

Why 'Occupy Wall Street' Fizzled

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The Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street came into existence at roughly the same time, in the wake of the financial markets' collapse, and each was an angry challenge to the country's financial and political status quo. But there the similarity ended.

The ultra-conservative Tea Party movement focused on tax cuts and smaller government, and it has never veered far from that message. It achieved consensus on these goals early on, and has succeeded in unifying adherents in its congressional caucus and elsewhere. It remains a potent force in American politics today.

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Everyone believes their beliefs are more widely shared than they actually are, but Chadly Stern and his colleagues think that liberals are also highly motivated to feel unique and nonconformist, and that they therefore underestimate their similarity to other liberals

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