

Occupying Wall Street

Since mid-September, more than 3,000 Americans have occupied Zuccotti Park in New York City under the moniker Occupy Wall Street. The group's demands are not entirely clear, nor have they chosen a single leader. Rather, they have gathered at the epicenter of American commerce to vocalize their frustrations with big businesses and the government. Some are protesting the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, others are looking for redistribution of wealth and more are protesting for the preservation of the social entitlements and healthcare programs that have been entwined in the American social compact since before many can remember.

The protestors are Americans who have become frustrated by the Congressional gridlock, the corruption in government, and the influence that big business has over lawmakers.



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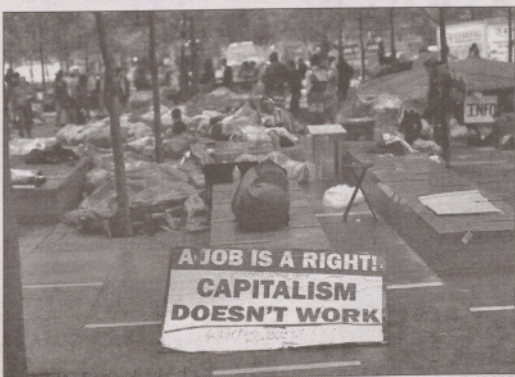
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The movement has exploded beyond New York and the group is now using its website, www.occupytogether.org and reaching out through Facebook and Twitter to spread its message. Occupy protests have ignited in Boston, San Francisco and Chicago and have already begun or are being organized in more than fifty other American cities.

Occupy Portland is planned for Thursday October 6 at Waterfront Park between SW Ankeny and Naito Parkway.



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