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**Hey G20, Here Comes #ROBINHOOD**
**Culture Jammers HQ, Adbusters, October 28, 2011**

Excerpt: "As winter approaches, many occupiers will dig in for the long haul. Others will decamp until spring and channel their energy into myriad projects. Many of the big ideas for rejuvenating and reenchainting the world that have been swirling around the left for the last 20 years will pick up steam. From revoking corporate personhood to de-commercializing the cultural commons, to separating money from politics, to the birth of a True Cost Party of America ... we are entering a sustained period of boots-on-the-ground transformation."


Ralph Nader, “Occupy Wall Street on the Move”
Ralph Nader, CommonDreams, Oct. 28, 2011, RSN
Ralph Nader writes: "In the Arab Spring of Cairo, Egypt earlier this year, it was said that a million people in Tahrir Square lost their fear of the dictatorship. It can be said that in this "American Autumn," some 150,000 people have discovered their power and rejected apathy. They have come far in so little time because the soil for their pushback is so fertile, nourished by the revulsion of millions of their countrypersons moving toward standing up and showing up themselves."

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Bill McKibben’s Speech at Occupy Wall Street
News Report, 10-8-11: “Today in the New York Times there was a story that made it completely clear why we have to be here. They uncovered the fact that the company building that tar sands pipeline was allowed to choose another company to conduct the environmental impact statement, and the company that they chose was a company that did lots and lots of work for them. So, in other words, the whole thing was rigged top to bottom and that’s why the environmental impact statement said that this pipeline would cause no trouble.” READ | DISCUSS | SHARE http://www.nationofchange.org/bill-mckibbens-speech-occupy-wall-street-1318175259

“A Movement Too Big to Fail”

By Chris Hedges

There is no danger that the protesters who have occupied squares, parks and plazas across the nation in defiance of the corporate state will be co-opted by the Democratic Party or groups like MoveOn. The faux liberal reformers, whose abject failure to stand up for the rights of the poor and the working class, have signed on to this movement because they fear becoming irrelevant. Union leaders, who pull down salaries five times that of the rank and file as they bargain away rights and benefits, know the foundations are shaking. So do Democratic politicians from Barack Obama to Nancy Pelosi. So do the array of "liberal" groups and institutions, including the press, that have worked to funnel discontented
voters back into the swamp of electoral politics and mocked those who called for profound structural reform.

Resistance, real resistance, to the corporate state was displayed when a couple of thousand protesters, clutching mops and brooms, early Friday morning forced the owners of Zuccotti Park and the New York City police to back down from a proposed attempt to expel them in order to “clean” the premises. These protesters in that one glorious moment did what the traditional “liberal” establishment has steadily refused to do—fight back. And it was deeply moving to watch the corporate rats scamper back to their holes on Wall Street. It lent a whole new meaning to the phrase “too big to fail.”

Tinkering with the corporate state will not work. We will either be plunged into neo-feudalism and environmental catastrophe or we will wrest power from corporate hands. This radical message, one that demands a reversal of the corporate coup, is one the power elite, including the liberal class, is desperately trying to thwart. But the liberal class has no credibility left. It collaborated with corporate lobbyists to neglect the rights of tens of millions of Americans, as well as the innocents in our imperial wars. The best that liberals can do is sheepishly pretend this is what they wanted all along. Groups such as MoveOn and organized labor will find themselves without a constituency unless they at least pay lip service to the protests. The Teamsters’ arrival Friday morning to help defend the park signaled an infusion of this new radicalism into moribund unions rather than a co-opting of the protest movement by the traditional liberal establishment. The union bosses, in short, had no choice.

The Occupy Wall Street movement, like all radical movements, has obliterated the narrow political parameters. It proposes something new. It will not make concessions with corrupt systems of corporate power. It holds fast to moral imperatives regardless of the cost. It confronts authority out of a sense of responsibility. It is not interested in formal positions of power. It is not seeking office. It is not trying to get people to vote. It has no resources. It can’t carry suitcases of money to congressional offices or run millions of dollars of advertisements. All it can do is ask us to use our bodies and voices, often at personal risk, to fight back. It has no other way of defying the corporate state.

This rebellion creates a real community instead of a managed or virtual one. It affirms our dignity. It permits us to become free and independent human beings. Martin Luther King was repeatedly betrayed by liberal supporters, especially when
he began to challenge economic forms of discrimination, which demanded that liberals, rather than simply white Southern racists, begin to make sacrifices. King too was a radical. He would not compromise on nonviolence, racism or justice. He understood that movements—such as the Liberty Party, which fought slavery, the suffragists, who fought for women’s rights, the labor movement and the civil rights movement—have always been the true correctives in American democracy. None of those movements achieved formal political power. But by holding fast to moral imperatives they made the powerful fear them. King knew that racial equality was impossible without economic justice and an end to militarism. And he had no intention of ceding to the demands of the liberal establishment that called on him to be calm and patience. “For years, I labored with the idea of reforming the existing institutions in the South, a little change here, a little change there,” King said shortly before he was assassinated. “Now I feel quite differently. I think you’ve got to have a reconstruction of the entire system, a revolution of values.”

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King was killed in 1968 when he was in Memphis to support a strike by sanitation workers. By then he had begun to say that his dream, the one that the corporate state has frozen into a few safe clichés from his 1963 speech in Washington, had turned into a nightmare. King called at the end of his life for massive federal funds to rebuild inner cities, what he called “a radical redistribution of economic and political power,” a complete restructuring of “the architecture of American society.” He grasped that the inequities of capitalism had become the instrument by which the poor would always remain poor. “Call it democracy, or call it democratic socialism,” King said, “but there must be a better distribution of wealth within this country for all of God’s children.” On the eve of King’s murder he was preparing to organize a poor people’s march on Washington, D.C., designed to cause “major, massive dislocations,” a nonviolent demand by the poor, including the white underclass, for a system of economic equality. It would be 43 years before his vision was realized by an eclectic group of protesters who gathered before the gates of Wall Street.

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**Why You Should Attend an Occupy Meeting**
Dave Johnson, Op-Ed, Campaign for American Future, NationofChange, Nov. 1, 2011: “This all brings us a chance to restore democracy not just in our communities, but within ourselves. By attending and participating, we are exercising the "muscles" of democracy, of speaking up and being part of something. The thing is, you won’t just see it, you’ll feel it. You'll feel what it is like to have so many people around you who agree with you. You'll feel what it is like to be part of something important.” READ | DISCUSS | SHARE http://www.nationofchange.org/why-you-should-attend-occupy-meeting-1320157546

CORPORATIONS: GLOBAL PROTEST, MONSANTO, BANK OF AMERICA

The People Versus the Police
Naomi Wolf, Op-Ed, Project Syndicate, NationofChange, Nov. 1, 2011: “Suddenly, America looks like the rest of the furious, protesting, not-completely-free world. Indeed, most commentators have not fully grasped that a world war is occurring. But it is unlike any previous war in human history: for the first time, people around the world are not identifying and organizing themselves along national or religious lines, but rather in terms of a global consciousness and demands for a peaceful life, a sustainable future, economic justice, and basic democracy.” READ | DISCUSS | SHARE http://www.nationofchange.org/people-versus-police-1320158599

CORPORATE POWER, MONOPOLY, CRIME: “Patents held by private corporations are blocking breast cancer research”
david druding daviddruding@gmail.com 10-31-11

Amy Goodman at Democracy Now is interviewing a researcher/author, medical ethicist Harriet Washington today. She explains how big pharma/medical industry here in the US is patenting naturally occurring genes that were not GMO's. One of those involves breast cancer research. Another involves prostrate cancer research.

This corporate blockage of open research on many diseases revolves around 2 important corrupt court decisions in the US made in 1980.

She calls this practice "bio-colonialism" and gives several disgusting crimes that the US medical-pharmaceutical industry has committed with no legal discourse.

I would urge you to listen to this woman's interview. She has just written a book named, "Deadly Monopolies". She wrote 2 earlier acclaimed books. One of them was about an African American woman who had her tissues stolen by a doctor in CA working with UC. That book
is entitled "Immortal Life of Henrietta Washington" and her other award winning book, "Medical Apartheid".

**Monsanto**, of course, is at the center of much of these immoral business practices.

Check today's Democracy Now to hear what this inspiring lady has to say. [website: democracynow.org](http://democracynow.org)
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**10 Reasons to Hate Bank of America**
Nomi Prins, Op-Ed, NationofChange, Nov. 1, 2011: “There is no shortage of hatred for the biggest banks. Indeed, the Occupy Wall Street movement is leading a national revolution against these Byzantine, powerful Goliaths for the economic devastation they have caused. This makes it difficult to choose the worst of the bunch. That said, a strong case can be made that Bank of America deserves the title of the nation's most despised bank. Here are ten reasons to take your money out of Bank of America - and park it at a credit union or community bank near you.” READ | DISCUSS | SHARE [http://www.nationofchange.org/10-reasons-hate-bank-america-1320153713](http://www.nationofchange.org/10-reasons-hate-bank-america-1320153713)

**Police Crackdown on Occupy Nashville**
The Associated Press, October 28, 2011
The Associated Press reports: "Authorities in Tennessee made about 30 arrests early Friday at the site where a few dozen Wall Street protesters have been encamped for about three weeks in Nashville, protesters said. Authorities began moving in a little after 3 a.m. using a newly enacted state policy that set a curfew for the grounds near the state Capitol, including Legislative Plaza where the protesters had been staying in tents."

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