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Re: [mayday] Media Black Out

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Josh Anderson <sundrifts@gmail.com>

Sat, May 5, 2012 at 9:15 AM

Reply-To: mayday@lists.occupy.net

To: mayday@lists.occupy.net

There might not have been a media blackout, but the *The New York Times'* coverage was atrocious. *Atrocious*. I mean, they hardly covered it at all, except in a few blog posts. But we shouldn't worry about this so much, I think. We have the numbers, and it's only a matter of time before really impressive change comes about. Mark my words!

in solidarity,
Josh

On Sat, May 5, 2012 at 12:08 PM, emily schuch <emschuch@gmail.com> wrote:

sure, the coverage was not always as favorable as i would have liked, and the NY times coverage was pretty lame and FAR from comprehensive, but we did get coverage. if we want to have a spin strategy, one place to start is occupying the comments section. i would suggest not being a troll or engaging with trolls in the comments section, just say something nice, say what you experienced that day. this in addition to, of course, creating our own media, like Occupied Stories, OWSJ, IndigNacion, Tidal, et al, these are ways to frame our own story.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702303916904577377920592687492.html?mod=new_york_newsreel

<http://blogs.wsj.com/metropolis/2012/05/01/ows-instagram-photos-of-occupy-wall-street-protests/> (i normally hate instagram, but these are pretty nice)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/may/02/occupy-may-day-protests>

<http://www.thenation.com/blog/167666/tens-thousands-march-oakland-new-york-may-day>

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2012/05/may-day-around-the-world/100289/>

<http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2012/04/occupy-wall-street-may-day-protests>

<http://gothamist.com/mt/mt-search.fcgi?IncludeBlogs=1&limit=30&search=occupy+wall+street&x=0&y=0>

and the village voice had multiple stories with some GREAT headlines:

[People of All Ages and Backgrounds Turned Out for May Day Yesterday](#)

[OWS Takes Over New York for May Day](#)

[May Day Recap: Highlights from Voice Reports \(UPDATE\)](#)

overall i thought it was a wonderful day and i had a blast! looking forward to what's next.

On Sat, May 5, 2012 at 7:30 AM, Jackie DiSalvo <jdisalvo@nyc.rr.com> wrote:

Blackout may be the wrong word if it can only mean the whole day, but they covered nothing on the Solidarity

Coalition rally and march,

From: mayday@lists.occupy.net [mailto:mayday@lists.occupy.net] **On Behalf Of** Shane

Sent: Saturday, May 05, 2012 2:57 AM

To: mayday@lists.occupy.net

Subject: Re: [mayday] Media Black Out

Jeremy is right here. There was no media blackout. We can talk about the kinds of coverage we got, we can talk about the placement of the coverage but to say that there was no coverage is completely inaccurate.

On Fri, May 4, 2012 at 12:01 AM, Jeremy D. <jeremy.d20@gmail.com> wrote:

Media blackout? What are you talking about? We got *FOUR* May Day articles in the NY Post.

An editorial ("Goodbye, Occupy") assures their readership that our "ranks, as usual, were largely made up of union members, dispatched by their leaders after their workday ended."

The business section ("May Day inspires markets") lets us know that "Wall Street celebrated May Day by driving the Dow to its highest level in four years."

A third piece ("OWS bums are a big joke") says we "provided a good laugh for hardworking people." It faults us for failing to keep people from getting to their jobs (with a quote from a Wall Streeter gloating about making it in on time) — and then, a couple of sentences later, it faults us for making another woman "late for work because of all their protesting."

That piece also features this journalistic gem, delighting in apparent police brutality and the tears of an 9 year old child: The OWS gatherings started at around 8 a.m. in Midtown, where Rich Rollison marched with his daughter, Jude, 9, whom he plucked out of her West Village school. "I hope that the 1 percent pays their taxes," said a smiling Jude. But she was soon crying when her dad was among several protesters who got into a melee with cops. "She just got scared, the police were shoving everyone," said Rollison. "That was kind of a tense moment."

Finally, a fourth ("Cops make arrests, investigate suspicious packages in citywide OWS May Day protests") gasps at our chants of "Revolution!" and implicates OWS, without any evidence, in the mailing of "suspicious items" to "multiple office building and city landmarks."

I think this is what's known in the newspaper business as a "quadruple slime." They were working some serious overtime...

But (despite OP's worry) I think there's been a lot of really positive media coverage. (I'm compiling a list to post on maydaynyc.org. If there's some particularly good article you want to suggest, let me know off-list.)

It's been a pleasure organizing with y'all. Congratulations to everyone on pulling this all together. I hope your May Day was inspiring and empowering.

Love and solidarity,
Jeremy D.

On May 3, 2012, at 2:15 PM, guindave@aol.com wrote:

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"You're not really sick
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- Frank O'Hara

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