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Sorry about the spelling.

My life.

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personally

What's Changed

in society

What's Possible Now?

- view of the police
- more politically aware + active
- increase in abolitionist approach
- increased self discipline
- increased social skills ^{meeting skills} like jazz hands ^{progressive}
- more commitment to anarchy (no De Facto leaders)
- more tokenism + scapegoating
- society in Australia has got worse
- enriching experience personally
- horizontal leadership is possible.
- more radical non-violence.
- new skills
- more radicalized political theory
- build personal networks
- Nothing (maybe shift in public discourse)
- would a re-occupation be necessary to see if society has change.
- > American Republic propaganda
- > Police responses. Attitudes towards police.

- Broad network of autonomous groups + collectives... form the base and infrastructure for Australia wide social movement. Building new world.
- Self organising Community.
- > International.
- More experienced activists
- Minority government -> more progressive government
- Targeted + tactical
- Supportive community actions in public space.
- > taking the bits that worked and do them well.
- Free school. Lectures.

What's Changed

- Believing another world is possible
- Personal consumption, lifestyle (fair trade, squatting)
- More negative view of authority
- Difficulties of organising; dealing with oppressive behaviour
- Cross-class discussions; cross-race etc
- Stopped participating in stuff perpetuating injustice
- exposure of illegitimacy of social structures
- priorities, more money than I need

What's Possible Now?

- More enthusiasm for a collective world
- Clarifying
- More confidence
- step taken
- New affinity groups, resistance
- Do anything now
- Strikes

Beginning of Global Econ. Depression
→ will generate ↑ level of Activism

What's Changed

Nothing. - 'society is the same as it was'
 I had many personal issues which came to a head at Occupy (Bob's Church) - I got a lot personal help/support
 Very Positive, Very helpful to my Personal Life
 People were unaware of the personal assistance they have given me.
 None Friends. Feel a bit of Disappointment of Melb. gov. People
 Social Circle larger. Being around a younger generation - interesting
 Has been good. being able to share intergenerational experiences
 when I was in my 20s it was such a substantially different world.
 → I see Occupy as being part of a much broader shift such as Seattle, Indignados,
 I see how much the world is CHANGING
 I'm aware of the level of Dissatisfaction - / our way of life. It's part of the vernacular now 1% / 99%
 It's important to be aware of different types of Political Activity (eg Housing) around the world.
 I don't think Rapid change in Society / economic system was going to happen overnight - It's too Early
 It's going to take time. It's a new movement
 Activist Community of which Occupy is a part.
 Redirection of the Focus of Political Goals - Corporate Elite
 Occupy has brought something new to existing Activism

It's only Just Begun What's Possible Now?

Emergence of Different / Specific Focus causes such as
 Environ, Housing, Indigenous Sovereignty
 'My Life is Perfect - I've changed the world'
 Proponents of
 Opposition to Change - we now clearly identified
 on this becoming an entity (less than 12 months old)
 Answering what ails our economic system
 It's possible for us to win some court cases
 Nothing - as a result of first Column
 Everything is still possible...
 A greater level of Connectivity - / other groups
 - Joining & Supporting Existing Causes
 - what are the groups doing similar thing - to us - that we can Join
 Affinity Groups - provided Fresh Blood

-thinking about the end of capitalism...

Said Nicola

What's Changed

What's Possible Now?

- Ken Lay got a job - police got a pay rise

- FIU turn up all the time!

- political dialogue changed - more in US - London

- IT'S ON!

- sense of contestation

- op ed
- commentary
- 99/170 study of dialogue
- 90% media ownership
- 90% subsidies to fossil fuels
- kitchen
- logistics
- learning

- movement skills

- FACT

- legal support

- people jump involved for the first time

- personal change

- easier to have political discussions
- confidence

- living proof of alternatives
- another world is possible!

- feel alive! riding the wave!!
- "you're only alive to the extent you resist!"
- faith

- meeting people
- sense of hope/potential

- came out of eviction struggles

- proof that there is a master behind the veil - the state is evil!!

- BRING IT ON! GAM E ON BITCHES!!

- people saw what was possible for these 6 days in City Sq.

- solidarity with other movements

- not quite a revolution...

- re-engaging people & skilling them up - ~~activist~~ local tent embassies - providing solidarity.

- different tactics ->

- building direct democracy -> practice facilitation skills

- week long occupation ->

- for alternative living practices - thinking about alt. economies / solidarity economies

- dumpster diving

- permaculture

- medic skills / supplies

- alliance (social centers, loophole etc.)

- affinity group - capacity for more to form

- movement building -> activist training etc.

- global networking -> affinity groups -> skills

- DFJ, twitter, networks / skype -> spokes councils

-> resources / networks

-> activist history

- survival skills / end of the world!

- community to be resilient

- court case - social change not as a stroke but a joy!

understanding & trust, organization & support, group of people

What's Changed

Personal
 Clarification of ideas & increased confidence in expressing these ideas. An increased commitment to ideas.
 Increased personal resilience
 Learning experiences ~ increased understanding of complex social issues - e.g. homelessness.
 Overcoming fear of social engagements, public speaking
 Personal friendships & relationships. Horizons shifting.
 Optimism Expansion of ideas.
 Real life demonstrations of confronting social realities such as the impact of the state, etc.
 Shift in personal political ideologies to an anti-state radical ideology. Expansion of personal networks.

Social
 Distrust of mainstream media Self organization
 Public engagement w/ direct politics democracy & radical engagement
 People discussing issues in way the lingo of the 99% & 'Occupy' North American movement - not enough homegrown 'roots' in Australia: perhaps a lack of relevance.
 Collective consciousness
 Has changed the way we think about things in mainstream & our own social realities.

What's Possible Now?

Anything's possible.
 The experience of last spring has demonstrated that anything's possible.
 Close knit community is possible
 There is a commitment to organization, reflection & a possibility of doing things in a more thoughtful & effective way
 Ends-oriented notion of justice & equality as opposed to formal equality.
 A successful 'occupy' is possible ~ practically & theoretically.
 A stronger idea of direct democracies, grassroots anarchism ~ a different kind of left politics
 Relationship between change & possibility
 Will a second opportunity come?
 It is possible to get more experiences, to build more links & to learn from each other.

Existence of a community itself. Skills for a social movement

Personal

What's Changed

What's Possible Now?

- Passion is strong for a better community and government
- Motivated to be more political
- More decisive = more contributive
- More engaged - involved
- More **AWARE** of ^{of attractions of} ~~of~~ ^{scale} **global wide** scale ^{committed to} for (change)
- ~~to~~ **the FANCY too much**
- **explode**
- Everything
- better leadership = very vocal
- resistance is ~~not~~ **fertile**
- More aware of **PATHWAYS**
- **Burnout/Disillusion**

- other events; the creation; motivation; generate organic growth; Action; fight more within city or outside; new ways of looking at the world;
- ~~the~~ **circle of Agency = Agency = Activism**
- spontaneous organization
- the impact of making a significant protest in the place that it's needed.

Social

- create a public **interest, awareness**
- Always **ASK questions**
- Media interest, **equality awareness**
- **equality!**
- legal matter = down to the record books
- help form a collective to perform each other
- council review of their bylaws = **How charter**
- ~~inspiration~~ **inspiration to change**

- Occupy Friday or Saturday or the structure of having a lot of workshop about political
- social - economic = awareness, change or equality
- A place to protest
- the development of other occupation into one (unity)
- solidarity with other movement