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“Occu'pie' the Military Budget! Flyers for Tax Day”
War Resisters League wrl@warresisters.org via uark.edu
to jbennet April 6, 2012
Still Time to Order for Tax Day!
Where Your Income Tax Money Really Goes
Our 'Pie Chart' flyer for fiscal year 2013, 'Wall St=War St.', is available for sale or download on our website. This year we look at the top military contractors and big corporations that are making a killing off of killing. Buy bulk color copies or download here. There's still time to order 'Pie Charts' for Tax Day (April 17). For rush orders email wrl@warresisters.org.
Hand out the 'Pie Chart' at your local Occupy, vigils and events before and on Tax Day. It's a great conversation starter. Most people in the US do not realize that approximately half of the income tax money pays for war. Check it out on our website. http://www.warresisters.org/node/1325
The 99% needs our tax money to work for us, not to enrich the war profiteers!
HELP: We Need Back-Up to Arrest Wall Street
John Sellers, The Other 98% info@other98.com via uark.edu
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Join with us TODAY.  http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/1519/p/salsa/web/common/public/content?content_item_KEY=9251
Dear Dick,
Four years after the banks crashed the economy, not one CEO or Wall Street executive has been prosecuted. Homeowners are still underwater, millions are out of work, and cases against megabanks like Citigroup and Bank of America are being settled for pennies on the dollar.1
It's time for justice to be served on Wall Street - but Eric Schneiderman, the New York Attorney General appointed by President Obama to investigate the financial crisis, has been massively understaffed and outspent. His total staff is 55 investigators and attorney - not only is that roughly half of what was assigned to investigate Enron, but it's also roughly the amount of employees of an average McDonald's, with hundreds of billions in potential fraud per investigator.2
Join us in telling President Obama and Congress: we need Justice from Wall Street NOW. Give Wall Street's top cop the back-up he needs.
There's good reason to be in a hurry: even the most heinous crimes committed by the bankers have a statute of limitations. If Schneiderman and his team can't make a case within a certain amount of time, then banksters could get off scot-free no matter what they did.
And it's not like we've never cowboy-ed up to enforce justice on bankers. During the savings-and-loan scandal, regional investigations often had more than 100 lawyers and investigators working at a time,3 and over 1000 investigators total.4 But so far the Attorney General Eric Holder has only offered Schneiderman 55 lawyers, investigators and other staff to investigate a much bigger, national fraud that took place in the computer age.
Sign here to tell Congress and President Obama: we need to give Eric Schneiderman the tools to bring the banks to justice. http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/1519/p/salsa/web/common/public/content?content_item_KEY=9251
Thank you for all you do to make this movement real.
Sincerely,
John Sellers, The Other 98%

The Other 98% is making democracy work for the rest of us. Like what we do? You can donate to support this movement right now.
Our website is http://other98.com/

Robert Reich, “Whose Recovery?” Economic Gap Increasing
Op-Ed., NationofChange, March 31, 2012.  According to an analysis of tax returns by Emmanuel Saez and Thomas Piketty, the top 1 percent pocketed 93 percent of the gains in 2010. 37 percent of the gains went to the top one-tenth of one percent. No one below the richest 10 percent saw any gain at all.
In fact, most of the bottom 90 percent have lost ground. Their average adjusted gross income was $29,840 in 2010. READ | DISCUSS | SHARE http://www.nationofchange.org/whose-recovery-1333202811

“Senate Bill Would Restore Fair Minimum Wage “
Christine Owens, National Employment Law Project, March 30, 2012  RSN
Owens reports: "The National Employment Law Project today welcomed the introduction of federal legislation to raise the federal minimum wage from the current $7.25 to $9.80 over the next two-and-a-half years, which would restore the wage to a fair level and provide greater economic security for millions of struggling families.”

David Korten, “When Bankers Rule the World”
Op-Ed, Yes! Magazine, NationofChange, March 31, 2012:  “The tell-all defection of Greg Smith, a former Goldman Sachs executive, provided an insider’s view of the moral corruption of the Wall Street banks that control of much of America’s economy and politics. Smith confirms what insightful observers have known for years: the business purpose of Wall Street bankers is to maximize their personal financial take without regard to the consequences for others.”  READ | DISCUSS | SHARE  http://www.nationofchange.org/when-bankers-rule-world-1333203990

“Matt Taibbi | Push to End Too-Big-To-Fail Goes Mainstream “
Rolling Stone , March 30, 2012, RSN
Taibbi writes: "Wall Street is buzzing about the annual report just put out by the Dallas Federal Reserve. In the paper, Harvey Rosenblum, the head of the Dallas Fed's research department, bluntly calls for the breakup of Too-Big-To-Fail banks like Bank of America, Chase, and Citigroup."
READ MORE  http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/276-74/10719-push-to-end-too-big-to-fail-goes-mainstream

“Bill Moyers and Michael Winship | Let's Stop Big Media's (B)AD Behavior”
BillMoyers.com, March 30, 2012  RSN
Excerpt: "Here's the latest case in point. The airwaves belong to all of us, right? They're part of 'the commons' that in theory no private interest should be able to buy or control. Nonetheless, government long ago allowed television and radio stations to use the airwaves for commercial purposes, and the advertising revenues have made those companies fabulously rich."
READ MORE  http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/276-74/10718-lets-stop-big-medias-bad-behavior

Get Up, Stand Up
By Bruce Levine on February 6, 2011
Uniting Populists, Energizing the Defeated, and Battling the
Corporate Elite

Polls show that the majority of Americans oppose recent US wars and Wall Street bailouts, yet most remain passive and appear resigned to powerlessness. Many Americans have lost confidence that genuine democracy is possible, and Get Up Stand Up explains how major US institutions have created fatalism. When such fatalism and defeatism sets in, truths about economic injustices and lost liberties are not enough to set people free—something else is required. For democratic movements to get off the ground, individuals must recover self-respect, and a people must regain collective confidence that they can succeed at eliminating top-down controls. Get Up, Stand Up describes how anti-elitists can unite and recover dignity, confidence, and the energy to wrest power away from the ruling corporate-government partnership (the “corporatocracy”). Get Up, Stand Up details those strategies and tactics that oppressed peoples have successfully employed to gain power.

“As you read Bruce Levine’s rousing Get Up, Stand Up, inevitably you will be reminded of Thomas Paine’s Common Sense, which served as a rallying cry for the colonialists to take action against their British rulers. Today, Levine argues, Americans are ruled by a tyrannical “corporatocracy”—i.e. government by big business and for big business—and his analysis of why the American people remain so passive in the face of such tyranny is smart, lucid, and passionate. Readers will also find, in his proposals for how the “people” today can stand up and “do battle” with the corporatocracy, a stirring call for action that surely needs to be heard.”

–Robert Whitaker, author of Anatomy of an Epidemic and Mad in America

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