

What is #OCCUPYWALLSTREET :

Occupy Wall Street (OWS) is a leaderless people-powered movement for democracy that began in America on September 17 with an encampment in the financial district of New York City. Inspired by the Egyptian Tahrir Square uprising and the Spanish acampadas, we vow to end the monied corruption of our democracy. Our protests are against social and economic inequality, high unemployment, greed, corruption, and the undue influence of corporations—particularly from the financial services sector—on government.

People from all across the United States of America and the world have come to protest the blatant injustices of our times perpetuated by the economic and political elites. On October 6th individuals of Austin rose up against political disenfranchisement and social and economic injustice. We spoke out, resisted, and successfully occupied. Today, we proudly remain, 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.



Occupy Austin Solidarity Statement GA Consensus 10/5 :

“We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who occupy Wall Street and occupy around the world. We are dedicated to non-violently reclaiming control of our governments from the financial interests that have corrupted them. We demand that our public servants recognize that the people are the supreme authority.”

Occupy Austin Goals & Demands GA Consensus 10/7 :

“This movement is about democracy. We demand that the government be truly responsive to those it represents. We demand an end to the massive corporate influence blocking the voice of the people by eliminating corporate personhood and limiting monetary contributions to political campaigns and lobbying.”

“This movement is about economic security. We demand effective reforms to prevent banks and financial institutions from causing future economic crises.”

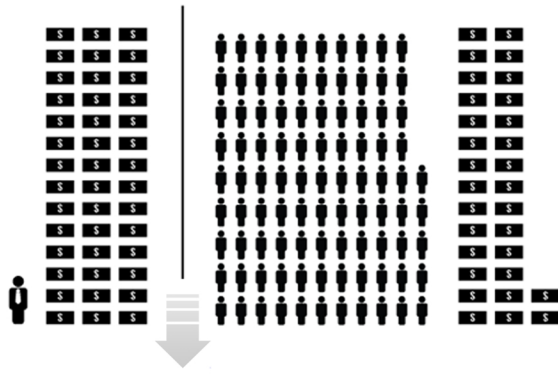
“This movement is about corporate responsibility. We demand strict repercussions for corporations and institutions who cause serious financial damage to our country and its taxpayers.”

“This movement is about financial fairness. We demand tax reforms to ensure that corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share in taxes.”

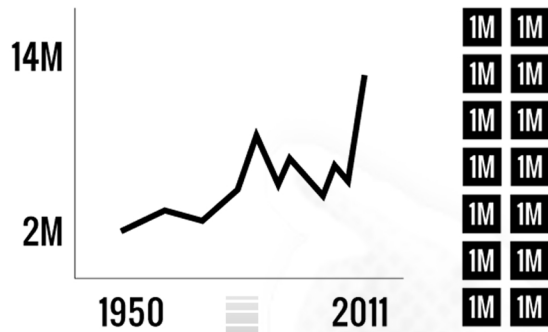
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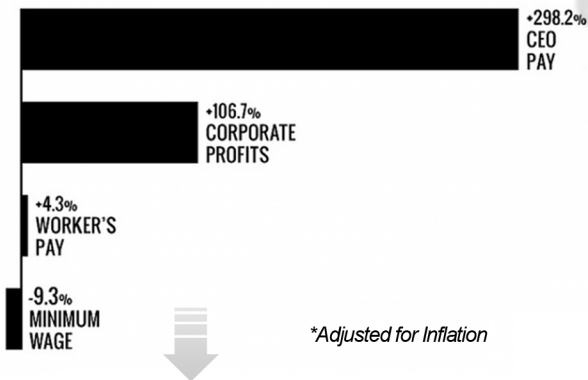
What is the 99% - Know the Facts :



The Top 1% Own 42% of American Wealth
More Than the Bottom 95% Combined.



14 Million Americans Are Unemployed
and Want Jobs - the Most Since 1940!!!



Since 1990, CEO Pay Has Increased 300%
While Minimum Wage Has Gone Down.*

Who are the 99% :

Simply put... the 99% is you!

The 1% is reserved for top level executives, CEOs, bankers, stock traders, politicians and mostly people who were born very wealthy.

As of 2011, 47% of the U.S. Congress and 67% of the Senate are members of the 1%.

There is a vast concentration of wealth among the top 1% of income earners compared to the other 99%. We the people are paying the price for the mistakes of a tiny minority and especially the .01% - 400 people - who control our entire political process.

We are the 99 percent. We are getting kicked out of our homes. We are forced to choose between groceries and rent. We are denied quality medical care. We are suffering from environmental pollution. We are working long hours for little pay and no rights, if we are working at all. We are getting nothing while the other 1 percent is getting away with corporate crimes and not paying taxes. We are the 99 percent... we are you!

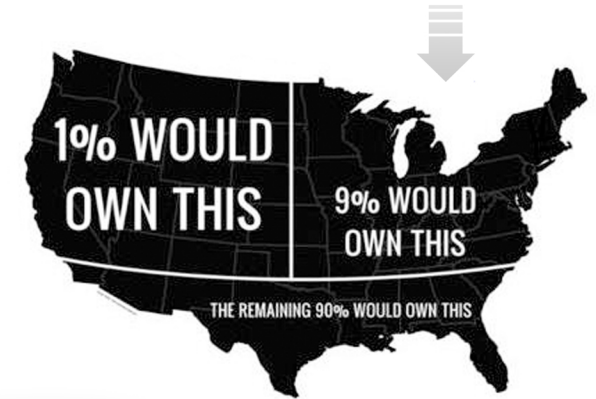
“We have a society in which money is increasingly concentrated in the hands of a few people, and in which that concentration of income and wealth threatens to make us a democracy in name only.”

- Economics Nobel Prize winner Dr. Paul Krugman

“Our financial industry has grown so large and rich it has corrupted our real institutions through political donations. Our Congress today is a forum for legalized bribery.”

- 3-time Pulitzer Prize winning writer Thomas Friedman

If U.S. Land Were Divided like U.S. Wealth...



99% = You... What Can You Do :

Educate Yourself : The 1% controls all major media companies. It is up to you to know what is happening in our political process by educating yourself via the internet and independent media.

Move Your Money & Spend Wisely : The 1% is still dependent upon your compliance. Move your money from a corporate bank to a local credit union and spend your dollars locally so that we can grow local business and help the local economy.

Know Your Rights : The United States Constitution was written to protect all of us. Educate yourself on what your rights are and don't be afraid to exercise them with integrity.

Participate : Join Occupy Austin and occupy the space you're in by discussing these realities with the people you know. We have many different ways you can contribute towards positive change. Visit our website calendar for a complete list of events, teach-ins and more:

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