- Empowering one another against all forms of oppression;
- Redefining how labor is valued;
- The sanctity of individual privacy;
- The belief that education is human right; and
- Endeavoring to practice and support wide application of open source.
- We are daring to imagine a new socio-political and economic alternative that offers greater possibility of equality. We are consolidating the other proposed principles of solidarity, after which demands will follow.

PROTEST AND PRAGMATISM

one way for To police themselves.

dan Burke, 41, was asked early in tation, medical response, donation the occupation to help, and he saw a need. "There was chaos in here, and this is the media center, so security here is about protecting the equipment and being a line of defense against disruption of the media center," he said. "Then there's policing people, de-escalation style – not brutalization, not putting hands on people, not being like cops." Burke, tall, bald and with a strapping physique, said attention in the crowded square gets quickly drawn to those who are drunk or starting any kind of trouble; the scrutiny being organized and tidy don't feel usually causes disrupters to either comfortable here." calm down or leave. A policeman outside the square, speaking anonymously, said that most of the occupants have been well-behaved during the three-week encampment, though one man had to be taken off by ambulance for a reported drug overdose. "People are taxing the system," he said, making ary, if we're just anarchists, the cops it difficult to get emergency vehicles to the scene. "He's lucky there was an EMT here," he said as he pointed at an Occupy Wall Street volunteer medic, "or he would've died."

Bobby Cooper, who has been Occupy Wall Street camping in Liberty since Septemparticipants to avoid ber 26, is another volunteer helping problems with the police as well as to maintain order. The 30-year-old their Financial District neighbors? sculptor, who has provided security at large warehouse parties in Brook-Lifelong New York resident Bren- lyn, said he's been involved in saniOrganized Labor Stands Up

Labor organizers and unions across New York City and the United States have endorsed the occupation at Wall Street, promising continued support and backing of the movement of the 99%. The following are excerpts from their letters of solidarity:

TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION LOCAL 100

"The Transport Workers Union Local 100 applauds the courage of the young people on Wall Street who are dramatically demonstrating for what our position has been for some time: the shared sacrifice preached by government officials looks awfully like a one-way street. Workers and ordinary citizens are putting up all the sacrifice, and the financiers who imploded our economy are getting away scot-free, increasing their holdings and bonuses. Young people face a bleak future with high unemployment, and minimum wage jobs. Public sector workers face mayors and governors who demand massive wage and benefits givebacks, or face thousands of layoffs. That's not bargaining. That's blackmail. We support the Wall Street protesters and their goal to reduce inequality and support every American's right to a decent job, health care, and retirement security."

RETAIL, WHOLESALE AND DEPARTMENT STORE UNION

"Occupy Wall Street has brought into sharp focus a reality that cannot be denied: corporate greed is responsible for harming the lives of millions of working people and unemployed people. A small group of firms, banks, and corporations now hold trillions worth of our collective wealth and assets. That money should be invested in job creation on a massive scale and used to rebuild countless lives damaged by the recklessness that caused the recession. After hearing the top 1% lie for so long, the courageous men and women occupying Wall Street are speaking the truth known by the unheard 99%. That's why their message resonates so widely. They offer a clear perspective that rarely generates this kind of attention but that millions of regular people, not just activists and unionists, share: Wall Street should not control our economy, our democracy, or our lives."

NATIONAL NURSES UNITED

"National Nurses United, the nation's largest registered nurse labor union representing 170,000 direct care RNs, stands in support of and in solidarity with the ongoing Occupy Wall Street protests and rallies. We applaud the commitment, savvy and sacrifice exhibited by the multitude of students, union members, clergy, and many others from all walks of life who have come together to loudly and clearly place the blame for the nation's pain where it belongs. Wall Street caused the financial crisis and we share your demand that Wall Street pay us back. As nurses, our motto in this fight is simple. "Heal America. Make Wall Street Pay!"

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

The General Defense Committee of the IWW stands in solidarity with our brave brothers and sisters at Occupy Wall Street. We denounce and detest the intimidation, harassment, and brutality exhibited by the New York Police. The actions of the police lay bare the true nature of Wall Street and Capitalism. We call on all those that still retain a sense of humanity to show their support of the working class by refusing to engage in the brutal silencing of dissent. The only individuals who remain unaffected by the volatility of capitalism, globalization, and the stock market are those who are getting richer from furthering the disparity of all workers through calculated economic calamity. We support all of our brave fellow workers on the front lines of this occupation throughout the United States, and those like it across the world. We recognize that the true occupying forces are the wealthy ruling classes, their institutions, and the States that legitimize their power. The police and military forces that protect their masters' wealth and power are just as guilty as their masters. Only by uniting and standing together as a class can we take back our streets and our workplaces."

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO (AFSCME)

"A clear message is now being sent to Wall Street: Priority # 1 should be rebuilding Main Street, not fueling the power of corporate CEOs and their marionette politicians. We stand in solidarity with those protesting Wall Street's greed. The economy that has wrecked so many lives, obliterated jobs, and left millions of Americans homeless and hopeless is the fault of banks that gamble with our future. Their reckless pursuit of profits, at the expense of working families' pursuit of the American Dream, must come to an end."

LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

"The most valuable asset in America isn't Wall Street, it is working people. Yet in America today, millions of working people are jobless and are losing their homes, their hopes and their dreams. Meanwhile, corpora tions are making record profits and the most profitable among them pay no taxes, shifting more wealth from the working and middle class to the rich... Wall Street caused our economic crisis, and yet corporations are attempting to force working people to pay for it. The only way to turn back the assault is to strengthen unions and build movements, such as Occupy Wall Street."

OCCUPY! Bring instruments, food, blankets, bedding, rain gear, and your friends.

THINGS YOU CAN DO NOW

2 SPREAD THE WORD

- Download, print, display, and share flyers: nycga.net/resources/media
- Twitter: #occupywallstreet #occupytogether Facebook: OccupyWallSt.

DONATE.

- Visit nycga.net/donate
- Make a tax-deductable donation to the New York City General Assembly.
- You can also mail a check or money order to: Alliance for Global Justice, 1247 "E" Street, SE Washington, DC, 20003. Please indicate "Occupy Wall Street" in the memo line. Or call 202 544 9355 to make a telephone donation.
- On Twitter: #needsoftheoccupiers
- If you are in the area come by and drop off: prepared food, non perishable food (vegan and gluten free so anyone can eat it), sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks.
- You can mail packages to us:
- UPS Store, 118A Fulton St. #205 New York, NY, 10038

4 FOLLOW THE OCCUPATION

- nycga.net
- occupywallst.org
- takethesquare.net
- occupytogether.org
- wearethe99percent.tumblr.com
- Follow on Twitter: @occupywallstnyc, @nycsep17, @occupywallst

5 EDUCATE YOURSELF historyisaweapon.com



handling and what he jokingly called "city planning" issues at Liberty.

On a recent morning, Cooper was preparing to mark off a corridor through the jumble of air mattresses and tarps using colored tape, to accommodate visitors and commuters who traverse the park to get to work. He was concerned some people wouldn't move from their places, but said he wouldn't force them if they refused. The best strategy: "to keep the place so organized and neat and tidy that those who aren't into

Perhaps it's ironic: here are protestors, often characterized as antiauthority, who are surrounded by the NYPD, yet who have created their own version of the police.

"We're revolutionary, but at the same time we have common sense," said Burke. "If we're just revolutionwill sweep the park."

BY DAN GLASS

DESIGN

Zak Greene Anna Gold Elizabeth Henley

SUBMISSIONS, INQUIRIES, COMMENTS AND FOOD: **OCCUPYMEDIA@GMAIL.COM**

AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION

"These young people are speaking for the vast majority of Americans who are frustrated by the bankers and brokers who have profited on the backs of hard working people... Transit riders have paid with record fare increases and service cuts. How dare they demand that we coddle the rich while poor people are losing their benefits and millions are becoming poor? ATU locals around the country plan to ramp up support by participating in similar Occupy events across the country."

UNITED STEELWORKERS

"The United Steelworkers union, North America's largest industrial union with 1.2 million active and retired members, stands in solidarity with and strongly supports Occupy Wall Street. The brave men and women, many of them young people without jobs, who have been demonstrating around-the-clock for three weeks in New York City, are speaking out for the many in our world. We are fed up with the corporate greed, corruption and arrogance that have inflicted pain on far too many for far too long. Our union has been standing up and fighting these captains of finance who promote Wall Street over Main Street. We know firsthand the devastation caused by a global economy where workers, their families, the environment and our futures are sacrificed so that a privileged few can make more money on everyone's labor but their own."



FOLEY SQUARE, OCT 5. PHOTO: Jen Ross

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Alberta tar sands. The atmosphere it's also hard to figure out how to do cannot absorb the amount of carbon we are putting into it, creating dangerous warming. The new normal is serial disasters: economic and ecological.

These are the facts on the ground. They are so blatant, so obvious, that it is a lot easier to connect with the public than it was in 1999, and to build the movement quickly.

We all know, or at least sense, that the world is upside down: we act as if there is no end to what is actually finite - fossil fuels and the atmospheric space to absorb their emissions. And we act as if there are strict and immovable limits to what is actually bountiful – the financial resources to build the kind of society we need.

The task of our time is to turn this around: to challenge this false scarcity. To insist that we can afford to build a decent, inclusive society - while at the same time, respect the real limits to what the earth can take.

What climate change means is ing less. that we have to do this on a deadline. This time our movement cannot get distracted, divided, burned out or swept away by events. This time we have to succeed. And I'm not talking about regulating the banks and increasing taxes on the rich, though that's important.

I am talking about changing the underlying values that govern our society. That is hard to fit into a

of energy on the planet, like the single media-friendly demand, and it. But it is no less urgent for being difficult.

> That is what I see happening in this square. In the way you are feeding each other, keeping each other warm, sharing information freely and providing health care, meditation classes and empowerment training. My favorite sign here says "I care about you." In a culture that trains people to avoid each other's

> gaze, to say, "Let them die," that is a deeply radical statement. We have picked a fight with the most powerful economic and political forces on the planet. That's frightening. And as this movement grows from strength to strength, it will get more frightening. Always be aware that there will be a temptation to shift to smaller targets—like, say, the person next to you. Don't give into the temptation. This time, let's treat each other as if we plan to work side by side in struggle for many, many years to come. Because the task before will demand noth-

Let's treat this beautiful movement as if it is the most important thing in the world. Because it is. It really is.

BY NAOMI KLEIN

from a speech delivered Oct. 6 in Liberty Square