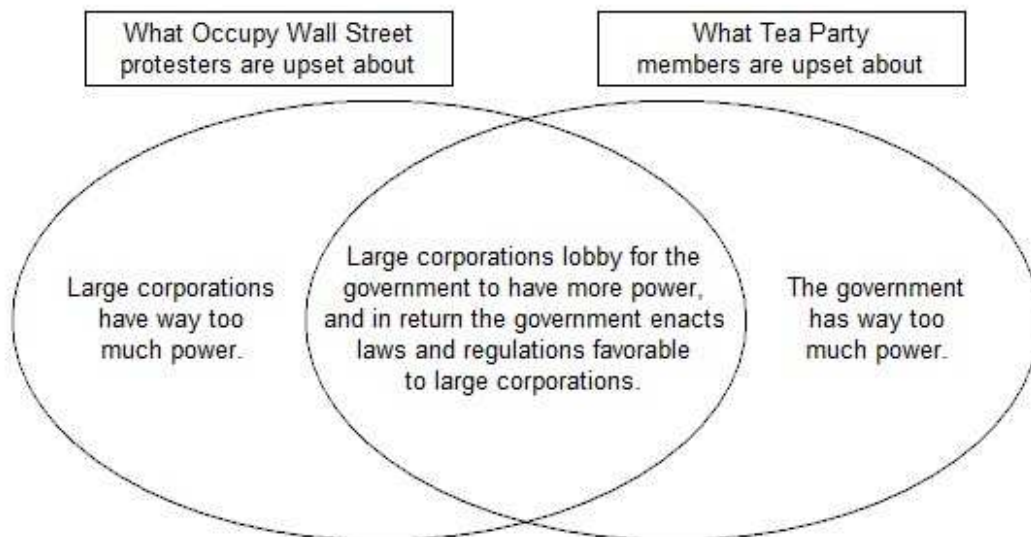


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Faceoff: Occupy Wall Street vs. Tea Party

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No doubt by now you've seen the Cato Institute's well-trafficked, boiled-down [Venn diagram](#) that illustrates the overlapping frustrations of the [Tea Party](#) and [Occupy Wall Street](#):



But is it really that simple? For more analysis, we turned to HV contributor Brother's Keeper, [who in his My Crazy Right Wing Brother column](#), expounded upon the two ideologically opposed movements:

The dissonances between the Tea Party and #OWS are shaped by the context of easily caricatured sub-cultures: Red vs. blue, rural vs. urban, Toby Keith vs. Keith Olberman, diabetes vs. gonorrhea. Such a wide cultural gap makes the other side's motivations either invisible or incomprehensibly evil. This endless culture war keeps my brother at a boil, and the airwaves humming.

But put aside for a moment whatever it is you like or loathe in either camp, and some commonality in their discontents is also clear. They are angry about more or less the same thing: government and/or corporations wield too much power. (The true disease, we know, lurks in the interactions between government and corporations.) Aspects of both complaints are valid, and despite their differing tools of expression, both movements can rightly claim a deep concern for their country.

Maybe instead of the crude cartoon versions we are force-fed, the media could respect us (and the protestors) enough to show us the commonality between them, and by extension, the larger body politic. Tell us how we are alike, for once, instead of how we hate each other.

The following infographic won't serve to show how these movements are similar, but it does provide a better look at the make-up and goals of these two politically non-aligned factions.

It's the best infographic we've seen yet showing where these camps overlap and where they differ:

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OCCUPY WALL STREET vs. TEA PARTY MOVEMENT

Comparing and Contrasting the two largest modern political movements in the U.S.

Why Are They Protesting?

OCCUPY WALL STREET

TEA PARTY MOVEMENT

★★★
REFORM
Campaign
Financing

so that big business doesn't gain control over our politicians

Investigate and arrest

the fraud committed by banking executives that led to the financial crisis

REDUCE
— THE —
SIZE & POWER
OF GOVERNMENT

TAX
the
RICH

Close corporation tax loopholes and enact the Buffet Rule on Fair Taxation

REDUCE
FEDERAL
SPENDING

Protested TARP bailout bill and ARRA stimulus bill on 2/27/2009

REDUCE
TAXES!

Protested the 18% tax on soft drinks on 1/24/09

Who are the protestors?

OCCUPY WALL STREET STEREOTYPES



The unemployed college grad

- Has an undergraduate or graduate degree in a field with low demand and low pay.
- Between ages 22-30
- Voted for Obama in '08.



The Hipster

- Believes capitalism is fundamentally evil.
- Strong supporter of socialistic ideals and supports a "radical redistribution of wealth."
- Unemployed and looking to live off government aid.