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## The ninety-nine percent rises against the government: what is next?

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The American media has recently spent hours of prime time coverage on some of the most watched news broadcasts and given the front page of many newspapers to the now global phenomenon that is Occupy Wall street. This movement began on Wall Street which is from where it derives its name, but has since spread all over the country, even all the way across to San Francisco. The movement has even gained support from other parts of the world with protesters marching as far away as Tahrir square in Egypt. This is somewhat ironic as the Occupy movement was originally modeled after the protests that led to the downfall of Egypt's government.

The protesters are all out for a variety of reasons, but a few causes are joined by all. Two of the bigger things being asked for are a major

tax hike on the wealthy and a repeal of the 2009 Citizens United case, which allowed let major corporations donate as much money as they want to political campaigns.

Other large desires from the government are a separation of big business and government and a removal of monetary influence on the American government.

On a more connected level, the protesters are pushing for a better plan to help with unemployment and poverty, as well as forgiveness

for student loan debts and justice for those who made profit on the 2007 economic meltdown. They have gathered people and supplies with many non protesters delivering whatever is needed for life. Everything from tents and sleeping bags to canned foods, ice chests, and sodas have been donating to keep the movement alive.



**Angrly protesters with a vendetta occupy the streets.**  
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The group's website which links its different branches even advertises for which parts need what and how much supplies. Lists have been published of everything that might be needed for

day to day life, but also specifics for certain times of the year. The various groups even used generators to keep themselves connected to the internet and television media. When these generators were confiscated, as fire hazards, people began taking turns on stationary bikes turned power stations to keep the makeshift protest communities running. The movement has existed for a long time now, and the police force has begun to become annoyed. People are being shoved back and blocked by the police, and many arrests happen daily. These arrests mainly arise from protesters refusing to vacate the sites on which they camp. Although one man was arrested for building what was called a freedom tower out of cardboard and tape. Many others have faced arrest when they pressed barricades and refused to move their camps. Police have resorted to using tear gas and rubber bullets.

In all, the protest has been mainly peaceful but there have been a few new developments that remove a claim to complete peace. Two men have been shot and killed in Oakland and the police are saying that with officers busy with the camps, there is not enough manpower to patrol the more crime ridden areas of town. Another man was found dead in his tent inside an encampment from a combination of drugs and carbon monoxide poisoning from a propane heater.

The Occupy protests are gaining strength and are beginning to claim more and more victories for the "ninety-nine percent." There really is no way to tell how all of this is going to end up or how it will all resolve itself. The best that can be hoped for is that everything ends peacefully and that something good and useful to the nation and its people does come out of all these protests.

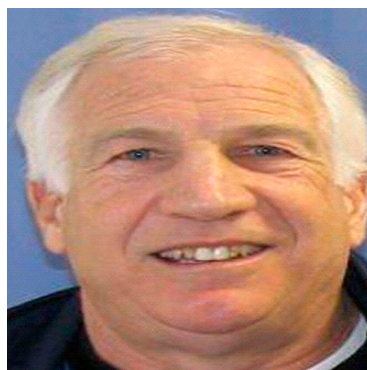
## Sandusky arrested on forty counts of child abuse and molestation

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Former defensive coach for Pennsylvania State University, Jerry Sandusky, was arrested under sexual abuse and molestation charges after several years of silence. The Head coach, Joe Paterno, as well as the Athletic director and the Vice President for Finance and Business lost their jobs for staying silent and not reporting Sandusky.

Sandusky started his career as a defensive line coach as Penn State in 1969. About eight years later he founded a charity organization called The Second Mile, which was supposed to help children with absent or dysfunctional families.

There have been nine young boys thirteen, so far claiming they met Sandusky through this Second Mile program.



**Coach Jerry Sandusky of Penn State.**  
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who reported to be victims, usually between the ages of ten and

In 1996, a mother of one of the victims caught on to what was going on, but criminal charges were dropped when Sandusky admitted to showering with the victim and that it was wrong. Afterward, Sandusky retired from Penn State but he still held emeritus status, a privilege to have continued access to university facilities.

Sandusky really never found the error of his ways, because in the year 2000 a janitor, James Calhoun, reported to his immediate supervisor that he saw Sandusky showering with another victim in the locker

rooms of the school. Calhoun's supervisor told him who to report it to, but he never did. No one ever called the police or lets any officers know what happened.

Then, in 2002, a graduate assistant found Sandusky and another victim, a ten-year-old boy, in the locker showers. Still nothing was done..

It was not until 2008 when the last victim of sexual abuse and his mother came forward and reported the sexual abuse to the school. The Pennsylvania Attorney General started an investigation and Sandusky was finally arrested on November 5th, 2011 on forty criminal counts. The Athletic Di-

rector and Vice President stepped down from their jobs after lying to the Grand Jury during the trial, claiming to have never heard any accusations against Sandusky. They were charged with lying to the jury and not reporting anything to any police officers or officials. Paterno and Graham Spanier, the Penn State President, were both fired on November 9th, 2011.

The thought of molestation and sexual abuse going on for that long with nothing being said to the police at all is horrific. There was so much silence in that school and the horrible thing is: no one

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