

American Spring has 2 revolutions

Guilty are We The People. Suspecting that our political parties no longer defend our interests, we attempt to rise up on the grass-roots level, but inadequately. One faction calls itself the tea party; the other, occupiers.

While the tea party might focus on the injustice of the bank bailouts, occupiers will seize upon the travesty of wealth inequality. While the tea party might be reluctant to identify the problem as wealth inequality, the occupiers might likewise be tempted to settle their claims through some great government handout as Democrats tend to do. Hence might the status quo of the Republican and Democratic Parties (our two-faced boss) attempt to appease an unstoppable American Spring!

Each movement has what the other lacks. While the occupiers intuitively know that government is their only defense against the many forms of usury alien to the people's interests, the tea party recognizes democratic action as the only means of bringing about change. Yet the tea party is largely composed of individuals whose policies defend the moneyed interests. Occupiers are largely composed of individuals who recognize such lies but are pessimistic about changing things



A Los Angeles police officer orders an anti-Wall Street protester off the street at the Occupy LA camp in Los Angeles on Monday.

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through legitimate political action.

In the end, the occupiers and the tea party will come together only when the one has resurrected its faith in government correctives, and the other has resurrected its faith in the need for government. But until such time, We The People will continue to wear the stink of a "guilty" verdict, handed down by our very forefathers.

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Bullying won't deter protesters

Two months of head busting, pepper-spraying and bullying 10 ways to Sunday have not deterred the occupy Wall Street movement.

Attempts to squash people's right to peaceably assemble has been met with stiffened resistance and a growth in the occupy numbers.

In spite of the obvious reluctance of many rank and file police to engage in brutality, it is routine and becoming centrally directed. The question of a citizen's right to self-defense in the exercise of their rights begs.

Violence has been the exclusive tool of the authorities here and it should not be expected that the resistance to it will always be passive.

Commenting on this issue, an Egyptian worker recently put it well: "We hate violence but we hate losing more." After decades the 99 percent are recognizing the regular drenchings felt down our backs have not been of rain.

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