

Wall Street protest movement spreads to cities across US, Canada and Europe

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Suppressed Fox video released; give our regards to Google! Bilderberg in common

It began as the brainchild of activists across the border in Canada when an anti-consumerism magazine put out a call in July for supporters to [Occupy Wall Street](#).

Now, three weeks after a few hundred people heeded that initial call and rolled out their sleeping bags in a park in New York's financial district, they are being joined by supporters in cities across the US and beyond.

Armed with Twitter, Facebook and shared Googledocs, protesters against corporate greed, unemployment and the political corruption that they say Wall Street represents have taken to the streets in Boston, Los Angeles, St Louis and Kansas City.

The core group, Occupy Wall Street (OWS), claims people will take part in demonstrations in as many as 147 US cities this month, while the website [occupytogether.org](#) lists 47 US states as being involved. Around the world, protests in Canada, the UK, Germany and Sweden are also planned, they say.

The speed of the leaderless movement's growth has taken many by surprise. [Occupytogether.org](#), one of several sites associated with the protest, has had to be rebuilt to accommodate the traffic.

OWS media spokesman Patrick Bruner said: "We have on our board right now 147 US cities. I don't know whether they are occupied or they are planning on being occupied. My guess would be over 30 cities are occupied."

The original call by the Canadian magazine *Adbusters* to occupy Wall Street drew hundreds of protesters on 17 September and 2,000 attended a march the following Saturday. But the movement, which organisers say has its roots in the Arab spring and in Madrid's Puerta del Sol protests, has been galvanised by recent media attention.

Last week, the Guardian reported that a NYPD police officer had been filmed spraying four women protesters with pepper spray. On Saturday, a peaceful march on Brooklyn bridge intended as a call to the other four boroughs of New York to join in resulted in 700 arrests. Some protesters claim the police trapped them.

There are now two investigations, including an internal police inquiry, into the pepper spraying incident.

Bruner said the protest had snowballed in the last few days: "The American people have realised that the American dream has been assassinated and the murderer is still on the loose."

A message on the [occupytogether](#) site apologises for the site rebuild and directs readers to update links. It reads: "Wow, the groups organising and occupations popping up across the country is

growing exponentially by the day. So much so that, in order to have proper navigation and organisation on the site, we had to begin categorising these pages by state. Because of this, every occupation's permalink has been changed."

Thornin Caristo, of OWS, said the movement had taken hold because it had tapped into anger at inequality, unemployment and corporate greed. He predicted it would continue to grow.

Caristo said: "It was always going to be a hit or miss situation but it's a hit and I don't think it will be reversing. So much of the population has no hope and those people are desperate."

Other websites publicising the protests have also become hugely popular. One, named wearethe99percent, in reference to the statistic that 1% of the US population owns a third of the wealth, posts pictures of people holding handwritten messages daily.

One said: "Last year, my 60-year-old mother was evicted. This year I graduated with my master's. I am unemployed with over \$120,000 in student loans. I no longer believe the American Dream is for me because ... We are the 99 per cent."

Another person holds up a sign which reads: "When you're young, you're told you can be anything, I'm sick of being fed lies. I graduated with a BA in 2009 and I've been searching for a job ever since. My generation is lost, depressed, in debt, struggling. We are taking unpaid internships and temporary contracts with no health insurance in desperation. We will forever be living at our parent's house."

Unions have also expressed solidarity with the protests.

On Monday, the Transit Workers Union said it had applied for an injunction to stop the NYPD from forcing bus drivers to carry arrested OWS demonstrators.

On Tuesday the 700,000-strong Communication Workers of America endorsed OWS, describing it as an "appropriate expression of anger for all Americans, but especially for those who have been left behind by Wall Street".

In a statement, the group said: "We support the activists' non-violent efforts to seek a more equitable and democratic society based on citizenship, not corporate greed.

"The Occupy Wall Street demonstrations are spreading throughout the country. We will support them and encourage all CWA Locals to participate in the growth of this protest movement."

Today, the protesters will join a number of unions and community organisations, including the CWA, the TWU and the United Federation of Teachers in a march on City Hall.

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Are you kidding with this soft "conversation" approach? The mass murdering, thieving, CRIMINAL minority elites to be 'soft-gloved,' in your fuckin' dreams!

After due process -- their crimes are NUMEROUS, heinous, and easily provable -- H-A-N-G 'EM! What has the elite Executive class done but commit crimes and destroy EVERYTHING natural they touch, of what REAL use are they to any MORAL, CIVILISED SOCIETY?? Wake up! That is why they are turning government into a 'murder incorporated;' they are attempting to NORMALISE CRIME so they have free reign to do anything to ANYONE they choose -- it is the T-O-L-E-R-A-T-I-O-N of outrageous crime by society that is the PROBLEM. "Conversation" my arse! The gallows is the 'appropriate statement' HERE!

While YOU are playing kiddies in sandpit protests these SCUM are KILLING PEOPLE or have you forgotten the MILLION plus slaughtered INNOCENT civilians over the past decade?

At times I think these innocuous protests/movements are 'steam valves' arranged by them. LET PEOPLE'S COURTS do the talking and then finalise the matter with a trapdoor, geeesh, what do they put in the water over there?

The sooner these elitist criminals are dealt with, the better for the ENTIRE FREE WORLD. Drag 'em out of their secret chambers/offices and nefarious meetings and place them ALL under arrest! Are you people RETARDED? How much more PROOF of culpability do you need???

'They' treat you like demented, dreamboat DUNCES because you ARE demented, cowardly DUNCES -- for fuck's fuckin' sake, GET A GRIP!

It is the LEGAL, inalienable RIGHT of the PEOPLE TO D-E-M-A-N-D that LAWS are OBEYED and JUSTICE is SERVED -- what dreamworld are you people living in??

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/oct/04/wall-street-protest-movement-spreads>

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