While I am very excited about the Occupy Wall Street protests and other similar protests across the country, I feel some ambivalence about them. Why? Because I fear they may be another misdirection. Just as the Tea Party movement was hijacked by the mainstream Republicans, we are already seeing the OWS movement being hijacked by the mainstream for their own purposes. Beyond that, I remember that all this would not be necessary if people knew how to vote.

Let me be direct, as usual. I am pleased as punch to see any form of general strikes, and this is as close to that as we are likely to get right now. I have been calling for general and specific strikes nationwide for many years. However, I must point out that the main reason these strikes and occupations are necessary is because people have been voting like asses for decades. None of this would be necessary if a majority of voters had voted third party in the last election, as I begged them to. Instead, the ones who wanted change voted for Obama. Many of those interviewed while Occupying Wall Street apparently plan to vote for Obama again. If they do, this occupation won't need to be infiltrated by anyone. It will have failed before it even started.

I am also writing this to remind everyone that they don't need to live in a tent for months, fighting the bugs and the police. If you don't have the time or inclination to drive to New York or D.C. or one of the state capitols, just vote correctly and you won't have to. What is correctly? Third party or Ron Paul. You have choices, and I am not here to tell you to vote just like me. It isn't important that you vote just like me. The important thing is not to vote Democrat or Republican. The important thing is to not vote for the candidates chosen for you by the mainstream. Use the mainstream media only as a negative bellwether. That means, whatever they tell you to do, do the opposite. They may even create an “independent” candidate for you, and tell you he or she is the answer to your problems, but be very suspicious. Research these independent candidates to see how independent they really are.

Yes, you don't have to join the tent people. You don't have to shave your head or wear DocMartens or carry a sign or get arrested (although it is fine if you do). But if you aren't going to protest, you better at least vote like a sentient being. You better do some basic research. This doesn't mean you have to study for hours each night, it just means you have to fact-check what people on TV say. If they tell you the sky is red, you just have to go outside and be sure it is. If it is blue, then you know you are being lied to. Fact-checking your candidates isn't much harder than that. People say to me, “How did you know so much about
Obama before the election? It turns out you were right, but we didn't have a clue. It just seems too hard. We don't have the free hours to do research that you do!” Well, as I told my readers in that paper on Obama, you don't have to do homework every night to figure out what is going on. I fact-checked Obama in a matter of hours in one evening. How? By going to Thomas.gov, the website of Congress. All the votes are there. Obama said he was for this and against that, and I just checked the votes. The votes told me the opposite.

As a more current example, I recently went to Thomas.gov to check the votes on raising the debt ceiling. Remember how last summer Obama kept talking about stepping up to the plate and doing the right thing? Who was he talking to? Recalcitrant Republicans, right? Nope. Check the votes and you will see that not one of his own Democrats voted to raise the debt ceiling. The motion eventually passed, but the vote was 218 to 210 in the House, and ALL 218 of the yes votes were Republican! They forgot to tell you that on the mainstream news, didn't they? You may ask yourself why not one of Obama's fellow Democrats agreed to vote to raise the debt ceiling, even after their President begged them to. You may ask yourself why Obama looks so much like a Republican. You may ask yourself who Obama really is, and who is behind him.

Many people who are fed up with the system have told me they don't bother to vote. The elections are rigged, they tell me. Well, yes, the voting machines are rigged, but they not are equipped to steal elections that are not close. They also aren't equipped to steal elections where there is a huge third party vote. What this means is that if you plan to vote for one of the two parties, you might as well not vote. In that case, the election IS rigged. As long as you follow one of the two main pathways, the election IS rigged, and you might as well stay home and play Parcheesi. The two parties were both bought long ago and there is no hope that way. But if we all voted away from the two parties, voting would no longer be a waste of time.

Yes, ironically, the only vote that is NOT a throw-away vote is a third party vote. It is the only one that really counts. This is because it is the only vote that really sends a message to the government. Voting for one of the two parties sends this message: “The voters will do what they are told, without questioning it.” That can only lead to corruption, as we have seen.

This is precisely why they tell you that a third-party vote is a throw-away. They have to invert the truth at all times. They have to tell you red is blue and up is down and good is bad. They assure you that the only meaningful thing that you can do is meaningless, which stops you from doing it. Don't believe them. They are lying. The only meaningful vote in the next election will be a third-party vote (or Ron Paul).

If people vote third-party in the next election, things will begin to sort themselves out. If they don't, no amount of tents will matter. As long as people continue to vote as they are told, the powers-that-be can put up with any amount of meaningless protest. Non-violent protest is only a precursor to real political action, and if we see the protest without the political action (voting), nothing will change. That is what the mainstream is hoping to see here, and what they are hoping they can achieve by infiltrating the protests. They will try to steer the protesters into some pre-established channels, like voting for Obama again, or voting for some other equally
compromised fake candidate. They will try to steer the protest away from the Federal Reserve and the Pentagon, and toward some other manufactured causes like Global Warming or cutting entitlements or balancing the budget or term limits. We don't need term limits, we need a completely different set of people in government.