

The American People's New Economic Charter



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[Declaration of the Occupation of New York City, 9/30/2011](#)

A Crowd-sourced Expression of Popular Will - Created by & for the 99%

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At present, due to the crowd-sourcing nature of the drafting process so far, the contents of the APNEC reflect the direct input of a wide variety and large number of individuals, and can therefore be expected to be contradictory, of uneven editorial quality, ideologically diverse, academically more or less qualified, and of varying degrees of seriousness and commitment. Such characteristics are inherent to the process of crowd-sourcing at this stage.

In the spirit of democracy, inclusiveness, respect for our diversity, and our patriotic duty as Americans to advocate for what we individually believe will serve the common good of our nation, we will continue for a time to welcome input to the APNEC in the crowd-sourcing method described above, and will in a subsequent phase endeavor to collaboratively edit it so that a practical, responsible action plan emerges that fairly and reasonably reflects the hopes and needs of the 99%, responds to the Declaration of the Occupation of New York City, and charts a course for our nation away from its current crises and toward a better future.

- The Charter Collaborative, Monday, October 10, 2011

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The American People's New Economic Charter

A Crowd-sourced Expression of Popular Will

*Produced in Support of and in Solidarity with
the September 2011 Occupation of Wall Street (OWS)*

Charter project started: September 29, 2011

Editing Rules

1. This text belongs to the American People.
2. This is an experiment in total inclusion and transparency - crowd-sourcing a declaration of the economic changes that the 99% want to see come out of the Occupy Wall Street movement.
3. The "Declarations" may not be changed, since they originated with the Wall Street Occupation on 9/29. The "Demands" may be modified and developed.
4. Everyone is invited to contribute to this document in a constructive manner. We are developing a process to support this.
5. You may chat anonymously or with an identity; **to join the Charter Collaborative and be identified in the chat window and edit the document**, please send your email address to ralph@meima.com.
6. Before you make a change to the text, please carefully consider whether it is necessary.
7. Keep it brief.
8. Consider the "guardrails" below; a consensus about them will be established in order to facilitate the development of this Charter into a useful action plan representative of the 99%.
9. Please keep discussion and editorial commentary to the chat window or to inserted comments (both in the margin), not in the main text. **NOTE: Click on the small down-arrow at Top-Right next to the Other Viewers count to see the ongoing chat stream.**
10. You are encouraged to identify yourself in the "Signed" section, below, as an editor or supporter.
11. You are encouraged to make backups of this. Make sure you date- and time-stamp them. They might come in useful, if this document or parts of it are intentionally or accidentally wiped out, which has already occurred several times.

Content Guardrails

In the hope that this Charter will become a useful resource for national economic renewal, and not merely an artifact of academic interest or the paper trail of a brief, intense social media experiment, the following Content Guardrails are proposed, to guide the editing of the content of the Charter. As one way of establishing consensus about the Content Guardrails, we have set up a [New Economic Charter site in Facebook](#) where it is possible to vote on the proposed guardrails, and propose additional ones.

Proposed Content Guardrails are listed below.

Vote on whether you agree or disagree with each of the 11 proposed guardrails in the Charter's [companion Facebook site](#). Select "Guardrails Survey" in the left column, and view results after you answer the questions.

1. Actions must be primarily concerned with the **economy**; this is an economic charter.
2. Actions must be consistent with a **democratic** system of government.
3. Actions must adhere to the US **Bill of Rights** and the rule of Constitutional law.
4. Actions must not lead to or involve **discrimination** based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity or orientation, age, perceived intelligence, or disability.
5. Actions must only **resort to government** intervention at any level when the voluntary efforts of free individuals and organizations have been reasonably exhausted.
6. Actions should not interfere with the efficient functioning of a **market economy**, the allocation of capital, and incentives for innovators, entrepreneurs, investors, and consumers as long as basic welfare and genuine opportunity for the entire American people are served.
7. Actions should not create **perverse market incentives** that move capital to privileged sectors or interests that then gain an incentive to use that capital to manipulate society for their own narrow interests.
8. Actions should not promote conditions that lead to the **corruption** of public servants.
9. Actions should not involve **utopian** solutions
10. Actions should not privilege or guarantee the leadership of any **political party**, organization, or individual.
11. Actions should foster the creation of a **just, healthy, ecologically sustainable, economically secure, and globally responsible** American society.

Charter Project Management Timetable

Note: = task completed

Report back to Charter Collaborative via email: about 10/5 visit to OWS at Liberty Park, Thursday, October 6 :

Conference call to discuss 10/5 OWS visit, status of Charter, next steps: Friday, 10/7, 11 AM EDT (Eastern US) Dial-in Number: +1 (712) 451-6175, Participant Access Code: 611748#

Meetups at OWS NYC, Liberty Plaza: Thursday, October 13 (Times TBA) MAY BE SHIFTED TO EARLY NEXT WEEK DUE TO SCHEDULING ISSUES AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Next Conference Call: Friday, October 14, 8 am Pacific/11 am Eastern - Dial-in Number: +1 (712) 451-6175, Participant Access Code: 611748#

Agenda

- Quick check-ins
- Results of 10/13 meetup in NYC
- Status of First Full Draft
- Moving to software platform with greater capacity and functionality
- Next communication solution
- General issue: expanding participation and inclusiveness

First Full Draft: Friday, October 14
Issue news release

First Editorial Review Team Sign up, October 15
Issue invitation

Second Draft: Friday, October 28

Second Editorial Review Team Sign up, October 29

Final Draft: Friday, November 18
Issue news release

Vote of Ratification by OWS: Sunday, November 20
Do we want to use a General Assembly for this?
Do we want this to occur in a physical location or online?

Call to Action

Our country is no longer able to function as a safe, productive, and sane place in which its citizens are able to dwell in peace and love. Poverty and illness continue with no seeming end in sight, crime increases, including shootings of our public servants and other citizens by the mentally ill, and recently, citizens have lost pensions, savings, homes, and health coverage, due to the actions of other disturbed brothers and sisters of our society: corporations whose main value is excessive greed. If these gigantic, larger-than-life corporations want to be regarded as "people," we refuse to allow them to sell us harmful products that tread on our Constitutional rights. If they want to be regarded as "people," we want them first to go to Church. We do not believe in a future "rapture;" we believe in a decent quality of life for all citizens in the present. We want corporations to be upstanding, compassionate, and honorable citizens, not crooks who slip through legal loopholes to profit enormously off innocent people. [Please help tighten this language and create the sense of RAGE and PASSION we feel about having been ripped off!]

Our county was functioning well when people were content to live simply and with regard for others. Corporate greed and lust, demonstrated by its honoring of abusive citizens who take drugs, harm others, denigrate women, and sell harmful, monopolized products, has gone so far that ordinary citizens awake each day to crime, skyrocketing expenses, an unhealthy and dying planet, and lack of accountability. We have finally had enough! The time has come in which our basic human rights - life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness - are restored. Having lived in an environment of greed and fear so long, we can barely envision this kind of world; yet it exists in places on earth, and many of our very own leaders have described how to attain it. Over our 235-year history, we have come to realize that all of our citizens must now, and forever, have fair and equal access to the basic essentials of life and all that the individual requires to flourish in a free society, including the prospect of real economic opportunity.

Thus, we have set out to establish this new Economic Charter, to restore our rights and to restore dignity to our children, our elderly, our veterans and ourselves. Some of our ideas may be untried or naive, however, the framers of this document have also been subject to the malfeasance of our society, and care to speak up for the 99% of us who have been affected and are in support of OWS.

The degree of manipulation by the largest stakeholders in our society, public and private alike, of the U.S. and the global economy, shows that corporations no longer serve the common good. We therefore demand:

- *The restoration of a government responsive to the will of the people, rather than to the will of the financier;*

- That a corporation’s ethical and moral responsibilities be stated in all descriptions, documentation, and legally binding literature along with their fiduciary obligations to shareholders. There will be no more “loopholes,” such as risky and expensive mortgage derivatives, that allow banks and corporations to intentionally harm consumers. These responsibilities will become legally binding;
- The U.S. government include war, and all currently undeclared expenses, as part of its published, transparent, national budget.
- An end to the routine corruption of our democracy by self-serving politicians, campaign contributors, lobbyists, and complicit media.

With the above in mind, We, the participating 99% of the American people represented on the streets at OWS and in similar occupations across America, undertake to democratically craft and present this Economic Charter.

Preamble

This is a dynamic document, originating in the September 29th “[Declaration of the Occupation of New York City](#),” having crowd-sourced contributions from xxx participants. The document includes **Declarations** to describe the problems that need to be solved and **Demands** which put forward policy directions that can be used to address the Declaration. Proposed solutions evolve: as more voices join our cause, new ideas are presented, and new situations arise in the rapidly changing economic environment. This is desired behavior; one of the principal failures of the current American political system is deadlock between two parties, each handcuffed to particular outcomes -- the ones sought by the special interests financing their campaign. Some declarations are answered with various, sometimes conflicting, and evolving demands; others are answered with demands with a high degree of consensus and which stand unchanged through multiple editing cycles. Those demands with a high degree of consensus have been highlighted in cyan.

A NEW ECONOMY: DECLARATIONS & DEMANDS

[In the table below are the statements from the September 29th “[Declaration of the Occupation of New York City](#)” that **specifically pertain to economic policy and business practices**, along with our crowd-sourced ideas and comments about how each can be achieved.]

<p>SOURCE: September 29th “Declaration of the Occupation of New York City”</p>	<p>ACTIONS: I.e., What actions do the Declarations require/ suggest?</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">DECLARATIONS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE DO NOT EDIT ANYTHING IN THE NEXT SECTION OF THIS COLUMN;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All numbered items originated in the Declaration of the Occupation of New York, drafted by the OWS occupiers at Liberty Plaza</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“Policy directions that can be used to address the Declaration”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: To make this truly useful, and help us understand the balance between governmental and libertarian (i.e., voluntary individual or organizational/business) solutions in what emerges, please indicate whether the demand for action is directed at <u>government</u>, <u>organizations</u> (voluntary), or <u>individuals</u> (voluntary)</p>
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<p>1. The 1% takes our houses without holding the original mortgages, through illegal foreclosure processes.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>Declare an immediate moratorium on all foreclosures until after the 2012 US presidential election for households earning less than \$150,000 a year. [gov]</p> <p>If taxes must be applied to recover losses of the current market situation, may we strongly suggest and or require a substantial tax on all sales or transfer of mortgages and their combination into mortgage-backed securities.</p> <p>The revenue created by collection of these taxes may provide immediate relief funds for homeless citizens and dislocated parties born from this lingering crash.</p> <p>Make sure such foreclosure processes are legal to further encourage banks to offer mortgages in the first place. [unclear because it might read like this; Disclose or make available all documentation pertaining to original mortgage, including original contract with original lender. If those documents have been disposed of due to fire, or other natural disaster or the relocation of business or other unusual circumstance, lender must reverse the mortgage or pay the signee.</p> <p>End the process of robo-signer. [don't know what this means....let's start a glossary at the bottom...]</p> <p>Mortgages that were <u>securitized</u> from the beginning of the sub prime offers from lending institutions, where mortgagors have not maintained the original title cannot be foreclosed on. Loans originated from lending institutions that are now defunct must cease. (These loans seem fairly similar to loans of a much grander type by the IMF and World Bank to whole countries with the express intent on betting that there would be a default for the sole purpose of</p>
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	<p>absconding real property, something of value for nothing of value; i.e. fiat currency.)</p> <p>Mortgages in default need to be examined carefully for the origination of the loan, type of loan, where that loan and original title document is now and perhaps which financial body reaped profits of any kind from the payments of those loans and ultimate foreclosure and fire sale of that real property.</p> <p>The re-adjustment of real property value for the entire country may need to be part of the moratorium.</p>
<p>2. The 1% takes bailouts from taxpayers with impunity, and continues to give executives exorbitant bonuses.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p> <p>RalphM</p>	<p>Halt all bailouts to financial institutions that are from the big five, Goldman Sachs, Citbank, Chase, BofA, Wells Fargo, not nationally ingrained in a local community or state. These "larger than life" institutions need to redirect funds from their profit sheets on a regular basis to community bank start ups or credit unions to assure economic diversity within the nation to state and county regulations.</p> <p>Introduce a 1% transaction (Tobin) tax on all capital market transactions (Ref. N. Kristof, NYT, 10/1/11, http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/02/opinion/sunday/kristof-the-bankers-and-the-revolutionaries.html) [gv't] NOT ON ALL TRANSACTIONS - just securities markets, currency transactions, futures, options, other derivatives, overnight money markets; NOT checks, ordinary EFT's.</p> <p>iro said in a speech on September 22, 2010, "...high frequency trading firms have a tremendous capacity to affect the stability and integrity of the equity markets. Currently, however, high frequency trading firms are subject to very little in the way of obligations either to protect that stability by promoting reasonable price continuity in tough times, or to refrain from exacerbating price volatility." This is where the big spikes in the daily DJIA come from. [gv't regulating corps?]</p> <p>Invest in large scale public works projects that will provide jobs for the 99%. [gv't]</p> <p>Move our money from banks to credit unions, and from global banks like Citi, BoA, and Wells Fargo to local/regional banks. [gv't]</p>

Invest more locally. [gv't]

New legislation to prevent the bailout of commercial enterprise by action of Congress, the Federal Reserve or Executive Branch. Call it the "Budgetary Restraint Act." [legislative, gv't]

Never, ever let the government recapitalize banks (i.e., bail them out) unless they reveal the **market value** of all of their assets (loans to borrowers) and **mark them to market**. [legislative]
From [The Automatic Earth](#):

A bank should never ever be allowed to sit on its debt and mark it to fantasy and then also receive funding from our governments, whether in bail-outs, hand-outs, loans, special facilities' windows at our central banks, or any other sort of funding, nothing of the kind.

*We need to tell our politicians that they can no longer give even one single penny of ours to any institution that hasn't **marked all of its assets to market**. No exceptions.*

We must demand this in order to prevent our money from being wasted on those banks that have no chance of recovery with the money we might give them. We can't have any more Dexia's, where a bank that passed a stress test mere months ago with flying colors now threatens to bankrupt an entire nation, simply because a huge part of its assets was kept hidden.

[-Possibly lost from before:

[BofA in non-judicial foreclosure case with state of Utah](#)

{The Utah Attorney General said that ReconTrust's exercise of fiduciary powers in the State of Utah is not only a violation of State law, but also applicable federal law.

Read more: [KCSG Television - St George Homeowner Eviction Case Moved to Federal Court](#)}

Close the "[carried interest](#)" and "founders' stock" loopholes,

	<p>which allow our wealthiest citizens to pay very low tax rates by pretending that their labor compensation is a capital gain. (Ref. N. Kristof, NYT, 10/1/11, http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/02/opinion/sunday/kristof-the-bankers-and-the-revolutionaries.html) [new gv't reg on corp?]</p> <p>Place Immediate Ban on all sales of high-frequency trading equipment / repossess units already sold. All trades generated by such devices without modification to monitor integrity of trades will be ignored by the marketplace, as of)(<i>date</i>)</p> <p>all trades having been made by such devices should be entered into a transparent review to demonstrate various flaws and or increased advantages as a study</p> <p>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-frequency_trading) "As SEC Chairman Mary Schap] end lost???</p>
<p>3. The 1% perpetuates inequality and discrimination in the workplace based on age, the color of one's skin, sex, gender identity and sexual orientation.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>Strengthen anti-discrimination laws. [gv't] Get media to scrutinize companies that discriminate (many large firms actually tout their diversity and GLBT acceptance). [I don't think our charter will include media demands] This, of course, implies that the government would be in charge of all media, which should help with distributing such propaganda. [I don't think this is possible]</p> <p>Transparency in pay rate. Where pay is determined by education, results, or production, we want transparency.[not sure if this is relevant - it's an ongoing issue in our country that is one thing that's progressing....????]</p> <p>The adoption and protection of gender identity and sexual orientation within federal anti-discrimination law (Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Laws). [same]</p> <p>End credit background checks conducted by employers and employment agencies. [sounds OK - gv't]</p> <p>Make it an actionable offense for employers to discriminate against the unemployed. [gv't]</p> <p>Disallow names on job applications (http://www.workers.org/2005/us/racist-hiring-0630/).</p>

	<p>Provide an avenue for low- to moderate-income Americans to assert vote. [gv't] [don't think the following is needed, thus] This includes simple guidelines for proving discrimination, improved protections against retribution, and increased access to Legal Aid or other assistance with resolving such breaches of the law.</p>
<p>4. The 1% poisons the food supply through negligence, and undermines the farming system through monopolization.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>Strengthen the FDA. [gv't] (remove profit motive, currently the FDA is underfunded, of course, like so many of our supposed citizens rights or safeguards as globalization has minimized this agencies ability to thoroughly examine various products to what American citizens think they are performing. In fact the FDA and various other government branches have been negligent by omission by not informing the public of dangers that they knew existed but did not want to jeopardize the profits of certain companies.)</p> <p>Remove all subsidies that encourage chemical-intensive industrialized agriculture and the use of GMOs in crops. Remove patent rights on genetic material such as seeds, thereby removing the incentive companies have to invest in new hunger-fighting breeds of crops. [gv't]</p> <p>Use those reclaimed subsidies to implement incentive programs for sustainable, organic land management, and maintenance of genetic diversity in the food system. [this allows the government to pick winners in industry and provides incentive for farm industry to lobby for benefits. The federal government should stay neutral aside from mandating transparency in food to give people the ability to choose on their own rather than centralized government control] [gv't]</p> <p>Ban GMO crops. [this seems a bit extreme. We should demand they be tested for safety and not be used to enforce monopolies, but there is no good basis for an across-the-board ban of [how about we ban them until the testing is complete - as <u>testing</u> is becoming more difficult with continued contamination, if we allow the agencies in charge to carry out testing, rather drag it on for purposes of influencing the public on results, it's like everything else, no safety is required, but law suits only after the fact and the settlements are either denied or disputed for lack of proper documented results.</p>

	<p>All products with GMO material must be labeled.</p> <p>Model the Organic Certifying body after Canada's, where the certifying board is made of elected farmers from the Canadian Organic Growers group and dictate policy for government to enforce, not the other way around. [gv't]</p> <p>Develop alternative agricultural technologies for commercial and community use, such as greenhouse-based hydroponic food systems and communities based on permaculture principles. [I am not sure this is a demand?]</p> <p>Remove all subsidies and specific taxes on food and require transparency in food ingredients, preparation and genetic modifications (if any). [gv't]</p> <p>Redirect subsidies to farms that demonstrate sustainable and socially-just practices. [gv't] [urbaned done to here]</p>
<p>5. The 1% strips employees of the right to negotiate for better pay and safer working conditions.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>Offer tax incentives to those working under a cooperative model (see Mondragon).</p> <p>Make forced arbitration illegal in employment contracts. [This adds an additional risk cost to hiring and may have an unintended consequence of reducing overall employment. This is not a complete dis-qualifier, but should be considered. Employment at it's root is a consensual contractual agreement between employer and employee.]</p> <p>Employers must not be allowed to require employment contracts or policies which penalize employees for lawfully exercising constitutional rights or require unilateral invasion of employee privacy. This includes the employee's right to protect themselves on company property per applicable state laws (2A right to bear arms).</p> <p>Pass a federal right-to-work law to prevent workers from being forced to join unions or contribute to union's political funds.</p>
<p>6. The 1% holds students and our children hostage with</p>	<p>Increase funding for public education. [You will find most of the right, even good non-corporatist conservatives will oppose this at the federal level, any funding for education at the federal</p>

tens of thousands of dollars of debt in student loans. The right to Education is fundamental to both freedom and progress.

[This text should not be edited.]

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level **MUST NOT** be attached to specific curricula or standardized tests. Local communities should be able to decide what is best for their own kids without potential interference from a potentially corrupt Washington.]

Subsidize all student loans.
Get Wall Street out of the private student loan business and maintain fair and reasonable public loans for all students who need them.

Education should be funded with some of the \$2 billion/week that goes to war-funding. At least 50% of it. [This will weaken our military by 50% at least, forcing the rest of the world to pick up the slack. This will in turn cause their economies to tank, taking ours with it. But at least we'll be highly educated.

We will have no military - only defense.]

Socialize undergraduate level college. Make failing impossible to assure that everyone has the same chance in the work place post-college.

Strict oversight and regulation of for-profit colleges, including their use and misuse of Federal funding and student loans.

Require all states to equitably fund education for all populations.

Repeal "No Child Left Behind" [NCLB is basically a corporate \$ maker. Make all education free from cradle-grave. When the reset comes, forgive all student loans.]

Allow individual schools to make decisions with regards to testing of their students. Let parent coordinators be the neutral parties overseeing measurement of student's progress.

Teach character building classes from grade one, measure success based on drive/cooperation/interactions with others, not only final outcome. Impose universal morality for parents who do not participate in raising their children. Remove children from households with parents who refuse to educate them properly.

	<p>Provide credit to secondary students for civic engagement.</p> <p>Forgive student loans for beginning farmers who agree to grow food sustainably for a period; (~5-6 years)</p> <p>Institute "money follows the child" voucher programs. Allow parents to seek out the best educational options for their children in a free-education market.</p> <p>Publicize independent study programs (or create, expand them) in public school districts. Currently they are treated as a dirty little secret, for whatever reason. These allow motivated and disciplined students to do classwork and PE at home (or in public), take electives at any school and community service at any organization, and report to a teacher generally 1x a week year-round. Then they can graduate high school at an earlier age, enter higher education and/or the workforce. (speaking from personal experience)[Is this really an economic issue or demand, or a marketing idea for independent study programs?]</p>
<p>7. The 1% outsources labor and uses it as leverage to cut workers' health care and pay.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>Impose import taxes and tariffs to reflect the externalized costs of cheap foreign labor. Smoot-Hawley then, Smoot-Hawley now, Smoot-Hawley forever.</p> <p>Increase taxes on corporations that outsource American jobs. (This makes perfect sense, corporations leave the country because it's too expensive to operate, so we make it more expensive to operate.)</p> <p>.05% import tax, .05% export tax.that's all</p> <p>Sharpen scrutiny focused on corporate reporting about their total domestic employee numbers vs. foreign employees. Include this on product labeling.</p> <p>No subsidies or incentives will be given to companies that build factories offshore.</p> <p>Labor rights and acknowledgement for current migrant labor in the United States.</p>

<p>8. The 1% influences the courts to let corporations achieve the same rights as people, with none of the culpability or responsibility.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>A corporation never was and never should be afforded the same rights as a person.</p> <p>Strictly limit corporate person-hood to the norm in EU corporate law. See the German definition of how a corporation exists to serve the public good.</p> <p>Pass a Constitutional Amendment to permanently disallow corporate person-hood.</p> <p>Create strong federal tax incentives for incorporation as a cooperative or as a B Corporation, and encourage all states to implement "benefit corporation" legislation, as MD and VT have done.</p> <p>Corporations are not citizens. Only citizens should have a say in the political process.</p> <p>Corporations cannot be allowed to lobby, period.</p>
<p>9. The 1% pays legal teams to seek ways to get them out of health insurance, criminal banking practices, and other legal contracts.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>[All health insurance paid by government , cradle to grave will prevent medical malpractice lawsuits, etc.]</p> <p>Create a public commission that sets excise taxes on corporate legal expenditures based on the degree to which they threaten the public good, with rates as high as 99%. Call it the "Responsibility in Corporate Legal Practices Commission". "Public good" shall be defined by the current administration.</p> <p>Create a Bipartisan Citizen's Legal Task Force to increase people's access to the courts and to counter corporate tort reform, with the power to remove justices from office.</p> <p>Set term limits for US Supreme Court judges. Suggestion: 9 years. (why 9? REPLY: maybe so a two-term president can't fill the same spot twice?)</p> <p>Lawyers should receive a fixed income.</p>
<p>11. The 1% sells our privacy as a commodity.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p><i>Repeal the "USAPATRIOT" Act</i> and restore our constitutional rights.</p> <p>Place limits and regulations on the sale, trade, or collection of customer information.</p> <p>Eliminate all gun registration lists so they can not be published in newspapers for criminals to choose their victims (either for gun burglaries, or home invasions</p>

	<p>of the defenseless) Do the same with all Medical Marijuana lists. (there are those lists too? burn them all!)(Sorry - large grounds for debate here)</p> <p>The government should act as a national database of citizens, with only such information as: name, dob, ss#/voter id, schools attended, driver's license #, address/phone, medical record #. Citizens will not be allowed to own guns. They can be used in shooting ranges. We cannot let Jarred Louhgners to corrupt our society any more - and he needed extensive medical care, which others will receive in the Great Reset.</p>
<p>12. Failure to recall faulty products endangers lives.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>I don't see how this is an economic question. Another working group can talk about the government's role in regulating corporations.</p> <p>Regulate lobbying of the FDA by food or drug manufacturing companies, distributors and their affiliates or subsidiaries.</p> <p>Impose an explicit FDA tariff to provide funds for the FDA to inspect imported pharmaceutical and food stuffs.</p> <p>Incentivize local, organic farming to reduce dependence on transportation and fossil fuel.</p> <p>Ban lobbying of the FDA by food or drug manufacturing companies, distributors and their affiliates or subsidiaries.</p> <p>Impose an explicit FDA tariff to provide funds for the FDA to inspect imported pharmaceutical and food stuffs.</p>

	<p>.Incentivize local produce and organic farming to provide healthier food for a'll</p> <p>Prohibit US companies from selling products abroad which have been banned in America for health and safety reasons and require products distributed abroad to be labeled with the same warnings (e.g. tobacco, and alcohol) as is required in the USA.</p>
<p>13. The 1% determines economic policy, despite the catastrophic failures their policies have produced and continue to produce.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>Make all lobbying fully transparent and fiscally limited. Tax it heavily. <u>Use the proceeds to publicly fund elections.</u> Make it a felony to lobby illegally, i.e., without transparency or paying the required tax. [Here is an interesting idea, tax lobbyist contributions at 50% or more for publicly funding elections, with the lobbyist contribution also counting against the receiver so they can't receive the federal money in addition to lobbyist money, just in stead of.]</p> <p>Ban campaign donations by all organizations. Only let individuals contribute, for a maximum of \$1000 per person.</p> <p>Require those funded by corporations to adhere to strict ethics codes of disclosure.</p>

14. The 1% blocks alternate forms of energy to keep us dependent on oil.

[This text should not be edited.]

RalphM

We believe it to be a national priority to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency, and end fossil fuel reliance in heating, transportation, and electricity generation.

Remove all visible and hidden subsidies for fossil fuel exploration, development, extraction, and distribution.

Ban hydraulic fracking permanently, and close all existing plants. Replace with geothermal, hydroelectric (including tidal), wind, solar, and Fusion.[if Fusion is nuclear, I disagree]

Ban mountaintop removal in coal mining.

Prohibit regulation and taxation of rainwater collection, water, wind and solar energy harvesting when performed for private consumption (non commercial use).

Remove all federal incentives for nuclear energy, including the repeal of the [Price-Anderson Nuclear Industries Indemnity Act](#). Instead, apply similar incentives to Solar and Fusion energy.

Make solar and wind power not at all dependent on crude oil to build infrastructure, and as efficient as nuclear.

Give corporate bailouts and subsidies for new energy source research such as satellite solar, and Fusion (http://www.oregonlive.com/beaverton/index.ssf/2011/05/three_beaverton_school_district_teens_win_electrical_and_mechanical_engineering_category_at_intel_in.html)

No nuclear or any form of energy that involves harming the earth in ANY manner (leave only footprints), such as removal of oil, coal, wood, natural gas. Use only solar, wind, turbine, etc. energy. The greatest sin below greed is harming the earth.

<p>15. The 1% blocks generic forms of medicine that could save people’s lives in order to protect profitable investments in pharmaceuticals.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>Increase funding for the patent office.</p> <p>Crowd-source patent reviews to take advantage of current industry expertise.</p> <p>Lift the marijuana prohibition, and allow the tax revenue to be put into water pill research.</p> <p>Adopt a similar drug policy to Portugal.</p> <p>Goes back to no lobbying? I don’t think we should take a stance on marijuana use in this document, or drug policy. The government will be responsible for health coverage.</p>
<p>16. The 1% covers up oil spills, accidents, and other environmental hazards in pursuit of profit.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>Empower the EPA to regulate as it is legally supposed to, and enforce all existing regulations to the letter.</p> <p>Impose an explicit pollution tariff on imported goods manufactured using insufficient environmental regulations, and ruthlessly bankrupt all businesses, no matter their size, for any infraction, no matter how small.</p> <p>Ban privatization of all water utilities and the water rights of publicly held land.</p> <p>Government will create a database of all regulations. There will be a Department of Regulation, which will use common sense/and or voting, when establishing regulations, for example, not building nuclear power plants on earthquake faults.</p>
<p>17. The 1% keeps people misinformed and fearful through their control of the media.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>Enact a “Truth in Journalism” law similar to “Truth in Advertising,” whereby the FCC is required by law to report on journalistic errors and intentional deception.</p> <p>Subsidize journalism in institutions of higher education and all forms of public access media according to need, regardless of political position. Increase funding for public media outlets, such as the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Use the existing Federal public relations budget to pay for real freedom of the press. There is no democracy without the free flow of information.</p> <p>A clear distinction must be made between informative fact-based programs and columns, and op-ed programs and columns.</p>

	<p>warning stamps required next to the program stamps letting people know if the program is opinion based vs fact. [- This is not possible, as what is your opinion may be my fact]</p> <p>Maintain freedom of the Internet by keeping access equal. One way is to require ISPs to responsibly maintain their infrastructure. This would enhance both network performance and availability as well as result in potential lower cost per user, as more users could be supported.</p> <p>Enforce antitrust legislation on the wireless industry.</p> <p>Ban TV drug advertising.</p> <p>Ban TV advertising directed at children.</p> <p>Stop spreading pro-criminal disinformation about the human right to self-defense and the most effective way to fight crime.</p> <p>Eliminate all firearm registration, regulation, and licensing. Any weapon used by law enforcement should be available without restrictions to any citizen not otherwise disqualified. - No way, Jose</p> <p>No reporting on wars, like the 60's - misleads us into forgetting about military expenses.</p> <p>There will be <u>no war</u>, so that's moot. The government will have one media center in which it broadcasts/reports on its news. Who do these war-mongers think are going to attack us?</p>
<p>18. The 1% perpetuates colonialism at home and abroad.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>The voting process within the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank shall become a one country-one vote system with each representative reporting the will of the people of their country determined through voter referendums. - Excellent!</p> <p>The IMF and World Bank shall become accountable to the human race, not the largest donor countries, and be aimed at true economic development, not "structural adjustments."</p> <p>War may only be conducted after a Congressional declaration of war. Repeal the War Powers Resolution of 1973, which permits the president to commit U.S. forces to armed conflict without a</p>

formal declaration of war.

I disagree - war should not be permitted for any reason. We will have a strong national defense department (department of Peace). Indigenous [Restorative Justice Practices](#) will be adopted at ours.

The only other military functions should be to secure the U.S. borders and regional waters from armed incursions, and provide disaster relief (food, water, medical, logistics, engineering, etc). No more World Policing where we are going after non-Hitler-types without Congressional declarations of war.

I am not sure if the Department of Peace should be responsible for providing disaster relief.

Conscript capital and industry any time the draft is instated. Those profiting and promoting war munitions, vehicles, supplies, etc. should sacrifice equally with the soldiers who are giving their lives.

Reinstate the draft - no loopholes for college attendees. NO [We will not need a draft. If there is anything, it can be public service, and not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Peace.]

Disallow sharing of student information with military recruiters unless requested by student.

Establish a national service requirement for all young persons, incorporating the draft in time of war, and civilian service for all others. [Lets get our republic back first before we force people to die for it] Maintain the option of "conscientious objector." During time of service, young people will be provided room, board, and a small salary. This money will be paid from the \$2 billion/week currently spent on war.

There will be no expansion of the United States territorial land areas.

<p>19. The 1% creates weapons of mass destruction in order to receive government contracts.</p> <p>[This text should not be edited.]</p>	<p>Start a national dialogue on how to dismantle the war economy, with a goal of hard deadlines and accountability of our elected representatives.</p> <p>The government should only work with weapons manufactures organized as Non Profits</p> <p>Create multiple non-profit federal weapon manufacturers.</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS to Restore Equity and Justice in the US Economic System</p> <p>[OK to edit text in this column below this point!]</p>	<p>[If there is a more relevant location in the document for these statements please feel free to relocate them - needed but not directly tied to economic reform]</p> <p>The constitutional right of freedom of the press will protect private citizens' recording of law enforcement encounters and arrests. Congress will pass no law restricting citizens from making still photos, videos, or audio recordings of elected officials or law enforcement officers. The mere presence of citizens recording will not constitute interference with public officials conducting their duties.</p>
<p>On the Political Process</p>	<p>We need a constitutional amendment to enable a coalition government. We can no longer be held hostage by 'winner take all' politics.</p> <p>Compulsory registration and voting for all US citizens age 18 through 70 for State and Federal elections. Australia has adopted this policy.</p>
<p>On Political Corruption</p>	<p>End the practice of "in-house" congressional investigations of corruption. They are either a partisan witch-hunt or a whitewashing. All substantiated cases of corruption are tried as felonies in open court, by a jury.</p> <p>Add a "three strikes & you're out" clause to all federal elected positions, making habitual "grey area" politicians automatically ineligible for re-election.</p> <p>End judicial sinecures. While insulating justices from consideration of popular political opinion is worthy, lifelong appointments don't mean the same now as they did when the Constitution was written.</p> <p>Establish a twenty-year "term limit" on Supreme Court justices.</p>

<p>On Scale & Risk of the Financial Sector</p>	<p>Break up financial institutions considered “Too Big To Fail.” [Too Big To Fail is Too Big To Exist]</p> <p>Renew the Glass-Steagall Act.</p> <p>Enforce anti-trust legislation.</p> <p>Protect big banks from themselves. This means move ahead with Basel III capital requirements and adopting the Volcker Rule to limit banks’ ability to engage in risky and speculative investments. Implement the bank tax. This could be based on an institution’s size and leverage, so that bankers could pay for their cleanups — the finance equivalent of a pollution tax. (Ref. N. Kristof, NYT, 10/1/11, http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/02/opinion/sunday/kristof-the-bankers-and-the-revolutionaries.html)</p> <p>[please put terms and definitions in glossary at end]</p> <p>Ban naked short-selling.</p> <p>Assign global regulation and a loan-loss facility for credit default swaps and related derivatives to the IMF, and fund this with a substantial excise tax on the issuance of such derivatives.</p> <p>Set standards on how long a fund must hold a particular product before being included on a prospectus.</p> <p>Nov. 5 Action Day: Let all citizens transfer their bank accounts from large, national financial institutions to community banks and credit unions</p>
<p>On Monetary Policy</p> <p>PaulG</p>	<p>Nationalize the Federal Reserve System and make it accountable to Congress and transparent to the people. Turn it into a true national central bank, not a privately owned, unaccountable network. We should have a call for governments to impose an RBE system (resource based economy) this could potentially ease the struggle of other problems associated with our current monetary system (gold standard)</p> <p>Allow for private mints with no capital gains tax on this minted money. Let the market control inflation.</p> <p>Begin a national transition from dollars to labor-backed HOUR commodity cash.</p> <p>Insist on “sound money,” stop the debasement of our currency. Do not react to every crisis by printing new money. You are cheapening the value of the</p>

	<p>working man's paycheck to ease the heartburn of failed bankers.</p> <p>Permit establishment of regional stock exchanges which gather capital for regional eco-development: http://greenjobshilly.org/static_praise.php</p>
<p>On Debt in General</p>	<p>From Paul Krugman: "Rich Yeselson, a veteran organizer and historian of social movements, has suggested that debt relief for working Americans become a central plank of the protests. I'll second that, because such relief, in addition to serving economic justice, could do a lot to help the economy recover."</p> <p>Abolute debt relief. Current rates and loans have been created by despicable corporations that have no ethical values behind the products the sold. They used "smoke and mirrors," and sold "snake oils" to the masses.</p>
<p>On Health Insurance and Rising Health Care Costs</p> <p>On the Absence of Health Insurance for Tens of Millions of Americans; On Rapidly Rising Real Health Care Costs</p>	<p>Implement universal, comprehensive single-payer health care systems at the state level. Align federal incentives, Medicare and Medicaid policy, and the VA to support the states in doing this.</p> <p>Repeal the individual mandate or provide a public option.</p> <p>Repeal the Affordable Care Act and replace it with something better, [including...complete HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL, FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE]</p> <p>Repeal the Affordable Care Act and replace it with [genuine free-market solutions.]</p> <p>Enact health care system policies which reward Pharmaceutical companies, Doctors and Providers for <i>preventing and curing illnesses</i> instead of promoting research and development of drugs for 'ongoing treatments.' (YES!!!! it works elsewhere, Germany for example)</p> <p>Repeal all healthcare laws which force doctors to charge some patients more than others to be able to pay off their student loans and for insurance. [this is a vague statement - I don't understand - REPLY: govt-funded healthcare benefits are too often underpaid to good doctors (contract violation?), which means cash patients are often forced to</p>

	<p>overpay to offset the underpayments. If everyone was paying cash, instead of participating in a screwed up market like we have today, costs would equalize and good doctors could compete with the incompetent or fraudulent and put them out of business]</p> <p>Permit self-financing nonprofit health co-ops to compete with private insurers, to establish a national nonprofit health infrastructure that leads to affordable universal coverage. Regulate according to strict co-op standards.</p>
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On Justice

Appoint a special prosecutor to investigate securities fraud and other illegal actions by Congressmen, political appointees in the Executive Branch, and bankers that were connected to the TARP and other measures since the start of the economic crisis in 2007/2008 surrounding the sub-prime mortgage crisis and capital markets collapse of 2008, and immediately indict the following individuals: Lloyd Blankfein (Goldman Sachs), Vikram Pandit (Citi), John Stumpf (Wells Fargo), Jamie Dimon (JPM/Chase), Ken Lewis (BoA), Martin J. Sullivan (AIG), Ben Bernanke (US Federal Reserve), Timothy Geithner (US Dept of Treasury).

[If they get away with what they have done, these criminals will now live like the rest of us - with fixed income and fixed taxes (on sales). This will come as a result of the Great Reset.]

Note: [Goldman Sachs](#) got not so much as a summons when it sold investors \$250 million in bundled mortgages it had to know were likely to go bad. Nor did [Fannie Mae](#), when it faked its earnings so that its top people could pocket more than \$200 million in bonuses. Nor did [Standard & Poor's](#) and Moody's, after they gave their highest ratings to risky mortgages out of fear they might lose the business of the banks that were peddling the toxic stuff.

Everyone gets the same essentials and comforts in the same prisons, regardless of his or her financial status. There will be no Executive treatment.

Appoint special prosecutor to investigate the war crimes of the previous administration. These investigators shall be from diverse political ideologies. Resolve the issue of the incarceration of all persons that results from the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, especially Gitmo prisoners.

Prosecute every elected, appointed, or career bureaucratic official in the Obama administration who [conspired to traffic guns to drug cartels](#), resulting in countless murders on both sides of the border, a scandal worse than Watergate, where nobody died.

Extend constitutional rights to anyone taken into custody by American Officials. Always abide by Habeas Corpus and such human rights treaties. Permanently shut down Guantanamo Bay. Give every prisoner, everywhere, a fair trial by Their Own

	<p>Peers (not just randomly selected citizens or court marshals.)</p> <p>With thanks to Jim Kunstler: "Bring the full weight of the RICO act and the federal anti-fraud statutes down on Lloyd Blankfein, Jamie Dimon, Brian Moynihan, Angelo Mozilo, and a host of other perpetrators still at large." Not to mention Chris Dodd, Charlie Rangel, Maxine Waters?</p> <p>Advance the free practice of Restorative Justice Circles to mediate disputes; disputes that occur between members of the 99%, disputes within the 1%, and disputes between the 99% and 1%.</p>
<p>On Debt-based Currency</p>	<p>Banks take the deposits of the 99% and use fractional reserve banking to put the American People in unpayable, absurd levels of debt.</p>
<p>On Equity</p>	<p>Tax capital gains at the same rate as earned income.</p> <p>Short term cap gains tax raised to 50% from 15% and gains realized in 1 year or longer lowered from 15% to 0 %. Results in stabilizing the economy. Eliminates Wall St. Scams.</p> <p>Ensure the long-term viability of Social Security by requiring all income be taxed, not just the first \$106,000.</p> <p>Raise the standard taxable earned income credit to the poverty level. ??? [not sure about this one; not a tax expert]</p> <p>Introduce Wall Street Executive Salary Caps, as in professional sports.</p> <p>Eliminate capital gains taxes as distinct from income taxes.</p> <p>Mandate and institute web-based voting so that workers can vote for issues placed before the corporate board such as executive compensation. Today workers are denied influence when shares are held on their behalf by pension funds and 401K / mutual funds.</p> <p>Any executive may not earn more than 50x the lowest paid worker in the organization.</p>

	<p>Restore the Estate tax to where it was under the Carter administration.</p> <p>Subsidize the lowest income school districts in the country. As in Vermont, ensure that the same amount per pupil is spent in every school district in a given state.</p>
<p>On Happiness</p>	<p>To ensure that our government is addressing the needs of its tax paying citizens, it should be held accountable for achieving specific Gross National Happiness index target values (see Bhutan).</p> <p>End the war on drugs. Allow each person's neurochemical balances to be a personal choice. Adopt Portugal's drug laws.</p> <p>(subsection) ENTHEOGENS/PSYCHEDELICS</p> <p>More and more studies have shown entheogens to produce incredibly positive effects on an individual's health - be it in the form of improved personality, a deeply spiritual experience, an aid in therapy, treating mental disorders, curing users of their addictions to toxic substances (including heroin and alcohol), providing comfort in end-of-life care, expanding consciousness, or for a simple occasion in reverie. Therefore, it is time we end their "Schedule I" classification, and legalize them for personal use.</p> <p>In addition to the wealth of individual benefits, this would create an all-new important profession - that of the highly trained guide to help individuals through their experience - along with a vast amount of ancillary professions. It would also open up an entirely new field of medical and scientific research.</p> <p>These substances have also been proven to give already brilliant minds newly profound insights. It is safe to assume that these insights would have remained unimagined otherwise. If we allow our scientists - if they so choose - access to take these substances while working on unrelated research, it may potentially lead to monumental breakthroughs not yet imagined.</p>

<p>On Public Spaces</p>	<p>Privatizing public spaces and advertising for private businesses in public spaces is banned. Temporary use of public spaces will not be restricted in order to promote commerce or thwart public assembly. Permanent development of public parks is prohibited except where...</p>
<p>On Taxes in General</p>	<p>There are three primary forms of taxation: on Labor, on Consumption and on Capital. The 99% feed their families through Labor, and spend most of their income each month. The 1% earn the majority of their income from return on Capital, and little from their salaries. Our tax system currently gives preferential treatment to Capital income (15% flat tax), while Labor is taxed at 30%, and Consumption at as much as 10%. In general, our organization believe that an inversion of these priorities is in order.</p> <p>perhaps the use of a negative income tax. with a negative income tax the minimum wage could be eliminated(increasing employment) yet a standard wage of all citizens would be guaranteed. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zo9ufzIXN3U</p> <p>Eliminate regre no tariffs.</p> <p>fix lower incomes = higher taxes. wealthy escape taxes via cap gains tax policy error. http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2011/aug/18/warren-buffett/warren-buffett-says-super-rich-pay-lower-taxes-oth/</p> <p>Implement more tax brackets at the higher income levels.</p> <p>Replace the income tax with a flat tax, fair tax, or national sales tax</p> <p>Eliminate all taxes. The government has proven for over a century that it will do nothing but flush our money down the toilet at best, if not do more inherent evil than good, at worst.</p>
<p>On Wars</p>	<p>END ALL MILITARY OPERATIONS EXCEPT DEFENSE. PUT IT IN THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.</p>

SUGGESTED META-RULES FOR THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM WE BOTH NEED AND CAN AFFORD

Meta-Rules

1. All government services and assets must be paid for without worsening the government's long-term indebtedness or significantly increasing taxation on the 99%. [I do not agree: I believe there should be one flat tax, 4%, on all goods sold]
2. A dollar invested correctly in the health, knowledge, and security of a society's members will always pay back positively in financial, social, and ecological ways.
3. Minimize harm to people and the environment. Consider future generations.
4. In every instance, the life, liberty, and happiness of a human being is superior to money.
5. No one got rich in isolation. Sustainable wealth only grows from an educated, secure community with good infrastructure. (With thanks to Elizabeth Warren.)
6. The economy exists to satisfy basic human needs. Not to privatize them.

Signed...

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Steven M Thompson <http://hope4uall.blogspot.com> My own plan for YOU and Hope for freedom individually, starts with each one of us who take action, as leaders, stand tall

Illona Trogub We need bottom up government for the people by the people, not top-down tyranny.

Rob Warmowski <Own draft declaration posted 9/26 by at <http://tinyurl.com/3e49dl7>>

[Ellen Faden](#) - Community College Teacher, Education Reformer, Teacher of Restorative Justice: <http://livestre.am/13RuN>

Patrice Palmer - Educator

D. Sparrow, New York, N.Y. - Writer

Shane James, Washington D.C., in solidarity with the People.

Gerald Kochnoker, New York, NY, activist

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Alwin Roe, civil rights activist

[Paul Glover](#), community organizer

Steven Kozak, NJ, artist, 99er

Teresa Mares, Ph.D. Assistant Professor

Craig W Nickerson, Enfield, CT - Unhappy with the status quo

D. Noir, CA - Musician, Poet, Author, Activist, Part of the 99%

[Jim Schmidt](#), OR, Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Pat Cavanaugh, VT, mom, activist, 99er

Important Resources to Use/Consider!

Declaration of the Occupation of New York City

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Posted on **September 30, 2011** by [NYCGA](#)

THIS DOCUMENT WAS ACCEPTED BY THE NYC GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

As we gather together in solidarity to express a feeling of mass injustice, we must not lose sight of what brought us together. We write so that all people who feel wronged by the corporate forces of the world can know that we are your allies.

As one people, united, we acknowledge the reality: that the future of the human race requires the cooperation of its members; that our system must protect our rights, and upon corruption of that system, it is up to the individuals to protect their own rights, and those of their neighbors; that a democratic government derives its just power from the people, but corporations do not seek consent to extract wealth from the people and the Earth; and that no true democracy is attainable when the process is determined by economic power. We come to you at a time when corporations, which place profit over people, self-interest over justice, and oppression over equality, run our governments. We have peaceably assembled here, as is our right, to let these facts be known.

- They have taken our houses through an illegal foreclosure process, despite not having the original mortgage.
- They have taken bailouts from taxpayers with impunity, and continue to give Executives exorbitant bonuses.
- They have perpetuated inequality and discrimination in the workplace based on age, the color of one's skin, sex, gender identity and sexual orientation.
- They have poisoned the food supply through negligence, and undermined the farming system through monopolization.
- They have profited off of the torture, confinement, and cruel treatment of countless animals, and actively hide these practices.
- They have continuously sought to strip employees of the right to negotiate for better pay and safer working conditions.
- They have held students hostage with tens of thousands of dollars of debt on education, which is itself a human right.
- They have consistently outsourced labor and used that outsourcing as leverage to cut workers' healthcare and pay.
- They have influenced the courts to achieve the same rights as people, with none of the culpability or responsibility.
- They have spent millions of dollars on legal teams that look for ways to get them out of contracts in regards to health insurance.
- They have sold our privacy as a commodity.
- They have used the military and police force to prevent freedom of the press. They have deliberately declined to recall faulty products endangering lives in pursuit of profit.
- They determine economic policy, despite the catastrophic failures their policies have produced and continue to produce.
- They have donated large sums of money to politicians, who are responsible for regulating them.
- They continue to block alternate forms of energy to keep us dependent on oil.
- They continue to block generic forms of medicine that could save people's lives or provide relief in order to protect investments that have already turned a substantial profit.

- They have purposely covered up oil spills, accidents, faulty bookkeeping, and inactive ingredients in pursuit of profit.
- They purposefully keep people misinformed and fearful through their control of the media.
- They have accepted private contracts to murder prisoners even when presented with serious doubts about their guilt.
- They have perpetuated colonialism at home and abroad. They have participated in the torture and murder of innocent civilians overseas.
- They continue to create weapons of mass destruction in order to receive government contracts. *

To the people of the world,

We, the New York City General Assembly occupying Wall Street in Liberty Square, urge you to assert your power.

Exercise your right to peaceably assemble; occupy public space; create a process to address the problems we face, and generate solutions accessible to everyone.

To all communities that take action and form groups in the spirit of direct democracy, we offer support, documentation, and all of the resources at our disposal.

Join us and make your voices heard!

**These grievances are not all-inclusive.*

OWS Proposed List of Demands

Follow their development at: <http://occupywallst.org/forum/proposed-list-of-demands-please-help-editadd-so-th/>

Posted Sept. 28, 2011, 6:54 p.m. EST by [GandhiKingMindset](#)

(Please click on this link if you haven't yet read the introduction called "OUR TURN": <https://occupywallst.org/forum/our-turn/> . Feel free to share this link with anyone you like).

TACTICS FOR "DEMANDS FOR CONGRESS"

We should make the demands below very publicly at a press conference a few days after arriving in DC. When doing so, we should give a clear deadline of 3 days for a firm written commitment with signatures from at least 60% of members of House and 60% of the members of the Senate to pass these bills by the end of the year. If this commitment on the full slate of demands is not met by midnight on the 3rd day (which it won't be) we should be prepared to non-violently block access to all or part of the Capitol complex the next morning by traditional proven non-violent tactics. The purpose is to bring the leaders of the House and Senate to the negotiating table.

NOTE: There are always entrances because there is always a point where people who work there have to leave the public street and enter secure space. We should focus our non-violent direct action and civil disobedience on those entrances no matter where they move them because these are, by definition, always accessible.

LIST OF PROPOSED "DEMANDS FOR CONGRESS"

1. CONGRESS PASS HR 1489 ("RETURN TO PRUDENT BANKING ACT" <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h112-1489>). THIS REINSTATES MANY PROVISIONS OF THE GLASS-STEAGALL ACT. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glass-Steagall_Act --- Wiki entry summary: The repeal of provisions of the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933 by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act in 1999 effectively removed the separation that previously existed between investment banking which issued securities and commercial banks which accepted deposits. The deregulation also removed conflict of interest prohibitions between investment bankers serving as officers of commercial banks. Most economists believe this repeal directly contributed to the severity of the Financial crisis of 2007-2011 by allowing Wall Street investment banking firms to gamble with their depositors' money that was held in commercial banks owned or created by the investment firms. Here's detail on repeal in 1999 and how it happened: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glass-Steagall_Act#Repeal .
2. USE CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY AND OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES FULLY INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE THE WALL STREET CRIMINALS who clearly broke the law and helped cause the 2008 financial crisis in the following notable cases: (insert list of the most clear cut criminal actions). There is a pretty broad consensus that there is a clear group of people who got away with millions / billions illegally and haven't been brought to justice. Boy would this be long overdue and cathartic for millions of Americans. It would also be a shot across the bow for the financial industry. If you watch the solidly researched and awarded winning documentary film "Inside Job" that was narrated by Matt Damon (pretty brave Matt!) and do other research, it wouldn't take long to develop the list.
3. CONGRESS ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROTECT OUR DEMOCRACY BY REVERSING THE EFFECTS OF THE CITIZENS UNITED SUPREME COURT DECISION which essentially said corporations can spend as much as they want on elections. The result is that corporations can pretty much buy elections. Corporations should be highly limited in ability to contribute to political campaigns no matter what the election and no matter what the form of media. This legislation should also RE-ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC AIRWAVES IN THE U.S. SO

THAT POLITICAL CANDIDATES ARE GIVEN EQUAL TIME FOR FREE AT REASONABLE INTERVALS IN DAILY PROGRAMMING DURING CAMPAIGN SEASON. The same should extend to other media.

4. CONGRESS PASS THE BUFFETT RULE ON FAIR TAXATION SO THE RICH AND CORPORATIONS PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE & CLOSE CORPORATE TAX LOOP HOLES AND ENACT A PROHIBITION ON HIDING FUNDS OFF SHORE. No more GE paying zero or negative taxes. Pass the Buffet Rule on fair taxation so the rich pay their fair share. (If we have a really had a good negotiating position and have the place surrounded, we could actually dial up taxes on millionaires, billionaires and corporations even higher...back to what they once were in the 50's and 60's.
5. CONGRESS COMPLETELY REVAMP THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION and staff it at all levels with proven professionals who get the job done protecting the integrity of the marketplace so citizens and investors are both protected. This agency needs a large staff and needs to be well-funded. It's currently has a joke of a budget and is run by Wall St. insiders who often leave for high ticket cushy jobs with the corporations they were just regulating. Hmm.
6. CONGRESS PASS SPECIFIC AND EFFECTIVE LAWS LIMITING THE INFLUENCE OF LOBBYISTS AND ELIMINATING THE PRACTICE OF LOBBYISTS WRITING LEGISLATION THAT ENDS UP ON THE FLOOR OF CONGRESS.
7. CONGRESS PASSING "Revolving Door Legislation" LEGISLATION ELIMINATING THE ABILITY OF FORMER GOVERNMENT REGULATORS GOING TO WORK FOR CORPORATIONS THAT THEY ONCE REGULATED. So, you don't get to work at the FDA for five years playing softball with Pfizer and then go to work for Pfizer making \$195,000 a year. While they're at it, Congress should pass specific and effective laws to enforce strict judicial standards of conduct in matters concerning conflicts of interest. So long as judges are culled from the ranks of corporate attorneys the 1% will retain control.
8. ELIMINATE "PERSONHOOD" LEGAL STATUS FOR CORPORATIONS. The film "The Corporation" has a great section on how corporations won "personhood status". <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SuUzmqBewg> . Fast-forward to 2:20. It'll blow your mind. The 14th amendment was supposed to give equal rights to African Americans. It said you "can't deprive a person of life, liberty or property without due process of law". Corporation lawyers wanted corporations to have more power so they basically said "corporations are people." Amazingly, between 1890 and 1910 there were 307 cases brought before the court under the 14th amendment. 288 of these brought by corporations and only 19 by African Americans. 600,000 people were killed to get rights for people and then judges applied those rights to capital and property while stripping them from people. It's time to set this straight.

NOTE 1: This is from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from the Birmingham Jail":

"Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and foster such a tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue. It seeks to so dramatize the issue that it can no longer be ignored. My citing the creation of tension as part of the work of the nonviolent-resister may sound rather shocking. But I must confess that I am not afraid of the word "tension." I have earnestly opposed violent tension, but there is a type of constructive, nonviolent tension which is necessary for growth. Just as Socrates felt that it was necessary to create a tension in the mind so that individuals could rise from the bondage of myths and half-truths to the unfettered realm of creative analysis and objective appraisal, we must see the need for nonviolent gadflies to create the kind of tension in society that will help men rise from the dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights of understanding and brotherhood."

"The purpose of our direct-action program is to create a situation so crisis-packed that it will inevitably open the door to negotiation. I therefore concur with you in your call for negotiation."

Here's the entire "Letter from the Birmingham Jail": <http://abacus.bates.edu/admin/offices/dos/mlk/letter.html> . It's a treasure and is as timely as ever.

NOTE 2: Here's a short video from BBC to inspire you. It gets pretty extraordinary about halfway through: <http://youtu.be/lqN3amj6AcE>

NOTE 3: If you haven't seen these 3 award winning documentaries -- INSIDE JOB, THE

CORPORATION, and WHY WE FIGHT -- I highly recommend them.

NOTE 4: There needs to be a very well researched and concise addendum that contains a list of the top 50 corporate crimes / harmful actions during the past 15 years. This ought to really blow people away and will help increase support both on the ground in DC and in living rooms across America as the story unfolds. We can't assume everyone knows why these demands are necessary. We must demonstrate.

A Proposal from Senator Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont

From Bernie Sanders,

The Occupy Wall Street protests are shining a national spotlight on the most powerful, dangerous and secretive economic and political force in America.

If this country is to break out of this horrendous recession and create the millions of jobs we desperately need, if we are going to create a modicum of financial stability for the future, there is no question but that the American people are going to have to take a very hard look at Wall Street and demand fundamental reforms. I hope these protests are the beginning of that process.

[Click here to read my recent op-ed at the Huffington Post.](#)

Let us never forget that as a result of the greed, recklessness and illegal behavior on Wall Street, this country was plunged into the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Millions of Americans lost their jobs, homes and life savings as the middle class underwent an unprecedented collapse. Sadly, despite all the suffering caused by Wall Street, there is no reason to believe that the major financial institutions have changed their ways, or that future financial disasters and bailouts will not happen again.

The question now becomes: how do we change the financial system so that it works for all Americans, not just the top one percent?

[Here are several proposals that I am working on:](#)

- 1) If a financial institution is too big to fail, it is too big to exist.** Today, the six largest financial institutions in America have assets equivalent to 65% of the United States' GDP - \$9.4 trillion dollars. It is time to take a page from Teddy Roosevelt and break up these behemoths so that there will be real competition in the financial industry and, when big banks fail again, there will be no need to bail them out.
- 2) Put a cap on credit card interest rates to end usury.** When credit card companies charge 25- or 30-percent interest rates they are not engaged in the business of "making credit available" to their customers. They are involved in extortion, usury and loan-sharking.
- 3) The Federal Reserve needs to provide small businesses in America with the same low-interest loans it gave to foreign banks.** When Wall Street collapsed, the Fed lent out \$16 trillion in low interest loans to central banks around the world and every major financial institution in this country. Now, at a time when small businesses can't get the loans they need, it is time for the Fed to create millions of American jobs by providing low-interest loans directly to small businesses.
- 4) Stop Wall Street oil speculators from artificially increasing gasoline and heating oil prices.** Wall Street speculators are buying and selling billions of barrels of oil in the energy futures market with no intention of using a drop for any purpose other than to make a quick buck. We have got to end excessive oil speculation and bring needed relief to American consumers in lower oil and gas prices.
- 5) Demand that Wall Street invest in the job-creating productive economy, instead of gambling on worthless derivatives.** The American people have got to make it crystal clear to Wall Street that the era of excessive speculation is over. The "heads, bankers win; tails, everyone else loses" financial system must end.

6) Establish a Wall Street speculation fee on credit default swaps, derivatives, stock options and futures. Both the economic crisis and the deficit crisis are a direct result of the greed and recklessness on Wall Street. Establishing a speculation fee would reduce gambling on Wall Street, encourage the financial sector to invest in the productive economy, and significantly reduce the deficit without harming average Americans.

[Click here to read my full op-ed at the Huffington Post.](#)

The Occupy Wall Street demonstrators are shining a light on one of the most serious problems facing the United States -- the greed and power of Wall Street. Now is the time for the American people to demand that the president and Congress follow that light -- and act. The future of our economy is at stake.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Senator Bernie Sanders

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Committees Established by October2011

("Stop the Machine" Occupation at Freedom Plaza, Washington, DC)

(from heroux info@october2011.org) [October2011.org is an external org] EXCELLENT!!!

Fifteen Core Issues The Country Must Face

These are the core issues identified by the October2011 Movement steering committee. **Soon** each issue will be linked to a page which will explain more about the problem, the solutions and resources. This is meant to get a conversation started. We hope that you will join discussions on each issue on the Discussion board and give us your feedback.

Committees are forming for each of the 15 issues. Please contact info@october2011.org if you would like to volunteer on a committee.

The committees will meet daily from 3 to 5 p starting on Friday, Oct 7 and they will present at the evening assemblies. The initial task is to describe the problems and solutions. We intend to have a document by the end that clearly defines where we want to go and how to start getting there. The committee work will be ongoing through conference calls and online tools.

This will ultimately represent a vision of where we want to go in creating a peaceful, just and sustainable world. The October action is a beginning on the path to this new world.

For more information, you can read about [where the majority of people in America stand on the issues](#).

1. **Corporatism**– firmly establish that money is not speech, corporations are not people, only people have Constitutional rights, end corporate influence over the political process, protect people and the environment from damage by corporations.
2. **Wars and Militarism** – end wars and occupations, end private for-profit military contractors, reduce the national security state and end the weapons export industry. War crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes against peace must be addressed and those responsible held accountable under international law.
3. **Human Rights** – end exploitation of people in the US and abroad, end discrimination in all forms, equal civil rights and due process for all people.
4. **Worker Rights and jobs** – all working-age people have the right to safe, just, non-discriminatory and dignified working conditions, a sustainable living wage, paid leave and economic protection.
5. **Government** – all processes of the three branches of government should be accountable to international law, transparent and follow the rule of law, people have the right to participate in decisions which affect them.
6. **Elections** – all citizens 18 and older have the right to vote without barriers, all candidates have the right to be heard and to run and all votes should be counted.
7. **Criminal justice and prisons** –end private for-profit prisons, adopt evidence-based drug policy, prisoners have the right to humane and just conditions with a focus on rehabilitation and reintegration into society, abolish the death penalty.
8. **Healthcare** – create a national, universal and publicly financed comprehensive health system.
9. **Education** – all people have the right to a high quality, publicly-funded and broad education from pre-school through vocational training or university.
10. **Housing** – all people have the right to affordable and safe housing.
11. **Environment** – adopt policies which effectively create a carbon-free and radio-active free energy economy and that respects the rights of nature.
12. **Finance and the economy** – end policies which foster a wealth divide and move to a localized and democratic financial system, reform taxes so that they are progressive and provide goods, monetary gain and services for the people.
13. **Media** – airwaves and the internet are public goods, require that media be honest, accurate and accountable to the people.
14. **Food and water** – create systems that protect the land and water, create local and sustainable food networks and practices.

15. **Transportation** – provide affordable, clean and convenient public transportation and safe spaces for pedestrian and non-automobile travel.

A Viral “Congressional Reform Act of 2011”

This has been making the rounds...

The 26th amendment (granting the right to vote for 18 year-olds) took only 3 months & 8 days to be ratified! Why? Simple! The people demanded it. That was in 1971...before computers, before e-mail, before cell phones, etc.

Of the 27 amendments to the Constitution, seven (7) took 1 year or less to become the law of the land...all because of public pressure.

In three days, most people in The United States of America will have the message. This is one idea that really should be passed around.

Congressional Reform Act of 2011

1. No Tenure / No Pension.

A Congressman collects a salary while in office and receives no pay when they are out of office.

2. Congress (past, present & future) participates in Social Security.

All funds in the Congressional retirement fund move to the Social Security system immediately. All future funds flow into the Social Security system, and Congress participates with the American people. It may not be used for any other purpose.

3. Congress can purchase their own retirement plan, just as all Americans do.

4. Congress will no longer vote for themselves, a pay raise. Congressional pay will rise by the lower of CPI or 3%.

5. Congress loses their current health care system and participates in the same health care system as the American people.

6. Congress must equally abide by all laws they impose on the American people.

7. All contracts with past and present Congressmen are void effective 1/1/12.

The American people did not make this contract with Congressmen. Congressmen made all these contracts for themselves. Serving in Congress is an honor, not a career. The Founding Fathers envisioned citizen legislators, so ours should serve their term(s), then go home and back to work.

If each person contacts a minimum of twenty people, it will only take three days for most people (in the U.S.) to receive the message. Maybe it is time.

Unsorted Materials to Mine as Needed

A SUGGESTION FROM A MEMBER OF THE CHARTER COLLABORATIVE

[After editing the doc for a while, here's a suggested order of economic demands:

1. end war funding, spend on a department of peace, no military contracts, money only spent on defense. Use existing machines, equipment, parts, and labor for the benefit of underprivileged countries in order to help world-citizens attain basic levels of subsistence (a la Buckminster Fuller).
2. clean up the environment, reverse global warming, create only naturally-based forms of energy (wind, solar, wave, steam). No drilling, nuclear power, oil.
3. end support to any and all countries that abuse their citizens, preventing and harming them from experiencing the same rights as those guaranteed under our Constitution and the new founding documents established by OWS;
4. fix our banking system so that it includes the ethical mission of ensuring all citizens can prosper equally;
5. free education for all. Use former war expenses and equitable taxation of the rich to develop free public schools, free text books, free higher education. Assure that every student educated in the United States has a guaranteed job or can perform service in some way that recompenses their education. Forgive all current student loans. Cleaning the environment, rebuilding infrastructure, bringing sustainability to world citizens, reversing global warming, etc. can employ all students for many years to come;
6. free healthcare for all, from cradle to grave. Use former war-expenditures to assure all veterans (the last generation on earth) are adequately and ethically recompensed for their service. Use Use former war expenses and equitable taxation of the rich to pay medical workers and researchers;
7. improve inner-cities so that they become safe, thriving, culturally beautiful places;
8. create sensible mortgages for all. No mortgage products.
9. make the nation's food supply sensible, healthy, and productive. No "obesity-selling" products;
10. make guns illegal in our society. If even one mentally-ill person is able to get a gun, that makes everyone and anyone unsafe. Create safe and sane shooting galleries as entertainment businesses for those who like shooting;
11. create a sane, uniform immigration policy. People should want to come to the U.S. to live in a peaceful, happy place. People should not want to come to the U.S. just for the American Dream of Greed, which is not possible for all;
12. Use modern, open-source, beneficial products that promote the national good. Encourage development in technology and rebuilding of infrastructure using engineering and sustainable ideas from universities.
13. Encourage the development or transformation of businesses and government jobs that are ethically-based and promote the Gross National Happiness of all U.S. citizens. Make the U.S. a harbinger of peace and freedom in the world, rather than an aggressor and killer of people and raper of the earth. Assure that union wages and government pay increase proportionally with those of management.

Plan on a "GREAT RESET:" the day in which all new economic policies will be set in place.

If we can put a man on the moon, we can reset our government.

Declaration of Economic Democracy

By Keith Harrington, Huffington Post, 10/3

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/keith-harrington/occupy-wall-street-demands_b_991555.html

1. **People over profit:** An economic democracy is an economy that subordinates profit to people, not the other way around.
2. **Stakeholders over shareholders:** An economic democracy is an economic system in which the voices, rights, and interests of all economic stakeholders -- including employees, stockholders, communities, ecosystems, other species and future generations -- are represented. Unlike our current economy where shareholders are given primacy, in an economic democracy no one stakeholder is granted a disproportionate degree of power and privilege.
3. **Better not bigger:** In order to reorient the economy towards people and all stakeholders, we have to release it from the captivity of profit. In an economy geared towards GDP growth, the bottom line is the bottom line, and protecting it means suppressing wages, slashing payrolls, passing on costs to other people, other places, and other times. Most importantly, our economy has outgrown the physical limits of the planet, and saving civilization means stopping growth. A democratic economy should be a [steady-state economy](#) where existing wealth is distributed fairly, and where economic health is measured by true indicators of social welfare rather than the blunt and archaic tool of GDP. The [Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy](#) is a useful resource for steady-state solutions.
4. **Main Street not Wall Street :** The design of our financial system undermines true markets and productive community-based enterprises in favor of reckless speculation. It is designed to suck wealth away from communities and towards the corporate elite. A good blueprint here is the New Economy Working Group's report [How to Liberate America from Wall Street Rule](#).
5. **One employee, one vote:** An economic democracy is an economy where companies are built around the [concept of one worker, one vote](#). In an economic democracy a company is a community of employees, where the employees, as full citizens of that community and the true source of company profit, decide how to invest that profit in the community. In this way, an economic democracy is distinct from both capitalism and socialism -- both variations of economic oligarchy -- where private boards on the one hand and public bureaucrats on the other decide how the profits workers generate are disposed of.
6. **Economic Constitutionalism:** In the United States Constitution the framers properly defined the powers and limits to the powers of the powerful institutions that govern our society. In an age where corporations have become as powerful as any institution of government, and have amassed undue influence over the policies of those institutions, their powers need to be defined and constitutionally limited just like any institution of government.

EVERYTHING BELOW IS from the original edits - please do not edit, but use as reference

From Rob Warmowski <Own draft declaration posted 9/26 by at <http://tinyurl.com/3e49dl7>>

WHY ARE WE HERE?

WE WANT OUR ECONOMY BACK

The bloated and reckless financial sector harms the real economy. Forty years ago, the financial sector commanded 2% of all the economy's profits. Today, it commands over 40%. We demand a 1% tax on all securities transactions. We call for the breakup of all "too big to fail" financial institutions, and then nationalization [of the banks?]. We call for the nationalization and de-privatization of the Federal Reserve Bank. WE WANT OUR ECONOMY BACK.

WE WANT OUR DEMOCRACY BACK

We will no longer pretend we are well-represented by a government corrupted by runaway financial and commercial interests. We demand efficient basic public services. We demand an end to the normalized corruption of our democracy by 1) instituting public financing of elections, 2) ending all lobbying for changes to the tax code, 3) the end of audit-less electronic balloting systems, and 4) making all votes proportional to household taxable income. WE WANT OUR DEMOCRACY BACK.

WE WANT OUR JOBS BACK

Wall Street's political power has far exceeded Washington's. The economy's biggest players have the biggest say in its outcomes. Now, we want our say. Corporate profits, cash reserves, and outsourcing are near all-time highs. At the same time, unemployment is effectively well over 15% while "job creators" create only excuses. WE WANT OUR JOBS BACK.

WE WANT OUR HOMES BACK

We signed on the dotted line. But Wall Street banks didn't. We didn't want a housing bubble, even if we applauded the Clinton administration for laying the groundwork by providing homes to people who couldn't afford them. Wall Street's banks and derivatives traders created one in our minds, even if they were just listening to Hillary. We are not in default, we're just in default, and we are victims of massive financial fraud. We demand an immediate cessation of foreclosures. WE WANT OUR HOMES BACK.

WE WANT ARRESTS AND PROSECUTION OF FINANCIAL CRIMINALS

Too big to fail is too big to jail. We demand immediate indictments on charges of securities fraud for Lloyd Blankfein (Goldman Sachs), Vikram Pandit (Citi), John Stumpf (Wells Fargo), Jamie Dimon (JPM/Chase), Ken Lewis (BoA), Martin J. Sullivan (AIG). WE WANT ARRESTS AND PROSECUTIONS OF THESE FINANCIAL CRIMINALS.

WE WILL NOT CEASE OCCUPATION UNTIL WE REGAIN THESE ECONOMIC AND CIVIL RIGHTS [does that make it more clear?] YES plain language is better. "leave here" beats "cease occupation". nobody uses the word "cease" in their everyday language (effectively nobody among the 10s of millions of non-activists we are writing this for.) for that matter, nobody uses "occupation" either, but that's a done deal ;)

No, I think occupation is wrong "We will not cease this movement, or cease this cause"?

How about "we will persist until"

END "draft declaration -----

More stuff to mine and use as needed

3. ECONOMIC POLICY

b. True progressive taxation, including the rich capital gains as well as income (Tax capital gains at same rate as income if earnings are over \$100K) (this is short sighted 'reform'. you know what you do to get around this? set up an LLC for \$100 then declare no earnings with all deductions. not that hard. try again)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citizens_United_v._Federal_Election_Commission

e. Tax incentives for creating domestic jobs

Get rid of Free Trade and other overseas incentives... Need Fair Trade because we want to be guaranteed their 3rd-world wage and living conditions.

f. g. Universal access to reliable and safe public transportation, including high speed rail to every farmer in Idaho and Wyoming.

i. Mandate a 15% tax on all contributions (monetary, material, labor, etc.) to political campaigns, including contributions made by religious and not for profit entities.

4. CIVIL LIBERTIES

b. The inclusion and protection of Transgender rights across all local and federal discrimination policies.

5. HEALTH, EDUCATION, SOCIAL POLICY, & IMMIGRATION

b. Low (single payer, this is through taxes...no one should pay)-cost college education for all qualified applicants - revive Ginnie May, was 2% interest and govt controlled, not privatized like now

d. Repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act

e. The US must stop its policy of establishing and maintaining a class of undocumented immigrants. Just immigration laws are required that identify, instead of ignore, the reality of many immigrants as economic refugees. Anyone can become a citizen within a short period of time and without cost.

f. All Public Education will be free.

h. Rights for undocumented populations that support the economy.

1. Consideration of a support system for students of undocumented parents.

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT?

How about revisiting FDR's Second Bill of Rights, and the concept of second and third generation human rights?

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Bill_of_Rights

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three_generations_of_human_rights

Are we capable, as a nation, of recognizing the absolute horror and threat to our Country that is described as a “basic human right to a decent home, a decent job, and guaranteed health care”?

FDR:

“It is our duty now to begin to lay the plans and determine the strategy for the winning of a lasting peace and the establishment of an American standard of living higher than ever before known. We cannot be content, no matter how high that general standard of living may be, if some fraction of our people—whether it be one-third or one-fifth or one-tenth—is ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed, and insecure.

This Republic had its beginning, and grew to its present strength, under the protection of certain inalienable political rights—among them the right of free speech, free press, free worship, trial by jury, freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures. They were our rights to life and liberty.

As our nation has grown in size and stature, however—as our industrial economy expanded—these political rights proved inadequate to assure us equality in the pursuit of happiness.

We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence. Necessitous men are not free men. People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made.

In our day these economic truths have become accepted as self-evident. We have accepted, so to speak, a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all—regardless of station, race, or creed.

Among these are:

The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the nation;

The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation;

The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living;

The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad;

The right of every family to a decent home;

The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health;

The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment;

The right to a good education.

(clarify as K-12 plus 4 years university at NO COST to the student? ABSOLUTELY NONE!! - the government or private business should foot the cost - money comes from war funding - plenty there)

All of these rights spell security. And after this [war](#) is won we must be prepared to move forward, in the implementation of these rights, to new goals of human happiness and well-being.

America’s own rightful place in the world depends in large part upon how fully these and similar

rights have been carried into practice for all our citizens.

For unless there is security here at home there cannot be lasting peace in the world."

Jeremy Waldron

"If one is really concerned to secure civil or political liberty for a person, that commitment should be accompanied by a further concern about the conditions of the person's life that make it possible for him to enjoy and exercise that liberty. Why on earth would it be worth fighting for this person's liberty (say, his liberty to choose between A and B) if he were left in a situation in which the choice between A and B meant nothing to him, or in which his choosing one rather than the other would have no impact on his life?"

Do these rights have a place in our constitution? If such an amendment were passed, how would our society move to uphold them? Note: This section has been added as of 10/7 by whom, and with what purpose? Possibly good material for the table above. Need to be evaluated and mined. - RM

Honestly, if we were to just take FDR's list of rights (which aren't rights), have some trusted experts (cloistered academic ascetics) iron out the language to make it amendment worthy, we would be morons.

Could I be so bold to say that while I am active to be part of this revolution and occupation for the purpose of bringing equality back to the people of America, I am also not convinced at all that any financial fix can stop the production of greed or address the incredible 14 trillion dollar deficit while countries around the world face basically the same nightmare and to allow a foreign institution such as the FED the right to place austerity measures on any one of us would be to our own fault of character. We say enough is enough here at home and I hope that it is also realized that many other countries populations have had it so much longer than we have. Other countries that have faced the corruption of foreign central banks are numerous and simple to see if one did a little history checking and possibly watching some very informative documentaries. The world is in a debt crisis, that is fueled by the socio-economic system itself. I see things apparently differently than some Americans however I stand in solidarity with them. I am an American and I am the 99%.

But I am also a person with a birdseye view of the world and do not think just within the boundaries of the United States. Of course many people can say that, yet when I say that I do not have imperialistic or capitalistic intentions of any kind. I am studying to be an International lawyer, concentrating on the area of human rights and when I say that capitalism or economic ways are the ways to fix things is almost too old and outdated for me to agree with. Also, they are too new and too diluted to effect positively the populations of poorer countries or countries of other ethnic traditions without allowing the suffering of one group of people over another group of people. Not to mention the worldly resources that a person's rights are usually degraded for.

For instance: The United States of America has been involved in the exploration and exploitation of numerous other countries for the purpose of resource extraction, such as gold, oil, ect... for over 200 hundred years, in fact that was how America came to be. Of course other countries own mining operations, but definitely not for the length of time and not as exuberantly funded as the U.S. is or done in such a militaristic fashion as the U.S.) In the last two hundred years the United States have [entered and occupied](#). We won't get into the history of that practice which the United States has perfected and been essentially caught doing so. Unfortunately, those who suspected this has happened are the same group are the folks you don't hear from very much, if at all. If you know what I mean.

And it starts with an financial aid program. Americans look at financial aid as a necessity, whereas in Afghanistan that concept says one of two things to them; We want something from the land or we want something from the land. And they are right. The Russians were after it well before we started trying. Now we control several mines in the northern region.

If you could imagine yourself as a young child growing up in a rugged, tribal atmosphere with heavy traditional beliefs and a world of completely different values than ours watching strange aircraft fly through their sky or bombs exploding a nearby mountainside, you would most likely want to know more about this. But, most definitely, they are affected.

There are certain territories on this planet that are specifically targeted for their resources and then because of their lack of government or security set points, so those countries have to find a way to lay some rule down too fast for their means. It's called a surrender of which could technically, sometimes mean a forfeit. And, those are man made terms, set up by certain men who speak this language. Afghanistan does not speak that language. I don't agree that we as a country have a right to tell any other country what language they should be speaking. It's fine to set an international standard for more frequent and fluid conversations, but on the overall, not so much.

International laws have been broken with the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and if the U.S. surrenders their claim, admits it's wrong or was mistaken, aside from the charges on their officers of the state, the entire country could have to pay reparations and that cannot, most definitely not, be paid back without dragging the rest of the world into financial chaos. There just cannot reasonably be adequate terms for that kind of payback. You as unemployed, overtaxed, foreclosed upon, already strapped Americans know what it's like to be in that kind of personal debt. It feels like death. So if this war were abandon, it might feel like death too, in some sense. Especially when the financial walls fall down around it.

So all the taxation in the world might fix this and all of it should fall on the marketplace, because it is money that is respected, to our own detriment.

How to re construct the market place to keep the peace and not have one more person face death is something I have come to know, but most Americans have a hard time grasping the concept once told to them and the American owned media corporations have managed to slander the concept and keep it on the bottom shelf for over forty years because it eliminates the entire need for the monetary system altogether and still provides for our needs. It's often seen as a scary leap in to the future, but in fact we may not have any other choice, not just to save the rain forest or the sea turtles and one or

two tribes or just the American economy, but to save us all from the mechanisms that cause corporate greed and plundering of technology and resources to begin with.

It's been called a Resource Based Economy and some of you might already have heard of it. The reason I bring it to the table here is because, if America was to decide to adopt this type of society and begin to put all of it's efforts into it and withdraws from the free marketplace and challenges the rest of the world to follow, everyone who wants to be employed would be and everyone who wants to become more educated could be, without the need for money or currency at all. And, that is really how I see a better America and a better world. I just don't see America alone anymore, I can't help but see the rest of the world attached to it as well.

I will explain it in the simplest terms I can (and I would like to request that my entire entry here be read out loud in general assembly as a proposal and discussed before it is even agreed to be part of this document, or it's aims.

We demand that all troops in active duty at this time refrain from any offensive or attack procedures while attending their posts, remain at large, at will, with their set company and await further instructions. Military personnel maybe assigned to new tasks as a voluntary function in the region where they have been or are employed. However, if any service person elects to abandon post for another location, he or she is entitled and released from duty.

If the region or host state's government allows only to show immediate respect of sovereignty for that state or country. And later discussed, all other countries may request parties stay, and present reasons or needs.

There are severe problems around the world in which troops might be nearby. Troops can attend new seminars that reassign them to fulfill positions that can be designed into truly humanitarian deeds and non offensive tasks, such as with aid workers. All troops or aid workers that do not wish to remain in regions they currently occupy must be released from duty at their request.

Special Note* It may be an extended period of time before reassignment, as assessments of the situation in home state are fragile and with limited or no funds to participate in foreign country affairs. A military employee may wish to consider the financial withdraw for his services, might leave him or her in a vicarious situation and therefore would most likely be safer to return immediately.

If various other trading countries with the U.S. wish to associate under the same resource based agreement, trading may continue unhindered. If not, alternative resources or products could be sought. Products that no longer arrive from either free or fair trading arrangements could be products that Americans could immediately begin to build themselves, or the alternative replacement. The American job for inventor, engineer becomes available in all areas of the country and no limitations would be placed on proposals to build what areas claim to immediately need.

This is not an unheard of practice and, at first, depending on your outlook, you might find it useful to know that your participation is at your will. The result of your actions as an individual or as a group are crucial at first and may take some strain but in theory would be temporary at best.

Since the corporate world has placed so much on maintaining its wealth, perhaps it should do that, but without any inflow. If a person were to put a price on the harm and damage that the greed and control that the marketplace has placed on mankind, to me, as a negotiator of sorts, I would have to say that that price is not a reality but to override it completely with a new course of action and just write it off as a bad time on earth. Let it go down with history. Let it be history.

We must assess what we have in reality and not fabricate anything that does not serve us to free us as human beings.

Open source technologies and open manufacturing capable units would be allowed to mass produce various products to assist in the restructuring of the economy and immediately provide various tool that might be needed to do so and expansion of these products would be easy for another to access and or request materials for the fabricating of a design or particle that might be needed.

All utilities must remain on for safety of population, unless a natural disaster or other unforeseen occurrence prevents that. Services such as telephone and internet lines, water, power must remain except for billing functions. In other words, we take over the corporations as employee/owners, such as in the company models in Vz. This is more often than not, seen as a state owned facility, but that does not have to be the case. If is an employee co-op and it does not necessarily need to make a profit. Just the wages or equivalent thereof for the employees who volunteer to run it.

Without the use of money, there is no need for banks at all. Yes. Down goes wall street and all those parasitic institutions that reign havoc all over everybody's lives because they want too much or they have to compete too hard or they have to get a corner of the market.

The reason, I feel I must explain is, to denounce currency makes all currencies inefficient. Now what if another country or organization could do that to you? Your best and only protection would be to denounce it. You just don't use it anymore. It changes the language of what might become law, if you agree to see things that way, but we have so much more knowledge and applications for that knowledge and easy access to it, that it should not even be a question anymore about whether or not we can do it. All you have to do is say it will be done and mean it. If you cannot promise the money, there is only the promise of you left and that could be left up to you. I personally have faith in you. You came this far, so you must be earnest enough to understand that too.

In a resource based economy we take everything that we already know about the resources that we use and need to create agriculture in every advanced form that is demonstrably proven to enhance natural organic food in abundance and make sure the rest of the world has access to all that information, minus the trademarks and patents and licenses and price gauged permits to grow. How obscene is that? That we have to pay to grow our own food. That we require other countries to pay to grow their own food? I want to say that capitalism creates monsters and we need to stop feeding it while it starves us our right to live free of government arrangements and monetary institutions and eventually of the proper nutrients we all need.

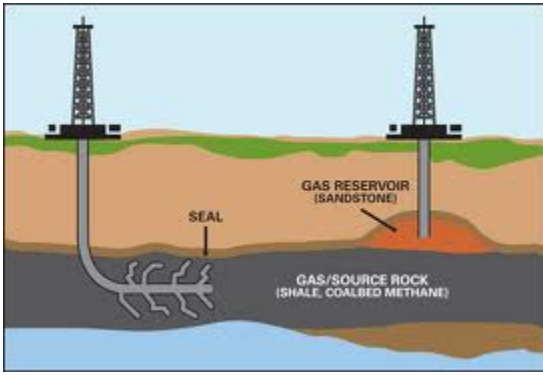
Debatable Ideas

- while comments in this shared google doc are fine, it's hard to find particular ones to reply to. So, I created this section for dialogue. I suggest if we need extensive dialogue on these points, we take it into a google group...

1. The "Great Reset" - there is so much corruption today, there is no way to clean it all up - Pandora's box has been opened. The only way is to have many many General Assemblies in OWS and vote on topics. The Internet allows us to do this. We have to "REFRAME" our way of thinking. For us older chaps and chappettes, it's kind of hard to envision. But, don't forget - we have people from the age of 11 or so - even arrested on the Brooklyn Bridge in our midst. What kind of world do you want them to grow up into? One of corporate greed, or Unions scrambling for a dime? We need to throw out the 1% and start fresh. It can be done with a brilliant combination - youth + Internet + existing American freedoms (freedom of speech and assembly).

The Great Reset does not have to happen tomorrow. It can be carefully planned. On that day, for example, student loans are forgiven. On that day, existing mortgage rates adjust to 3% (or whatever). People who already own homes and goods can keep them. There will be help in poor neighborhoods - poor people will finally be able to catch up because they will have paid work. Some educated students will go work in the inner city and teach and help. They will be paid a right livelihood, but more importantly, they will be paid in the value of empathy. Instead of \$2 billion/week going for war, this money will be used to make the U.S. a light to other nations. **All** of this is possible from the rights and liberties guaranteed in our Constitution. However, those rights and liberties were stolen from us, (e.g., "Citizens United" - what a name!!) and then we were made to pay. Nothing short of a reset will do because we have become too fragmented. They "divided and conquered" us, and apparently won.

All categories of corruption and thought must be addressed before reset day/week/month -whatever you want to call it. It may take many years to get there. For example, look how long it took to vote on whether to have an art show by OWS consensus on Wall Street (a couple of hours?) In the meantime, the best we can do is to stop supporting the hateful corporations and other elements (Pentagon + contractors) who harm and kill US and have gone so far as to ruin our PLANET (leave only footprints).



This is rape, and they rape my earth, and make me pay for it. - Urbaned Elly

Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
Glass-Steagall Act.	
Robo-signer	An employee of a mortgage servicing company that signs foreclosure documents without reviewing them. Rather than actually reviewing the individual details of each case, robo-signers assume the paperwork to be correct and sign it automatically, like robots.
Collectivism (economic system)	An alternative to capitalism, where a stockpile is the primary hub of the economy. Work which benefits the stockpile is logged in an open-source computer program as points, which then can be used to acquire items out of the stockpile. The points will slowly degrade so there is an incentive to exchange them for something with inherent value. The ratio for work/items exchange will be tilted to create surplus. This surplus will then be used as the main base (in addition to some taxes) of funding for social projects such as school, libraries, healthcare, etc.
Collectivism (political system)	The process by which this document was constructed.

Editorial Review

Recommended Applications	Topic	Date	Time	Participants and contact info
Skype - please describe Skype here				
Mumble				
FreeConference				
Elluminate				

Important Links

Occupy Wall Street Working Documents (Wordpress site)

<http://owsworkingdocs.wordpress.com/economic-charter/>

Piratenpad

<http://piratenpad.de/cyG2aD0YGO>

The Occupy Together Field Manual

http://occupytogether.wikispot.org/Front_Page

A Brief History of the American People's New Economic Charter

Added Friday, October 7, 2011 by Ralph

Late on Friday, September 30, Ralph Meima set up a document containing the 9/29 Declaration of the Occupation of New York City, and invited the whole world, with unlimited Google doc access, to write and edit this document, focusing on the practical means that government, organizations/businesses, and individuals should use to address OWS's grievances. He called it "The American People's New Economic Charter." It was promoted in a variety of ways via online networks.

Over three days (Saturday-Monday), in an experiment of open, collaborative "crowd-sourcing," scores (hundreds?) of people from all over the country and beyond jumped in and helped to write the document, growing it from about 3 pages to nearly 30. It became a messy, diverse, somewhat contradictory document, but came to contain many practical building blocks of a progressive economic system-shift. As it developed, it became plain that it would eventually need to be focused and honed.

The Google doc format allowed people to also chat and post comment threads, enhancing its collaborative nature.

On Tuesday morning, October 4, Ralph had to shut down unlimited editing access because people were sabotaging the document, deleting it, defacing it, etc. However, more than 50 people were by then part of the "Charter Collaborative" and could edit it. The Charter Collaborative is growing by the hour at the moment.

On Wednesday, October 5, Ralph spent the day with the Wall Street Occupation at Liberty Plaza in New York City, talking with occupiers and the media, and exploring how the Charter can be most effectively used.

As of 10/7, there is a need to continue growing the Charter Collaborative, and also for prominent persons to publicly endorse our effort, communicate about it via their communication channels (website, blog, Twitter, etc.), invite others to join the Collaborative, and help us to ultimately realize the creation of a progressive economic road map or outline for America about which it can truly be said that it was collaboratively written by a broad cross-section of citizens, using modern social media, and not by a partisan or ideological group with special interests and a narrow agenda, behind closed doors.

We hope that you will not only find "The American People's New Economic Charter" positive and noteworthy, but also see that we have reached a stage where broader participation and excitement are needed to see this process through (never mind the complexity of using the technology effectively and resolving the many remaining editorial and ideological issues that remain in the document - we'll succeed with both!)

We must prevent what's been done so far from lapsing into a nice exercise that was educational for a few people but did not have the incredible public impact it could have had.

By Monday, 10/10, a new level of public participation, attention, and criticism was reached. The number of members of the Charter Collaborative passed 80. Evening traffic in the Google doc became intense, and at times the number of viewers passed 100. We discovered that Yes! Magazine and Mother Jones contained references to the Charter. We set up a companion Facebook page, for debate and promotion of the Charter's existence. And a number of right-wing sites posted critical, insulting blogs about the Charter, prompting us to post our Disclaimer. We moreover added "Content Guardrails" to stimulate discussion and hopefully a consensus about the philosophical and practical scope that the Charter needs to stay within.

There is an urgent need to channel the infectious energy of the Wall Street Occupation into a coherent, practical action plan. Precious time is passing. We are striving to assist this process through this New Economic Charter.

What Others are Saying about the New Economic Charter

(From Left and Right, Far and Wide)

Positive Attention

Jeffrey Hollender's Blog (10/11)

<http://www.jeffreyhollender.com/?p=1860>

Slow Living Summit (10/11)

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

Occupy Wall Street Working Documents (Wordpress site)

<http://owsworkingdocs.wordpress.com/economic-charter/>

Right-wing Attacks, Critiques, and General Hooting & Hollering

From Chicks on the Right (10/9)

<http://chicksontheright.com/2011/10/09/the-american-peoples-new-economic-charter-created-especially-for-you-by-crazy-people/>

From Red Country (10/9; re-post of Chicks on the Right [above] with own comment stream)

<http://www.redcountry.com/content/need-good-laugh-behold-occupy-wall-street-manifesto>

From The Washington Examiner (10/10)

<http://washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/2011/10/occupy-wall-street-more-lefts-familiar-flapdoodle>

From Fox News Online (10/10)

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/10/10/lawmakers-pick-sides-as-wall-street-protests-mount/>

(See way down at the bottom of the article)

From Greta van Susteren (10/11)

<http://gretawire.foxnewsinsider.com/2011/10/10/going-stupid-real-stupid-and-my-free-advice-to-the-proesters/>

From PrairiePundit (10/11)

<http://prairiepundit.blogspot.com/2011/10/ideas-from-nuts-in-park.html>

From Moore Common Sense (10/11)

<http://moorecommonsense.com/2011/10/11/loony-lefts-socialist-manifesto/>

Detailed Historical Timeline

Wednesday, 10/5

Meetings at OWS, Liberty Plaza

Thursday, 10/6

Friday, 10/7

Conference call (11 am EDT): Introductions and starting conversation about initial interest, possible directions. Participants: Ralph, Forrest, James High, Elly. See below for meeting notes.

Project Meeting Notes

10/7 Conference call (Elly, Forrest, James, Ralph)

Need to figure out process.

Risk: that the Charter, by being internally contradictory and fuzzy, may detract from the OWS movement, since the occupations

Forrest: Getting people excited and engaged is more important than consistency and polish right now.

Elly: Google/Web 2.0: we CAN keep things like this as living documents. The Framers of the Constitution would have loved that... [But had no ability to do that.]

Forrest: Untapped resources we can use? Collection of links to things that relate to this? See occupylibrary.com.

Forrest: I am looking for a platform for the library resource. Drupal? Wiki? Greenstone?

James: Would be interesting to see some historical background to this - a preamble - info about what reform movements have expressed and tried in the past. [I updated language in the preamble today, 10/8. I believe we need to state in no uncertain terms that we have been ripped off, criminally abused, and severely harmed by recent corporate actions. It's time to step out of our collective denial and use very strong language here and throughout the document. Also, while we do this, I believe that the people who are out on the streets are doing something better than us: we should support them as much as possible- Elly]

Elly - Need to collect the right tools.

Elly: as it stands, the Google doc has been "miraculous," but need to move ahead into wiki format; become living repository; problem with links is that they are not reliable. Don't want to use links that may disappear.

A preamble..

Need to note in the document where there is a clear consensus vs. where there isn't.

Decisions:

- Yes to recurring conference calls. Yes to weekly. Yes to Fridays 8 AM Pacific/11 AM Eastern.
- Need a preamble ASAP that explains the potential for inconsistency in this document; that this will be a living document. Agreed! Deadline: Next week for an adequate preamble.
- Yes to a deadline on 10/14 for a first draft.
- Yes to staying with Google doc platform for now, and look at considering a wiki or something else more powerful/controlled in the future. Check in on this in a week or two.

- Let's continue promoting this through all available channels. Include & inform. [While it is important to promote this document and our team, I think we have gotten our toe-hold in OWS. We were the ones who jumped in here immediately - why?? because we are informed, opinionated, savvy, and angry - and Ralph brilliantly provided us a place to collaborate. We can promote the doc, but more important is continuing to develop it as a team. OWS already knows about this and we are already ahead of the game. I am very happy to have met all of you, and gratified to be collaborating on this noble document with you - Elly]

Project Communications

10/11 Email, 23:50 EDT

Message from ralph@meima.com:

Hello Charter Collaborative!

We have much to be proud of so far. Our brave attempt at open collaboration on a statement of national economic direction has produced a document with some important contents and an evolving structure that many individuals and media organizations either love or hate. From Mother Jones and Jeffrey Hollender to Fox News and Greta Van Susteren, the Charter is attracting both praise and attacks. Must have struck a chord!

Onward! In last week's conference call, we agreed to have a first draft completed by this coming Friday. We can do it, if we work in a focused manner and don't set our sights too high.

SUGGESTION:

Everyone pick one or two declarations where you have expertise or fire.

Put your name in the left-hand column under the declaration.

Improve that text, keeping it brief and focused.

Collaborate if there is more than one person self-assigned to that declaration (i.e., create a declaration team and work with your team independently).

Use the Content Guardrails to figure out what to keep and what to discard. Note: In the New Economic Charter Facebook page, a "Guardrails Survey" can be accessed in the left column; fill it out, and see how others are responding. The should give us a good sense of where the preponderance of opinion lies on these important aspects of the Charter.

Additional guardrails can of course be proposed, and added to the survey.

Once the first draft is compiled, we will subject it to a process of editorial review; more on that later.

Hope you can make the conference call this Friday at 11 AM EDT. Also, Meetup at OWS Liberty Plaza in NYC this Thursday (time TBD).

We can do this!

Spread the word and grow the Charter Collaborative!

For the 99%

Ralph

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New Salary Range Recommendations Based on Concepts of Economic Sustainability and Right Livelihood

Bankers \$20,000
Lawyers \$27,500
Realtors \$25,000
Doctors \$28,000
Nurses \$27,500
Teachers/Librarians/Train Engineers/Bridge Maintenance/Ship Pilots, etc. \$35,000
Police \$36,000
Public Servants \$28,500
Laborers \$20,000
Other public sector \$30,000
Other private sector \$29,000
Technical/Research/Academic \$36,000
Entrepreneurs/Business Owners \$10,000 (this annual payment by the government will serve to fund and support private businesses, which, if successful, can create needed and sought-after products. If the products are worthy and valuable, people will buy them, and entrepreneurs will be able to amass fortunes. Warning - products, such as derivatives, will probably not succeed in the new, fair economy)
Congress \$30,000
President 40,000
Soldiers N/A
Defense workers \$25,000
Etc.

All jobs include full health benefit for worker and family, full retirement benefits, full free education for children.

Taxation - to run the government

The only tax will be a sales tax for all goods and services, which will be fixed at: 4%.
[end member's ideas]