Marginalizing the Wingnuts

How much is being broadcast about the various anti-Semitic episodes at various OWS and its offshoots in other cities?

The ADL made a timid response here.

The Wiesenthal Center published a better analysis: **Excerpts from an essay from Rabbi Abraham Cooper and historian Dr. Harold Brackman on anti- Semitism on the fringes of the Occupy Wall Streeters.**

Excerpts:

> *The Tea Party, when it emerged in 2009, also attracted its own extremist fringe, as a hyper-vigilant national media was correct to quickly expose. Some of the Tea Party fringe equated Obama with Hitler and claimed that the first African American president was a Manchurian candidate with a phony birth certificate. Yet the Tea Party Movement eventually produced grassroots leaders who denounced such nonsense and repeatedly disavowed racism and racists. Though not everyone was convinced by the Tea Party's disavowals of prejudice, millions of decent Americans who weren't bigots voted in the 2010 elections to support the complaints and goals of the movement.*
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> *…If the Occupy Wall Streeters really want their movement to achieve mainstream credibility, they should begin by policing their own ranks… social and political civility must also prevail. The Occupy Movement's leaders in LA as well as New York need to disown the purveyors of hate within their ranks. They must pull the plug on the bigots amongst them who view the slogan of fighting the detested "1 percent of fat cats" as their opportunity to mainstream the hatred of Jews.*

HKO comments:

The Tea Party may have been less organized than OWS. It was also larger, yet somehow they managed to marginalize the wingnuts that arose quickly. Also note that Communist and Nazi organizations have supported the OWS movement. In the absence of any clear and reasonable objective OWS runs the risk of being defined by its extreme elements, even if they are in a minority. In fact the OWS seems like a collection of several different extreme groups that are unable to coalesce into anything other than street theatre. If Democratic leaders are supporting this mess they should clarify exactly what they are supporting and clearly denounce the elements that are hijacking the opportunity. Otherwise they will lose control of the message and their party will become the home to the kind of extremist elements that will cost them dearly at the polls.