## OCCUPY 101: Suggested Discussion Topics for All Who Occupy the World.

## 1. Corporations

- a. Corporate Personhood
  - i. Legal Rights
  - ii. Citizens United
- b. Lobbying
- c. Shareholder Rights/Powers
- d. Campaign Finance
- e. Social/Cultural Impact
- f. Corporations vs Companies
- g. Environmental Impact and Regulations
- h. Impact on International Markets
- i. Revolving Door with Government\*

## 2. Government

- a. Democracy vs. Republic
  - i. Direct Democracy
  - ii. Representative Democracy
- b. Constitution
  - i. Legislative Process
  - ii. Electoral Process
  - iii. Term Limits\*
- c. Alternative Governments
- d. Regulatory Bodies
  - i. EPA, FDA, etc.

## 3. Social

- a. Leaderless Movements
- b. Language of Communication
- c. Community Organization
- d. Peaceful Resistance
- e. Income Inequality
- f. Human Rights
- g. Social Services
  - i. Health Care
  - ii. Education
  - iii. Welfare
  - iv. Student Loans\*
- h. Consumption and Ownership
- i. Global Development
- j. Immigration\*
- k. Opposition Movement
  - i. Think Tanks
  - ii. Media

- I. Wars
- 4. Economics
  - a. Money and Market Theory
  - b. Employment
  - c. Fiscal vs. Monetary Policy
    - i. Taxes, Debt, Deficits
    - ii. Public Works Programs
    - iii. Interest Rates
  - d. Schools of Economics
    - i. Socialism, Keynes, Libertarians, Monetarists, etc.
  - e. Alternative Economies
  - f. Central Banks
  - g. Investment and Lending\*
    - i. Derivatives
    - ii. Proprietary Investment
    - iii. Foreclosures
  - h. Balance Sheet Recessions
  - i. Global Markets
    - i. Outsourcing\*
    - ii. Currency Exchange Rates\*
  - j. Socially Conscious Investing
  - k. Social Entrepreneurs
- 5. Environmental
  - a. Growing Consumption of a Growing Population
  - b. Energy
    - i. Oil
    - ii. Natural Gas
    - iii. Nuclear
  - c. Climate Change
  - d. Toxins in the Environment
  - e. Water Quality/Quantity
  - f. Land Use Issues
    - i. Deforestation
  - g. Animal Protection