

Rich Kids Protesting Wall Street

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Some of the progressive blogs are lauding the protests against Wall Street as if these protests were an uprising of the "PEOPLE" against the rich, and a copy of the heroism of the Arab Spring.

Now, I am aghast at the Wall Street shenanigans as much as the next person, but when the president and his men are deeply enmeshed in that culture of a new world financial order, I doubt they will listen to me.

And exactly what is the alternative? I mean, yes, I've read Chomsky et al but it seems that their anti capitalistic rhetoric didn't exactly work when it was put into practice. Zimbabwe, North Korea, Venezuela and pre capitalistic China were not exactly places of peace and prosperity, whereas South Korea, Malaysia, South Africa and Brazil are getting out of poverty the capitalistic way.

Luckily you live in a free system where you won't "disappear" for protesting.

On the other hand, I am not sure what you and these 700 clowns are going to do, beside make folks wonder why there are so few of them.

Come on now: Liberals used to be able to get crowds of thousands to protest anything in the good old days. What's wrong with our young people?

Well, I shouldn't say only 700: The crowd swelled to a full 2000 after a rock group was supposed to show up....and didn't.

"I actually think it's kind of ridiculous," said a dreadlocked 20-year-old who identified himself as Pigpen. "The only reason 500 people are here is because they think Radiohead is going to be here."

Organizers were red-faced.

They were even more red faced when they picketed the wrong office.

A crowd of more than 2,000 people marched up Broadway, past a closed City Hall Park, under the arch of the Municipal Building and massed outside what some mistakenly thought was NYPD headquarters.

But most of the chanting horde plopped down in front of One St. Andrew's Plaza, which houses the U.S. Attorney's Office, not the NYPD.

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'Occupy Wall Street' Protests Spread Across the Country

ABC News' Olivia Katrandjian reports:

The [Occupy Wall Street](#) movement, growing to more than 1,500 people in its second week, called for a march in lower Manhattan today at 3 p.m. to "show that it is time that the 99% are heard." "We are unions, students, teachers, veterans, first responders, families, the unemployed and underemployed. We are all races, sexes and creeds. We are the majority. We are the 99 percent. And we will no longer be silent," read a post on the [Occupy Wall Street website](#).

The protests started on Sept. 17. On Friday, about 1,500 demonstrators took their protest to the New York Police Department headquarters.



An elderly group leads a march up Broadway towards Police Headquarters, Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, in New York. (Louis Lanzano/AP Photo)

The demonstrators, who are speaking out against corporate greed and social inequality, say they have been unnecessarily roughed up by police.

The turnout may have been so high because a rumor circulated that the band Radiohead would perform at the event. The band did not appear at event.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg addressed the demonstrations on the WOR 710 radio show Friday, according to multiple media reports.

"The protesters are protesting against people who make \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year who are struggling to make ends meet. That's the bottom line," Bloomberg said.

When asked how the NYPD would handle protests, Bloomberg said that while people have the right to protest, others also have the right "to walk down the street unmolested."

The protests have spread across the country, with events popping up in Boston, Chicago and dozens of other cities across the country in solidarity with Occupy Wall Street.

In Albuquerque, N.M., there were more than 500 protestors, and [demonstrators in Spokane, Wash., set up a tent city](#) before police enforced a no-camping rule.

A march and rally was held in Boston Friday called "[Take Back Boston](#)" run by the Right to the City alliance, a national organization that "seeks to create regional and national impacts in the fields of housing, human rights, urban land, community development, civic engagement, criminal justice, environmental justice, and more," according to its website.

Police estimated about 3,000 people attended the events Friday.

"We are targeting Wall Street, in particular the big banks and corporations," Rachel Laforest, the executive director of the [Right to the City Alliance](#) told ABC News. "The goal is to create a national narrative and have it be known how the states are taking state revenues that are being funneled to banks and corporations and then you layer on top of that the fact that they're not obligated to pay their fair share of taxes, and so that's billions and billions of dollars that could be put toward job creation and creating solutions to the housing crisis."

Today's events in Boston will continue with a "Take Back the Block" festival. At least 1,500 have registered for the festival.

Along with New York and Boston, an [Occupy Chicago](#) movement has emerged, with nearly 100 people gathering in front of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank. The protests have been peaceful and no arrests have been reported.

[Occupy Los Angeles](#) protests which have also been small in numbers, has called for a march today at 10 a.m. from Pershing Square downtown to City Hall.

Susan Sarandon lends support to Wall Street protest

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Susan Sarandon attends the Lela Rose Spring 2012 fashion show on Sept. 11, 2011, in New York.

(Credit: Getty)

(CBS) NEW YORK - Actress Susan Sarandon has joined protesters camping out in lower Manhattan to demonstrate against corporate greed and social inequality.

The Oscar-winning star, who has a long history of social activism, toured an area with a makeshift kitchen and library on Tuesday afternoon.

[Pictures: Susan Sarandon](#)

According to [Bloomberg Businessweek](#), Sarandon said she was there to lend support to the effort to address "the huge gap between the rich and the poor."

The 64-year-old star, who won an Oscar for her role as a nun in 1995's "Dead Man Walking," appeared last year in Oliver Stone's "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps"

The Occupy Wall Street protest is in its second week. So far, nearly 100 demonstrators have been arrested, many of them taken into custody Saturday after police used pepper spray on those marching north to Union Square.