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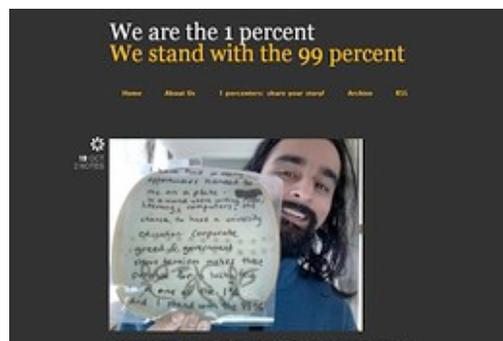
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Super-Wealthy Join Protesters on Wall Street

It might not be all that surprising to learn the granddaughter of oil tycoon H.L. Hunt has been spending a lot of time on Wall Street. But the heiress hasn't been going there to manage her fortune.

Leah Hunt-Hendrix, 28 years old, is one of a small number of super-rich protesters who have come out in support of Occupy Wall Street. They are following Warren Buffet's lead and highlighting their own status as evidence of the country's widening wealth gap. Some have turned up at marches and rallies with cardboard signs that tell of outsized trust funds, lifetime health insurance and debt-free university degrees.



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These self-proclaimed "one percenters" even have [their own blog](#) that collects personal stories penned by wealthy supporters of Occupy Wall Street. The website was inspired by "[We are the 99 percent](#)," a blog that helped kick-start the protests last month.

The "one percent" blog was created by Resource Generation, a nonprofit that organizes well-heeled young people to work for social change, and Wealth for the Common Good, a network of wealthy individuals that pushes for progressive tax reform.

"The message to the wealthy has always been not to advertise," said Michael Gast, co-director of Resource Generation.

Gast, who has shared his own story on the website, admitted that doing so raised a "new level of fears and insecurities." But he said he drew strength from the support of his friends and peers, as well as his conviction that it is important for the wealthy to speak out.

Farhad Ebrahimi, 33, is among the dozens who have posted photos to the site. He has also been participating in the Occupy Boston protest since it began more than two weeks ago.

He often wears a t-shirt emblazoned in with a hand-written slogan outing himself as part of the one percent: "Tax me. I'm good for it," Ebrahimi's t-shirt declares.

"That started a lot of different conversations," said Ebrahimi, who created a philanthropic foundation with assets he inherited as a teenager. Although some fellow protesters have been incredulous, he said reactions have been overwhelmingly positive.

"In this thing that can feel very us versus them, this is a way to be inclusive," Ebrahimi said.

Hunt-Hendrix, a doctoral student at Princeton writing her dissertation on the history solidarity, framed her involvement in Occupy Wall Street in moral terms. "We should acknowledge our privilege and claim the responsibilities that come with it," she said. "Nothing will change without individuals taking action."