5:11

OWS Day 1 – I am in ny with you, I was upset with occupy in the way they had done some of their run-up. Didn’t look as if they were too organized on Day 1, didn’t appear to be ready to go. People who had done it obviously didn’t know what they were doing. Walked around, tried to find people who were involved in General Assembly. First thing I find out by talking to them, is that they don’t have a plan. Thought they should get in groups, develop a plan, then lets vote on one. They hadn’t planned, like this time of day we’re going to do this, that time, we’re going to do that. He was in a position to know what was going on because he had been involved in pre-meetings. Blew my mind, so I walked off. I had the bullhorn in my hand, went over to Scientology protest and hung out with anons who were over there. ,Within three days or so, it looked like there were enough people there who knew better, figured out what to do, then it became something really awesome.

10:02 Back in Boston, I started thinking about what Boston might do to get involved. It should have been Boston. Hey, maybe we should do something. Then somebody who had been to NY came back to Boston, where he was from, and a meeting was set up on Facebook to for the Boston Common. I got there and saw a cop I had known from past protests. I asked him what was going on, he said a bunch of hippies are looking for a place to sleep. I said, I guess you’re kinda right. I went over to some guys I recognized from Facebook, was trying to figure out who should lead the meeting. Guy explained hand signals for the General Assemblies. Then Asked everyone to break off into little groups to decide location for our Boston Occupy. I was taking part in helping to organize. Everyone was cooperating, working together. Later that night when they picked out the Dewey Square, a little patch of land, near train station. Dewey was a guy who was a radical back in the 60s. Told that cop w e were going to the Dewey , discussed what we were dealing with. When we had our next GA a few nights later, at the end of that, I told them. (Story about talking with cops and the city – who said wow the weather I soign to suck, so I said what about tents, and they said okay? Didn’t exactly ask for permission, but discussed in general terms with different officials. On day we were supposed to start I showed up four hours early.

I saw a guy with a video camera, too, and he interviewed me several times during occupy. I noticed a guy off in a corner who looked “official” wearing a shirt, that said “Greenway \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?” Conservative group, I explainehd to him didn’t know what was going to happen. Just communicated, made effort to be diplomatic up front. He was actually pretty cool, I explained what we were doing, he told me what to be careful about, what could get us fined, etc, and it actually helped us out. I called him when we had a problem with outlets for our laptops – were in an area that we couldn’t go, asked him if he thought we could have access, was padlocked, I explained to him how less damaging it would be if we just had simple necessities available to us. Then an hour later a guy came and unlockd, ran an extension for us, so we could run extensions cords, made things easier than they had in NY. I developed relationships with people wihich just made things easier for us. Why not just be nice up front, make things easier. That was my major intereaction in Boston, to be helpful from a logistical standpoint. What else did we need? Showers. We worked out to get showers from a woman’s shelter fom down the street.

23:06

Over past year –

A couple of weeks before it was all over, we tried to bring in a clean-water sink to wash food, etc. Police said no more building material, and we tried to bring in, but people got arrested for bringing that in. Someone called me to help, I called the supertinendent, told him they were arresting pep[le, He said he was getting dressed, I was getting dressed, we met down there, worked our asses off to diffuse the situation, calm it down a little, get our people to get back in camps, he to get cops to back off a little. That was an interesting night.

26:00

Occupy boston in context of anaonymous and where things are going. So Occupy looked like it was going to happened, Adbusters. There were less than 200 people at first in NY. Then when anonymous found out, and twittered, then millions of people nationwide. So presence of anonymous drove the press to report it, as behind the movement. Then you talk to a lot of anons in any of the Occupy cities, anons helped put techie things together at the different camps. Then the cop in NY “Tony Bologna’ was doxed online by anons in NY. So tech support onsite and online, also spreading word, getting press and media attention. It appeared that anons gave it a new level of legitimacy of an important movement. People were actually going to know that it was happening, gave it credibility. One time when cops became violent, an anon at occupy knew to get the badge number, identified, then helped know protesters, give them confidence, that there would be consequences (like for cops) who were being abusive.

30:45

Defcon – Everyone there talked about all of these things, H B Gary, but they got so much stuff wrong up on the stage. Like when they were talking about H B Gary – when anons saw that initial document and how much wrong info there, how many innocent people were going to be put in bad situations by this. I was in the irc channel and watched the argument. Everyone who had …..

That’s when anons got angry and bad stuff happened.

That’s the thing that is very important, a very important distinction ……

Threadposts ….

\_\_\_\_\_\_ started looking out at me, I was in the 10th row center, he was looking at me, smirking, then going to the q and a afterwards.

35:15.

Gist of speech I gave at April rally in NY: Nature abhors a vacuum. I believe that the lack of thorough investigative journalism over last 30 years is the problem here. A couple of people here and there doing good work, but not the majority

Very few people out there who are actually doing the work, findimg out what is going on that is important in the world. Whether kim kardashian got new shoes yesterda seems to be more important than what is actually going on.

Media has not done their jobs in relation to Wall Street banking, inner workings of government.

One of the first things in those documents we discovered that things are not working in government.

Government is supposed to be set up with checks and balances, but fourth estate of media is not doing the checking, no functional investigating.

Without a working, functional, investigative, kind of a press in our society, our democracy is doomed.

Becoming more about page views and less about quality of content.

Every scandal that has been exposed over the last 20 years has been related to partisan politics. What happened to Clinton in th e90s was a republican attack against the president, the entire reason of it. Nothing of real importance to the American people in terms of what is actually going on in Washington.

And that is the difference in important journalism.

So the vacuum gets filled. It gets filled by Wikileaks, by anonymous. The mainstream press is at fault for this.

If press had been doing their job, doing it right, then there wouldn’t have been a need for anonymous, for wikileaks.

I went on for a while longer, but that was the basics of it.