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Philadelphia Joins the Revolution!

"Occupy Now" Moves into Philadelphia

By John Freeman

October 6, 2011 Philadelphia, PA - After nearly two weeks of planning and two public meetings, the grass roots members of Occupy Philadelphia claimed their first piece of Pennsylvania real estate. Occupy Philadelphia officially staked out their territory this morning at City Hall within earshot of the Mayor. As of 11:00 am early estimates put the fledgling occupation at around 500 participants.

Following in the footsteps of the activists, students, union members, and the curious occupying Wall St., the Philly movement has taken hold. I have more questions than answers at this point. Are they really here to stay until we see some radical change in the way the government operates in this country? Floating around the internet are lists of grievances or demands that they hope are addressed. Are they too ambitious? Is their focus too broad? Will it grow? What do they hope to achieve? Time will tell.

Media personality and sympathizer, Dylan Ratigan's recent "mic-check" rant at Occupy Wall St., rightly encouraged the protestors to narrow their focus on the cause of the problems that we face today; simply put, the collusion between the financial sector and our federal government. He correctly articulates that our government is owned by both parties. I will take his position one step further. He uses the term "financial sector." He should have been a little more specific. The real culprit behind the economic collapse, the decline of the dollar, the endless militarism abroad, and the ultimate beneficiaries of the congressional bailouts were largely the member banks of the privately held Federal Reserve System.

It is the Federal Reserve and its member banks that own both parties in Washington. It was former Goldman Sachs chief, then Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, in concert with then New York Fed hit man, now Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who orchestrated and forced the bailouts. Behind closed doors, Paulson threatened Congress martial law for non-compliance.



With its digital money creation, the Federal Reserve is the enabler of congressional deficit spending that funds the Military Industrial Complex abroad and the ever expanding domestic police state, all while we suffer at home. The Fed allows Washington to prop up and support brutal dictators around the globe, and murder 10's of thousands of people of color, in the name of "spreading democracy" or "humanitarian assistance." Most members of Congress and the executive branch are complicit in this deceit and oppression.

It's time for the occupiers to laser focus their energy and intentions on those that are behind the problems that face society. Forget Wall St. as a whole. Strike the root. The Fed is the problem. They murder abroad, we suffer at home. The Fed owns Wall St. and Washington. Occupy the Fed. End the Fed. End the Wars. End the oppression. End the economic slavery. 📢

*"There are a thousand
hacking at the branches of
evil to one who is striking
at the root."*

— Henry David Thoreau

Ending Corporatism

By Ralph A. McKittrick

Corporations are bad. Really bad. These faceless behemoths wield an inordinately large influence over society and our government. By demanding huge bailouts, they warp the political process while sucking the life out of taxpayers. Why should you and I be forced to pay for their mistakes? The world would be a better place if these money-losers were left to go bankrupt. Let them be their own victim, not you and me.

Not only do they lobby a corrupt Congress to steal our money with bailouts, the men and women who run corporations are held above the law. They are shielded by law from any legal liability they may have for damaging the environment or hurting consumers. For example, when the Exxon Valdez spilled millions of gallons of crude oil off the Alaskan coast, one of the worst environmental disasters in American history, no one--NO ONE--went to prison for the crime. Instead, Exxon was merely fined less than a billion dollars, even though they earned over \$30 billion in profits last year. Is that fair?

The solution to corporatism, and the crimes corporations commit, is to end corporatism! Instead of having some legal fiction responsible for environmental disasters, the individual men and women who run the corporation should be held liable. They should face imprisonment and personal bankruptcy for the crimes they commit, just as any normal person would. By eliminating their corporate personhood, the CEO's would surely think twice before deciding to break the law or trash the environment. But will our corrupt Congress ever change the law? Not while they remain in the deep pockets of the corporations.

We demand an end to corporatism and corporate personhood. We demand an end to corporate contributions to political campaigns. We demand that the criminals, not the corporation, be held liable for their crimes. We demand a better America! 📢

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An open letter and warning from a former tea party movement adherent to the Occupy Wall Street movement.

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from an open letter posted on Reddit by vaslittlecrow. To read the full letter and to comment, please visit: <http://redd.it/kyjo2>.

1- The media will initially and purposely avoid covering your dissenting movement to cause confusion about what your movement is about within mainstream audiences. This is to enrage you and make you appear unreasonable, and perhaps even invisible.

2 - While the obfuscation is happening, stooges will infiltrate and give superficial support, focus and financial backing to the targeted movement. In the tea party movement's case, it was the religious Republicans and Koch Brothers

I am sharing these observations, so you guys know what's going on and can prevent the media from succeeding in painting you as violent slacker hippies rebelling without a cause, or from having the movement be hijacked by a bunch of corporatists seeking to twist the movement's original intentions.

In this case, it's the public sector unions (the organizations as quasi-human entities, not the members themselves) and ultra-rich liberals who pretend to care, but frankly do not serve liberators and freedom seekers but rather the interests of those who run the public sector unions and the Democratic Party. Democrat, Republican, these parties are all part of the same corporate ruling system. Case in point: <http://www.debates.org/>

3 - The media will cover the movement only after this infiltration succeeds. Once the infiltration is completed the MSM will manufacture public media antipathy towards the movement by using selective focus on the movement's most repulsive elements or infiltrators on the corporate Conservative media side, while the corporate Liberal media will create a more sympathetic tragic hero image -- this is the flip side of the tea party, but same media manipulation tactics. I go into greater detail on this tactic: <http://vaslittlecrow.com/blog/2011/09/08/how-the-media-and-ideological-groups-manipulate-your-beliefs/>

4- Someone in the Democratic Party will feign sympathy for the movement and falsely "non-partisan" entities provide tons of funding and unwanted organization, just as was done with the tea party movement by Republicans. Once people assume that the pro-corporate government operatives are their friends, they will hijack the movement and the threat of your movement will be neutralized.

If this new Occupy Wall Street movement is to survive, here's what needs to be done.

1 - Loudly denounce violence and disavow the

violent rabblers of the movement. They do not help the cause.

2 - Be image conscious. Present your best face and call out those who act like fools within the movement. People are more likely to pay attention to you in your Sunday dress and bringing homemade food, than when you are drinking a bottle of Snapple and chomping on Big Macs while you are looking like a slacker rich hipster/unwashed hippie stereotype.

3 - Accept that you've already been infiltrated by the corporate-funded government, and work hard to say, and state what your movement is and is not about. "No, this isn't about unions or Liberals, conservatives or bored spoiled brats.

This is about 99% of our population being exploited and manipulated for the sake of profit." "No we will not resort to violence." "Yes, all we want is for the end of government collusion with corporate entities that are illegitimately recognized as people." And, so forth...

4 - Don't forget who you are as the illusions are thrown at you. Corporatists are masters of illusions. That's the most powerful weapon they have. That's how they sell products you don't need and convince you to justify accepting atrocities for the sake of products. Don't fall for it. Otherwise, your cause will be lost. Be wary of large donations from special interest groups or non-profit corporations that were not involved in this movement from the inception. Special interest groups are not your allies. Non-profit corporations are still corporations, and unfortunately, too many of them care more about donations than doing the right thing. Killing a movement with kindness is easy.

5- Remain independent and focused. If you can, pick a face to represent your movement. Rosa Parks wasn't just a random lady in a bus. <http://l3d.cs.colorado.edu/systems/agentsheets/New-Vista/bus-boycott/> -- She was chosen. You too can use the power of illusion against those who

oppose you.

I wish your movement better luck than we had with the tea party movement before it got hijacked by the theocrats and corporatists. We used to be non-partisan too. We were the older version of you. But, I believe that as the media apparatus and infiltrators start to twist your cause, you will understand the frustration us early adopter tea partiers felt and that we were not your enemy after all. A fascist oligarchy on the verge of winning is our common enemy. This should be your focus. **Don't be dazzled by the illusion as we were. For the sake of our future, know who you are.** 📢

Who are we?

What do we want?

By Earnest H.

These are the questions we are asked over and over again and the answer is both complex and simple. We are people who have lost good jobs and are out of work, we are students who haven't been able to find a job, we are veterans, and we are just people paying attention. The simple answer is we are Americans who see something has gone horribly wrong.

What we want is an end to the corporatism which clogs and twists our political process, what we want are good jobs being created, what we want is a fair system that treats everyone the same and that does it without forcing us into little boxes designed by other people. The simple answer is we want the system that takes the money and resources of the 99% and funds 1% by corporate bailouts and everyday corporate welfare to stop and go away forever.

We all have different reasons for why we arrived here and why we want the system to go away and we may have different ideas of what that better world looks like without this system of theft, but we all have come here united in a common cause of peace and respect and when we talk to our brothers and sisters on the street with us and everyone who comes by to talk to us -- we need to remember why we are here and communicate with the idea of peace in our mind and mutual respect in our hearts. 📢

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