

This zine was completed in October 2011, concurrent with the Occupy Wall Street and Occupy Together actions across the globe. This version was released directly on the web. Book Bombs is a collaboration between Mary Tasilio of Citizen Hydra Projects and Michelle Wilson of Rocinante Press. Their ongoing projects are documented at [www.bookbombs.net](http://www.bookbombs.net) and [www.bookbombing.blogspot.com](http://www.bookbombing.blogspot.com)

- 8) Fold pages to make a long accordion single sheet book with the beginning of the word "Horizontalidad" on the front.
  - 7) Keeping the side with this text facing you, swing title side around so that now both printed sides of the book are facing you, and the word "Solidarity" goes over the crease at the top.
  - 6) Re-fold the first long fold.
  - 5) Unfold entirely.
  - 4) Cut on center dashed line - only on dashes!
  - 3) While still folded, fold short ends of sheet backward to the center crease, then unfold.
  - 2) Fold in half the short way. Keep folded.
  - 1) Fold in half the long way first, then unfold.
- Directions for making this book:

*I don't know what the outcome might be, but people are finally speaking out.*

In Argentina, they call actions like the Occupation *horizontalidad* – "horizontalness" in English. A word that arose from autonomous movements, indicating a lack of hierarchy and a level playing field, *Horizontalidad* goes beyond revolution to the idea of ongoing evolution without entrenched ideology.

In 2007, in Argentina, I had a conversation with family there about their economic situation.

I was warned that the US was following the same policies that Argentina had that led to their 2001 crash.

Many of the policies Argentina had implemented had been stipulated by the US and the World Bank. Despite their massive failure in South America, the US believed they had worked out the kinks, and that we were too big to fail.

I talk to people I do not know every day. The People's General Assembly occurs twice daily. It can be a messy process, but we know that these members of the 99% come here for different reasons. The movement is not without its problems, but how incredible to work towards cooperative discussion in a group of several hundred. How incredible to have a group amplifying the voices of individuals as the people's mike.

The Occupation is taking place on the street, which is, for the most part, a horizontal surface. Self-appointed representatives of the 99% are standing there, sitting there, sleeping there, in the same space, having conversations that suggest new ideas, new possibilities. Around them, above them, inside buildings, on another plane, the 1% look down.

"You will fail within a year," my Argentine relatives prophesied. When 2008 came crashing down, I felt the echo of their words.

*In 2011, something is happening.*

## UNCLEAR ON THE CONCEPT

On Day 1 of Occupy Philadelphia, a driver passing the protesters at City Hall yelled, "get a job." Has he seen the unemployment rate? I wonder if he is living under a rock. I wonder whether he is part of the 99% or part of the 1%.

We speculated how many Philadelphians were in the 1%. In our minds, they are billionaires, and how many could there possibly be living within city limits?

**Fact check: Who are the top 1% in Philadelphia? The top 1% in the US make more than \$350,000/year. 2% of Philadelphia's population makes more than \$250,000. And apparently Philadelphia ranks 6th in the country in the # of millionaires (104,100 in 2009).**

In August 2011, Hurricane Irene struck New Jersey. My in-laws, all their possessions and their house suffered severe structural damage. They qualify for a FEMA grant. However, some members of Congress are holding up disbursements to victims until more budgetary cutbacks are made -- on top the already sluggish pace which at FEMA operates. I recently learned that some victims of 2008's Hurricane Ike in Galveston, TX, have yet to receive their promised assistance.

*I work hard.  
I make less than  
the median income.*

# HORIZONTALIDAD

*I paid \$2400 more  
in federal taxes than:  
GE  
Verizon  
Prudential  
Bank of America*