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Regarding the Occupy Wall Street (San Francisco, L.A., Denver, etc.) movement, the response by police and others makes me feel what it must be like to live in an underdeveloped country ruled by a dictator.

No one in government has dignified with a response the statement these folks are making. The Wall Street Journal, itself, did not report on the Occupy Wall Street movement for 21 days in a row and, when it did, the article was buried on a back page.

Why are people being hurt? Why are tents being confiscated, police trying to enforce minor public ordinances to control the face of a real demonstration of conviction? Why is a Mideastern combat vet in uniform facing the police with a sign saying that he went to the Mideast to defend people's right to free speech but did not expect to have to do it when he came home. Why is this not on the front pages of our newspapers?

Is no one to whom this message is being sent listening? It's pretty scary.

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