## Government and Community Services Questionnaire. 12/13/11 edit.

This questionnaire gives citizens an opportunity to express their opinions about community and national problems. Please complete all of the items carefully. A copy of the findings will be made available to participants who want them. The questionnaire data will be shared with the Occupy organization and with the wider community to help everyone understand their movement.

The core content for this questionnaire was gleaned by the primary researcher at a committee meeting of Occupy Eugene participants who in turn shared their primary goals for the movement with those present.

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Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the items below by replacing one number with and "X" for each item, using this code. :

Strongly disagree Disagree		Neutral or	Agree	Strongly agree
between 2 and 4				
1	2	3	4	5
For example, i	f you choose "3"	for item 1, change	the "1 2 3 4 5"	" to "1 2 X 4 5".

1 2 3 4 5 1. It is important that public media (radio, T.V., etc.) be objective and not biased in its reporting.

1 2 3 4 5 2. The government should hold Wall Street and big bank executives accountable for their roles in causing the financial meltdowns in recent years.

1 2 3 4 5 3. The government should reinstate and improve regulations of the financial industry to minimize future financial meltdowns.

1 2 3 4 5 4. As a nation we should strive to get the money out of politics, e.g. reverse the notion that corporations are people and therefore can contribute as much money as they want to candidate campaign accounts.

1 2 3 4 5 5. Our national government should provide universal health and dental care to all citizens.

1 2 3 4 5 6. As a nation we need to promote more of a focus on "we", the common good, and less focus on "me", narrow self-interest.

1 2 3 4 5 7. We need to do more to protect the environment from degradation, as by reducing our use of fossil fuels.

1 2 3 4 5 8. We should develop a fair and adequate federal tax system that asks wealthier citizens to pay more in return for the opportunities our country has provided them to amass wealth.

1 2 3 4 5 9. We should do more to empower local communities to have control over how they protect and promote their local lifestyles.

1 2 3 4 5 10. We need to reexamine the wisdom of outsourcing jobs to other countries to assure that there are family-wage jobs for all of our citizens first.

1 2 3 4 5 11. We need to do more to provide services to homeless citizens, including housing, counseling, employment opportunities, food and health care.

1 2 3 4 5 12. We need to do more to prosecute corruption in government itself, even at the level of top positions, such as the Supreme Court.

1 2 3 4 5 13. Governments need to find ways to fairly define "surplus wealth" and tax it appropriately.

1 2 3 4 5 14. Communities need to more effectively tap the wisdom of local citizens and help them have the power to express and realize it in community and government service.

1 2 3 4 5 15. Movements such as the Occupy movement should focus on promoting positive, improved, selfless change in society.

1 2 3 4 5 16. The movement should take care to channel rage constructively.

1 2 3 4 5 17. The movement should strive to engage as many citizens as possible, seeking everyone's opinions to find common ground.

1 2 3 4 5 18. The nation needs to "fix the political system", improving government and political processes to be more effective in addressing problems.

1 2 3 4 5 19. Our nation needs a more sustained commitment to social justice.

1 2 3 4 5 20. The movement needs to maintain a positive vision.

1 2 3 4 5 21. Our nation needs to "teach our children well", improving public and private education.

1 2 3 4 5 22. The Occupy movement and the nation as a whole should maintain respect for all citizens and their needs.

1 2 3 4 5 23. The movement and nation should strive to empower all citizens politically, giving them opportunities for constructive actions they can do now.

1 2 3 4 5 24. We need to oversee, audit and regulate the Federal Reserve to protect the value of the dollar, as from inflation or deflation.

1 2 3 4 5 25. Politically, I consider myself to be a liberal.

1 2 3 4 5 26. Politically, I consider myself to be a conservative.

1 2 3 4 5 27. Politically, I consider myself to be an independent.

1 2 3 4 5 28. Politically, I consider myself to be a "green", environmentalist.

1 2 3 4 5 29. Human beings are primarily and naturally competitive.

1 2 3 4 5 30. Human beings are primarily and naturally cooperative.

1 2 3 4 5 31. I have spent one or more nights sleeping and living at an Occupy camp in the past 6 months.

1 2 3 4 5 32. I have attended an Occupy protest event.

1 2 3 4 5 33. I have attended an Occupy meeting to discuss issues of community concern.

1 2 3 4 5 34. I empathize with and support the concerns of the Occupy movement.

Please complete the following items:

**35**. Enter your age: \_\_\_\_\_

**36.** Years of formal education (high school graduate is 12 years):

**37**. Enter your high school grade average (C is 2.00, B is 3.00, A is 4.00):

**38** Circle your gender: Female Male

**39**. Circle your marital status: 1. Single; 2. Divorced; 3.Separated; 4. Married; 5. Widow or Widower 6. Common law marriage/partnership, 7. Other.

**40**. Circle your primary employment status:

- 1. Unemployed, not a student.
- 2. Employed full time.
- 3. Employed part-time.
- 4. Student half-time.
- 5. Student full-time.

**41**. Circle you housing situation: 1. Homeless/unhoused, 2. Living with and dependent upon family, 3. Living with friends, 4. Renting, 5. Buying own home or condo, 6. Other:

**42**. Do you have health insurance? Yes No Other:

**43.** Comments? (Say what you wish):