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# For fun and enlightenment

Here are a couple **Daily Show Videos** that help us appreciate some of the dimensions of the "OWS" spectacle. (sorry about the commercials at the start.)

[Wednesday October 5, 2011](#)

**Parks and Demonstration -America cannot expect a bunch of disenfranchised park-dwellers to come up with a solution to its economic woes -- they have a political ruling class to do that. (9:23)**

<http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/wed-october-5-2011/parks-and-demonstration>

# And this

[Thursday September 29, 2011](#)

**Democracy on the Lurch - Wall Street Pepper Spray Incident (6:06) (Chris Meloni as Tony Bologna)**

**Although not everyone may agree with or know Wall Street protestors' goals, all people can agree that one reaction to the movement was unacceptable.**

<http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/thu-september-29-2011/democracy-on-the-lurch---wall-street-pepper-spray-incident>

"None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who  
falsely believe they are free." -- Goethe

There is no way for a normal human being to absorb everything that's going in the world today (or why) or even why thousands of people have spontaneously felt the need to join others in a public spectacle called an occupation in cities all over the country, but it's certainly worth paying attention. Perhaps it is more a case of a growing popular outrage at the sorry, blatant, destructive misuse of power and privilege by those entrusted with it being expressed with more civility than it has been imposed on all of us, and although words and symbols are used to communicate, they are the frosting on the cake.

Perhaps it is a shared awakening ---

# What does the future hold?

Perhaps I'm missing something

The people in our political system are like young children squabbling in the back seat of the family car.

I do not see the people of this country (or the world) being satisfied with the outcome of the next national election.

It is all about power and advantage and manipulation of crowds. It is not about reason or justice.

The leaders of the world have put their people under crushing debt and the governance of the Middle East is a big question mark.

What does the future hold?

# Here is a place to start:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Occupy\\_Wall\\_Street](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Occupy_Wall_Street)

**Occupy Wall Street** is an ongoing series of demonstrations in New York City<sup>[5]</sup> based in [Zuccotti Park](#), formerly "Liberty Plaza Park". The protest was originally<sup>[6]</sup> called for by the Canadian activist<sup>[7]</sup> group [Adbusters](#); it took inspiration from the [Arab Spring](#) movement (particularly the [Tahrir Square](#) protests in [Cairo](#), which initiated the [2011 Egyptian revolution](#)) and from the [Spanish Indignants](#).<sup>[8][9]</sup>

The participants of the event are mainly protesting against social and [economic inequality](#), [corporate greed](#), and the influence of corporate money and [lobbyists](#) on government, among other concerns.<sup>[10][11]</sup> *Adbusters* states that, "Beginning from one simple demand –a presidential commission to separate money from politics –we start setting the agenda for a new America."<sup>[12]</sup>

# It Spreads

By October 9, similar demonstrations had been held in Washington, D.C.,<sup>[13]</sup> Los Angeles,<sup>[14]</sup> San Francisco,<sup>[15]</sup> San Jose,<sup>[16]</sup> Boston, Chicago, San Diego,<sup>[17]</sup> Houston,<sup>[18]</sup> Philadelphia, Miami,<sup>[19]</sup> Salt Lake City,<sup>[20]</sup> Portland, Maine,<sup>[21]</sup> Jersey City,<sup>[22][23]</sup> Trenton,<sup>[22]</sup> Portland, Oregon,<sup>[24]</sup> Seattle,<sup>[25]</sup> Denver,<sup>[25][26][27][28]</sup> Charlotte, Kansas City, MO,<sup>[29]</sup> Austin,<sup>[30]</sup> Ann Arbor,<sup>[31]</sup> Cleveland,<sup>[32]</sup> Dallas,<sup>[33]</sup> Minneapolis,<sup>[34]</sup> Sacramento,<sup>[35]</sup> Tampa,<sup>[36][37][38]</sup> Atlanta,<sup>[39]</sup> Albuquerque,<sup>[40]</sup> and Santa Fe, New Mexico<sup>[41]</sup>

*Did you notice that the [Adbusters](#) are in fact a Canadian activist group? - Interesting. - Curt*



# Timeline of Occupy Wall Street

There is a **timeline of Occupy Wall Street** at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline\\_of\\_Occupy\\_Wall\\_Street](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_Occupy_Wall_Street) which officially began on Saturday, September 17, 2011 as an [occupation](#) of [Wall Street](#), the [financial district](#) of New York City and is an ongoing demonstration.<sup>[2]</sup>

# Ignorance does not stifle Criticism

The right wing and establishment media have been having a field day because when they interview OSW participants there seems to be no generally agreed list of "Demands" for our Fourth Estate to pan or extol. However, the above text I captured from Wikipedia probably cuts to the chase for many with it's list of social and economic ills which are certainly clues, but do they get to the heart of the matter?

# Accountability, Theirs and Ours

Its really about a lack of accountability, not only for bad governance, but for the dogged refusal of our politicians and their predator friends to own up to their greed and incompetence, but more importantly on the unwillingness of the citizenry to hold those responsible accountable and expect them mitigate the effects and learn from their mistakes or be voted out of office (as provided for in the Constitution.)

# “We are the Champions”(not)

Somehow we have been willing to find comfort in the spectacle of vociferous mutual demonization of each other by our political factions and accountability never becomes an issue or is anything resolved in our incredibly short news cycles (our attention span.) But now I think we have allowed things to go too far and the "**OWS**" appears to be gaining energy from the simmering frustration of a wide range of the American Public.

# Keeping the Revolution Alive

Who knows what direction this can take. Over there or here at home. Certainly, very little of the Arab Spring is developing as was hoped by the brave demonstrators in Tahrir Square in Cairo. But then, the race is far from over. **This is only the first lap. Will the people be able to keep faith in the revolution through the good and not so good** (sometimes at great personal cost?)

# Who will swing the next election?

For example, many of the Millennial Generation were taught and actually believe that government should in fact live up to its responsibilities. Will they still have enough stroke to influence future elections as they did in 2008. What about the Tea Partiers and the Libertarians? What about the Independents?

Many of these were the 40 percent who put Obama in the Whitehouse

# **"Taken to Task: Occupy Wall Street's Nattering Nabobs of Negativity" (There's a video too)**

By Aaron Task | Daily Ticker - Fri, Oct 7, 2011  
2:05 PM EDT

<http://finance.yahoo.com/blogs/daily-ticker/taken-task-occupy-wall-street-nattering-nabobs-negativity-180512423.html>

One critique of the protest is it lacks a unified message or mission. Indeed, in my reporting I found evidence of people supporting any number of issues, including:

## **any number of issues, including:**

- Prosecution of Financial Fraud
- Mortgage Modifications
- Campaign Finance Reform
- Anti-War
- Universal Healthcare
- Student Loan Forgiveness and, of course,
- Jobs, Jobs Job
- Anti-Fracking and other "Green" issues
- Higher Taxes on the Wealthy

**I suspect that among our membership there will be a mixed responses to the above "issues" that may become apparent as we proceed.**

**Actually, we'll mostly agree that they are "issues", but opinions about how they should be resolved will vary to say the least ...**

***If any 1, 2, or 3 could be resolved, would that bring on paradise on Earth?***





And I couldn't resist adding my own two cents with the following --- **Apparently no one thought of:**

- Planned inflation to make it easier to pay America's debts (and destroy savings)
- A Congress and Senate who only care about their petty differences.
- Stagnant savings and money market accounts. 1.55 trillion dollars sitting in the member bank accounts at the Federal Reserve for which there is no demand. That amount seems to match Qualitative Easing (QE) programs.
- health care that gets more expensive.
- A financial industry that expects to be bailed out again and again by the taxpayer.
- Plans to dismantle social security and Medicare.

- Waiting for "the government" to do a miracle.
- Governments don't solve problems they cause them, often by refusing to protect the rights of citizens from the assault of special interest groups.
- Fed has accomplished coup yet doesn't realize nothing it does works.
- It is the people that make an economy work, not government, not Wall Street, not corporate oligarchs.
- Are we a nation of laws that treat and protect everyone equally, or does our government enforce laws more equally for some than for others?
- The president has an important job, but there is no divine mandate.
- Etc.

What would you add to the list?

# Continuing from our last meeting... A perspective (1895)

The true historical upheavals are not those which astonish us by their grandeur and violence. The only important changes whence the renewal of civilizations results, affect ideas, conceptions, and beliefs. The memorable events of history are the visible effects of the invisible changes of human thought. The reason these great events are so rare is that there is nothing so stable in a race as the inherited groundwork of its thoughts.

The present epoch is one of these critical moments in which the thought of mankind is undergoing a process of transformation.

Two fundamental factors are at the base of this transformation. The first is the destruction of those religious, political, and social beliefs in which all the elements of our civilization are rooted. The second is the creation of entirely new conditions of existence and thought as the result of modern scientific and industrial discoveries.

# A “Head’s Up” (A Caution)

**The ideas of the past, although half destroyed, being still very powerful, and the ideas which are to replace them being still in process of formation, the modern age represents a period of transition and anarchy.**

***THE CROWD - A STUDY OF THE POPULAR MIND (La psychologie des foules (1895)) BY GUSTAVE LE BON, NEW YORK, THE MACMILLAN CO. (1896)***

# Questions?



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# **Don't panic!**

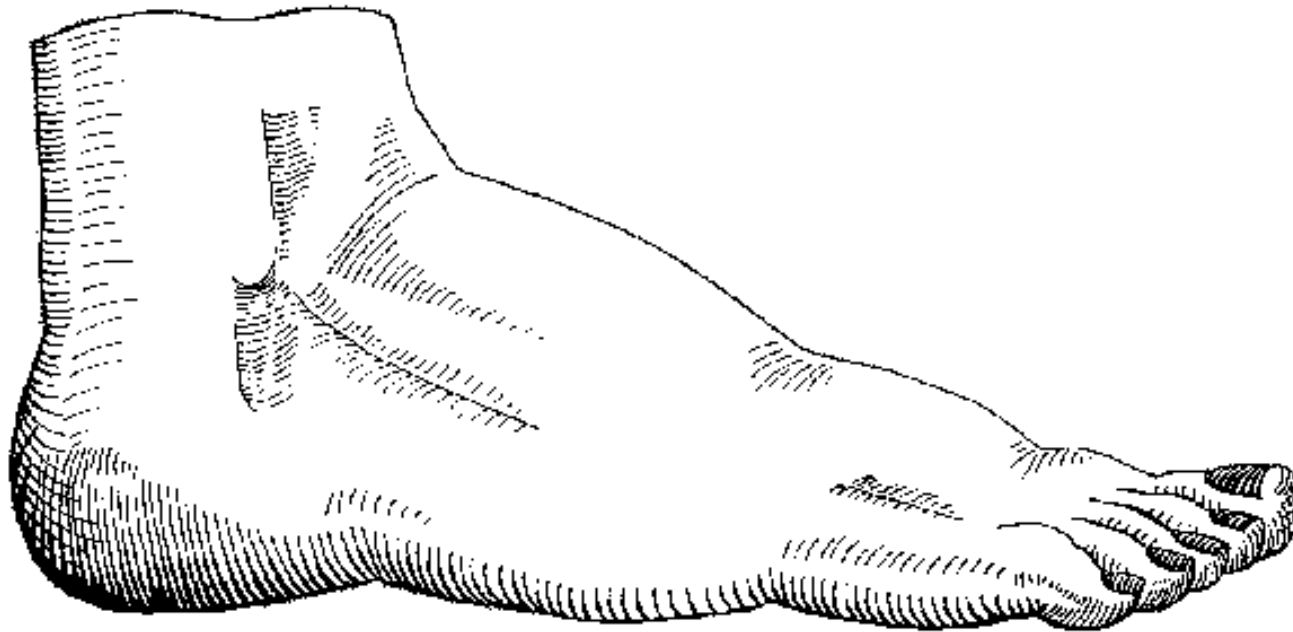
## ***Don't be Panicked!***

# **Welcome back to interesting times !**



## **See You 19 November 2011**

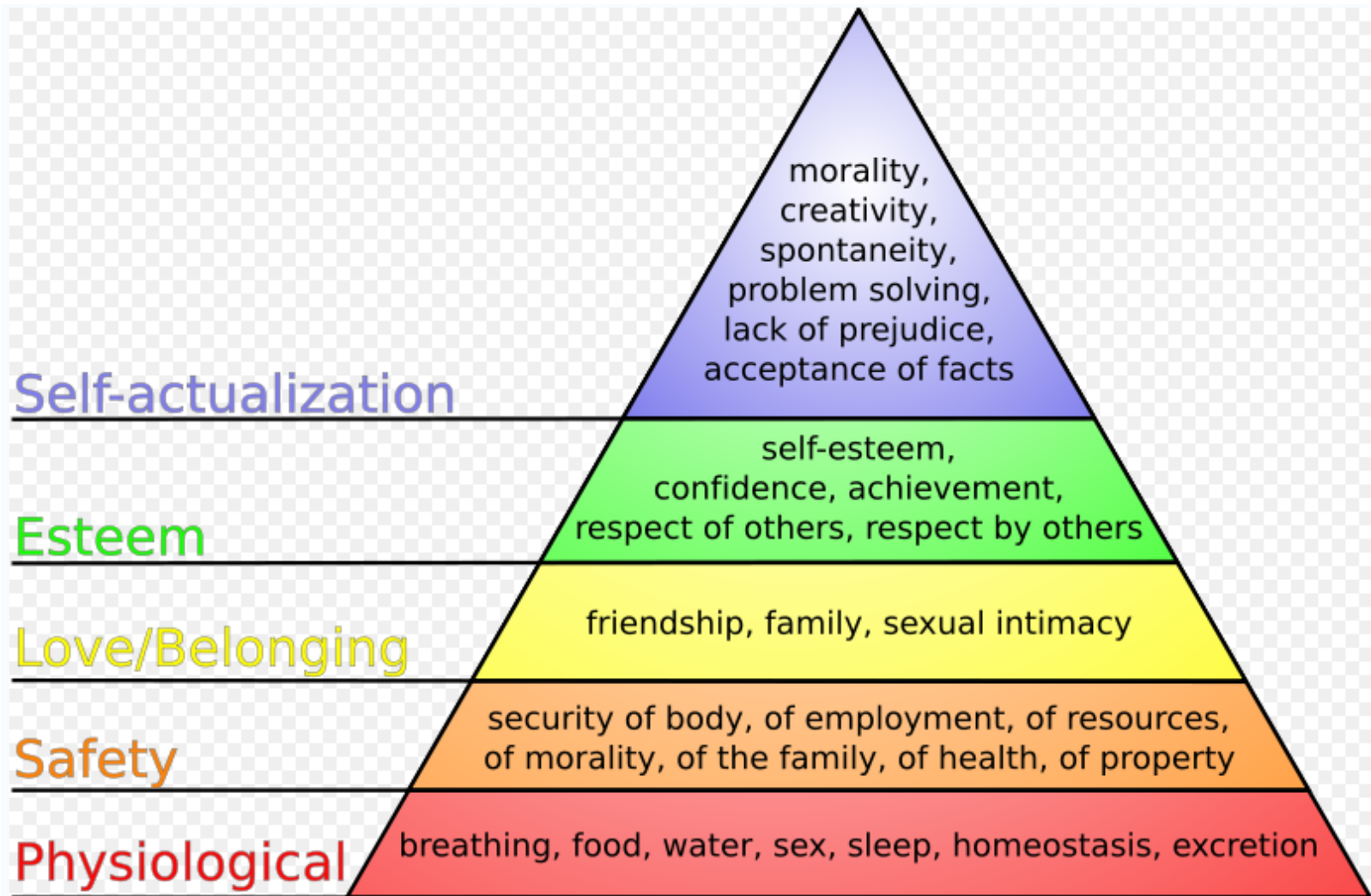
The Monty Python Foot, a convenient way to end something that would seem to go on for ever accomplishing nothing.... (*See deus ex machina*)



The famous Python Foot can here be seen in its original format in the bottom left corner of "An Allegory of Venus and Cupid" by [Bronzino](#) (~1545)

When Monty Python had no ending for a skit, this foot would appear out of the sky and squash whatever was on screen with a rude noise. Allowing the show to move on.

# Mazlow's Hierachy of Needs



[Maslow's\\_hierarchy\\_of\\_needs.svg](#) (SVG file, nominally 1,717 × 1,124 pixels, file size: 8 KB)

# If

[http://www.kipling.org.uk/poems\\_if.htm](http://www.kipling.org.uk/poems_if.htm)

**IF you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:**

**If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:**

# If concluded

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If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
' Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,  
if neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;

**If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!**

# Motive

**Every crime is the product of Means, Motive, and Opportunity. Means and Motive are freely available to the determined. The only thing that will provide real security is when individuals are no longer motivated to commit acts of violence.**

## Way Forward:

What I suggest is that for the time being we need to think about how we have allowed an otherwise unremarkable religious/nationalist extremist, to dominate our lives and economy. Where the very whisper of, "bin Laden" or al Qaeda has been enough to panic our leaders to think of a even higher state of alert that we can raise the country to, and what new humiliation can they impose on innocent citizens, instead of improving their own performance. How should we respond?

# A Question to ask ourselves

Are we stronger than we were yesterday?

Bin Laden's objective was, to create irrational fear by terror or the mere threat of it, to get the free world to implode on itself. His intention was not to see the Arab Spring bloom, but to bring on Armagedden?

Will we see the Arab Spring prosper? Nothing could do more than to make the "bin Ladens" of this world irrelevant than to support the emergence of civil rights and liberties to the people of the Middle East.



# Narrative

Contrary to what the Americans hear from ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, FOX, Washington Post and NYTimes, most Arabs and Muslims believe it's the US & Israel that are the biggest threats to the Middle East and not Iran or Al-Qaeda. **There is no end to terrorism; our government has a list of thousands of names to create new bin Ladens. The US ... will be engaged in wars with Arabs and Muslims for many years to come. The death of Osama Binladen will make no difference whatsoever.**

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/yblog\\_theenvoy/20110517/ts\\_yblog\\_theenvoy/new-terrorist-threats-worry-u-s-leaders-after-bin-ladens-death](http://news.yahoo.com/s/yblog_theenvoy/20110517/ts_yblog_theenvoy/new-terrorist-threats-worry-u-s-leaders-after-bin-ladens-death)

# déjà vu all over again

The trick is to act by establishing more than verbal criticism and condemnation but to act in a timely and effective manner

The rights and liberties (a la our bill of rights) of innocent citizens and people must take priority over the interests of parties and government

Before WWII strong countries stood by while the Germans and Japanese under their dictatorial leaders oppressed their own people and those they invaded.

# Who is in Charge?

The People?

Bureaucrats?

Rich People ?

Domestic Corporations?

Multinational Corporations?

Global Religions?

Central Bankers?

The Chamber of Commerce?

# Enrichment Material

# What makes you an Authority?

The word authority comes from the word *author*. And the word author has a Latin root. It means: “he who enables growth”.

So, the person whom you recognize as an authority is a person who enables your growth.

The others are the ones to decide if I am an authority to them or not.

## What makes you an Authority?

Your personal abilities:

1. Your Inner Power
2. Your knowledge

## Authority and Inner Power:

I just said the true Authority is the result of your Inner Power.

This means I would judge your sense of Authority at your Inner Power.

<http://www.luismartinssimoes.com/2009/07/how-to-be-respected/>

# Authority and Inner Power:

Yet, most people will judge your authority by **how you appear** and **how you act**.

We could call this your intrapersonal intelligence and your interpersonal intelligence.

People will confuse your Inner Power with your appearance and your acts, which are part of the ego.

This means that may you be totally genuine or totally faked, you will be an authority for someone.

Some will like a person's big ego and strong personality.

And he will be considered as an authority to them. That's their choice.

Some others will prefer another person's genuine vibration and ability to connect and recognize the source, and he will be considered as an authority to them.

It's always the others' choice.

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# Authority and Knowledge:

You can be considered an authority for thousands of characteristics:

It can be because you are a good listener, or because you react calmly and softly to others' fragilities, or because you are good at saying No, or because you have no fears, or because you verbalize and observe your emotions...

If you are an individual who is very much identified with your ego, you will recognize authority to egotistic people.

If you are an individual who prefers to connect to the Source, to the I Am, you will recognize authority in spiritual people, for example, but not in egotistic people.

## Authority and Knowledge:

Your knowledge is your ability to master [Instruction on Matter](#).

People will like your knowledge in Economy, or in Finance, or in Law, or in Philosophy, or in Engineering, or in Astrology, or in Painting...

**This means authority does not claim for obedience, never!**

Only someone who feels that his authority may be at stake will claim for obedience thru the use of power.

**Power inspires fear.**

**Authority inspires respect.**

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# **RETURN of the ELDERS UNLEASH YOUR WISDOM**

**It's time for the Return of the ELDERS! Previous successful societies relied on the councils of their ELDERS to offer WISDOM in times of confusion. Folks, we can't quit yet.**



# What does Authority mean?

The true Authority is the result of your inner power. It's the wisdom that comes from within.

It has to do with your connection [to the source, to the I Am](#).

Authority has nothing to do with the verb to have, but rather with the verb to be.

You do not have authority. You are seen as an authority.

The big difference between the External Power and Authority lies in the fact that authority cannot be imposed, it needs to be recognized.

So your authority depends on those who look at you.

Some people may recognize your authority and some others may not.

And you cannot do anything about it.

This is why people who are very much identified with their ego, and thus seeking for others approval, can't stand those who do not recognize their authority and hence use power to submit them by force.

<http://www.luismartinssimoes.com/2009/07/how-to-be-respected/>

# Accepting the challenge

Many of you have in fact made real contributions during your lifetimes and careers. And now you feel you have earned a rest and start cashing in your chips and enjoying the good life.

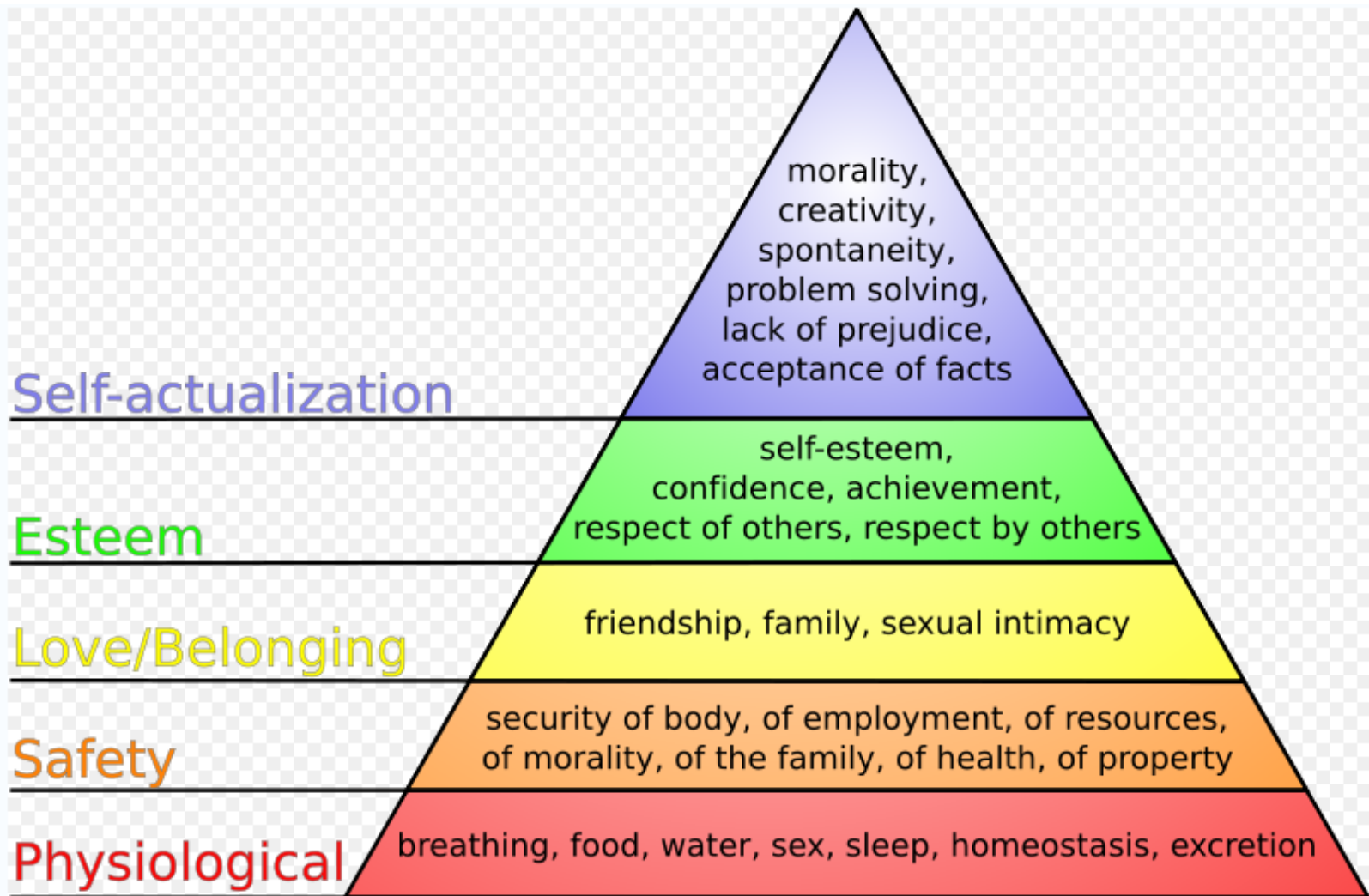
Not so fast, I'm afraid. We still have work to do if we are going to still have the America we thought we were going to have, but we see disappearing.

**One of life's persistent questions:**

**“Why do cockroaches roll over before the die?”**



# Mazlow's Hierachy of Needs



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# **It all connects**

**Fear, War, Greed**

**To much capital in the hands of the few**

**Too little money in the hands of the consumers.**

**Credit is not a replacement for disposable income**

**Oil is a limited resource**

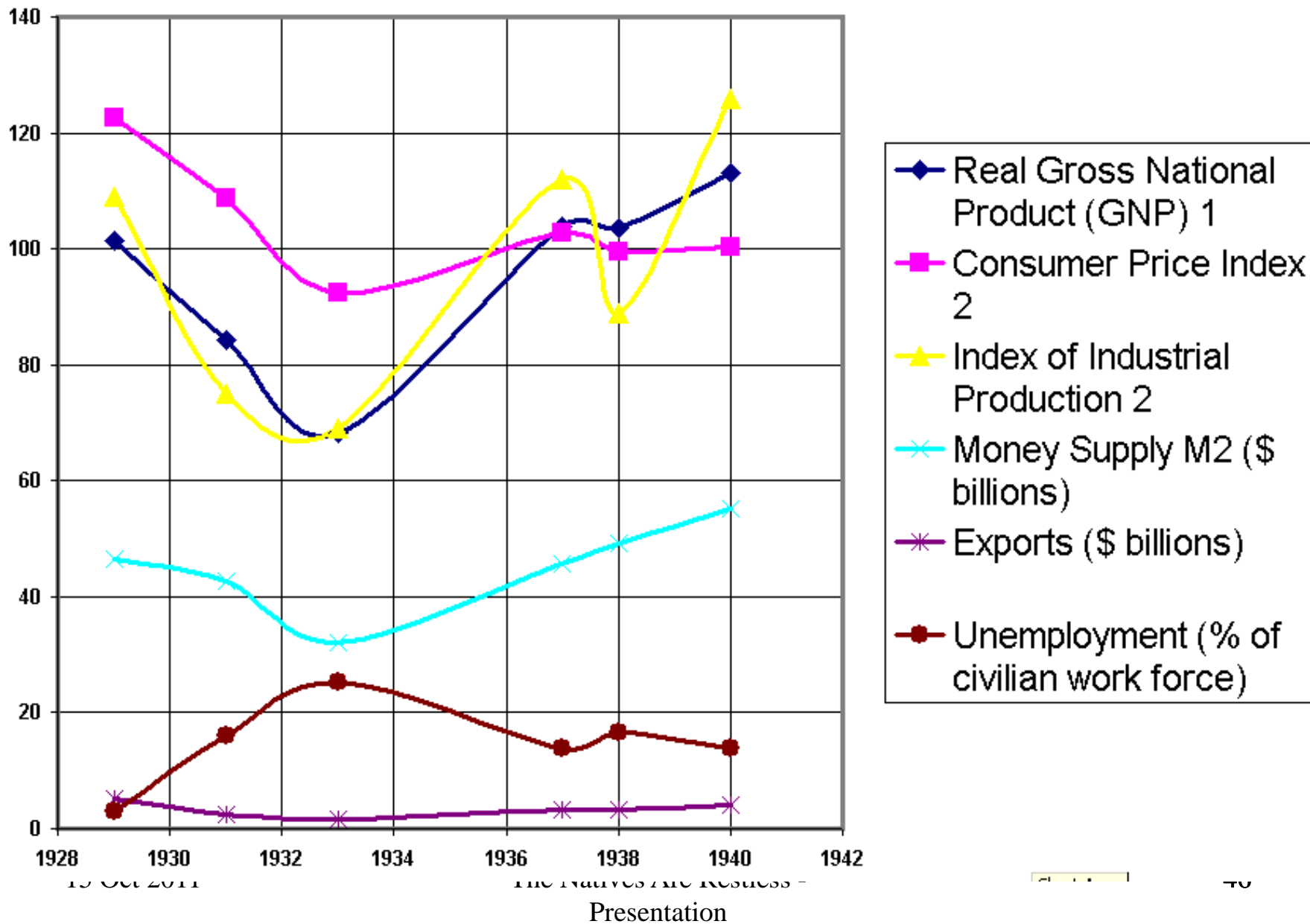
**Unable to anticipate what looks obvious in retrospect**

**Trusting of Authority**

**Lacking critical ability/Education**

**Etc.**

# The Years of the Great Depression



# **Don't just be a thermometer, Be a thermostat**

**Jill Carroll**

**“...we are the leaders we've  
been looking for.”**

*Grace Lee Boggs*



# Basic Wilderness Survival Skills

## From: **British Columbia Outdoor Wilderness Guide**

**Fear** - For anyone faced with a wilderness emergency survival situation, fear is a normal reaction. Unless an emergency situation has been anticipated, fear is generally followed by panic then pain, cold, thirst, hunger, fatigue, boredom and loneliness. It is extremely important to calmly assess the situation and not allow these seven enemies to interfere with your survival.

**Pain** - Pain may often be ignored in a panic situation. Remember to deal with injuries immediately before they become even more serious.

**Cold** - Cold lowers the ability to think, numbing the body and reducing the will to survive. Never allow yourself to stop moving or to fall asleep unless adequately sheltered.

**Thirst** - Dehydration is a common enemy in an emergency situation and must not be ignored. It can dull your mind, causing you to overlook important survival information.

**Hunger** - Hunger is dangerous but seldom deadly. It may reduce your ability to think logically and increase your susceptibility to the effects of cold, pain and fear.

**Fatigue** - Fatigue is unavoidable in any situation so it is best to keep in mind that it can and will lower your mental ability. Remember that in an emergency situation this is often the body's way of escaping a difficult situation.

**Boredom & Loneliness** - These enemies are quite often unanticipated and may lower mind's ability to deal with the situation.