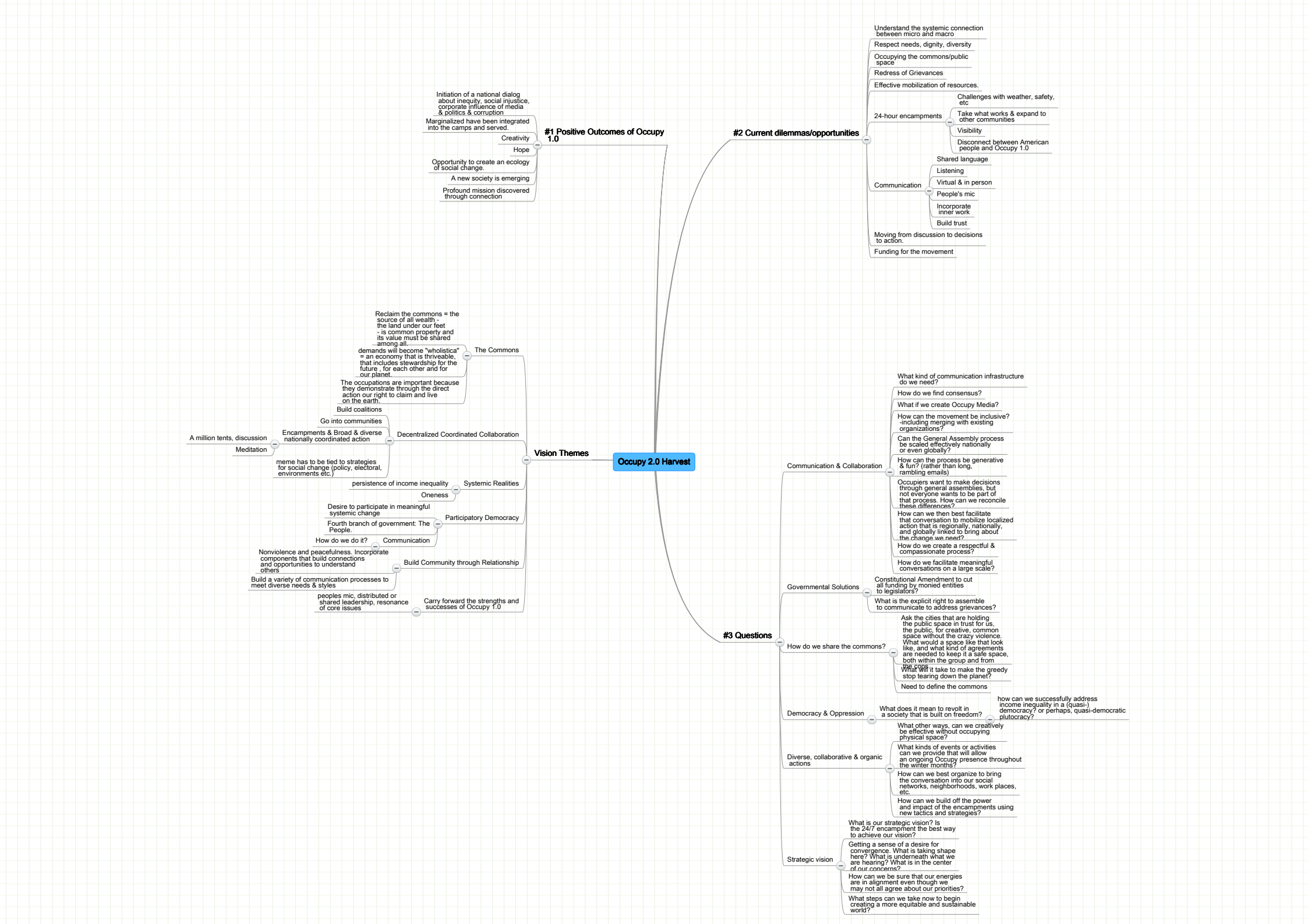
Occupy 2.0 Harvest
#1 Positive Outcomes of Occupy 1.0
Initiation of a national dialog about inequity, social injustice, corporate influence of media & politics & corruption
Marginalized have been integrated into the camps and served.
Creativity
Hope
Opportunity to create an ecology of social change.
A new society is emerging
Profound mission discovered through connection
#2 Current dilemmas/opportunities
Understand the systemic connection between micro and macro
Respect needs, dignity, diversity
Occupying the commons/public space
Redress of Grievances
Effective mobilization of resources.
24-hour encampments
Challenges with weather, safety, etc
Take what works & expand to other communities
Visibility
Disconnect between American people and Occupy 1.0
Communication
Shared language
Listening
Virtual & in person
People's mic
Incorporate inner work
Build trust
Moving from discussion to decisions to action.
Funding for the movement
Vision Themes
The Commons
Reclaim the commons = the source of all wealth - the land under our feet - is common property and its value must be shared among all.
demands will become "wholistica" = an economy that is thriveable, that includes stewardship for the future , for each other and for our planet.
The occupations are important because they demonstrate through the direct action our right to claim and live on the earth.
Decentralized Coordinated Collaboration
Build coalitions
Go into communities
Encampments & Broad & diverse nationally coordinated action
A million tents, discussion
Meditation
meme has to be tied to strategies for social change (policy, electoral, environments etc.)
Systemic Realities
persistence of income inequality
Oneness
Participatory Democracy
Desire to participate in meaningful systemic change
Fourth branch of government: The People.
Communication
How do we do it?
Build Community through Relationship
Nonviolence and peacefulness. Incorporate components that build connections and opportunities to understand others
Build a variety of communication processes to meet diverse needs & styles
Carry forward the strengths and successes of Occupy 1.0
peoples mic, distributed or shared leadership, resonance of core issues
#3 Questions
Communication & Collaboration
What kind of communication infrastructure do we need?
How do we find consensus?
What if we create Occupy Media?
How can the movement be inclusive? -including merging with existing organizations?
Can the General Assembly process be scaled effectively nationally or even globally?
How can the process be generative & fun? (rather than long, rambling emails)
Occupiers want to make decisions through general assemblies, but not everyone wants to be part of that process. How can we reconcile these differences?
How can we then best facilitate that conversation to mobilize localized action that is regionally, nationally, and globally linked to bring about the change we need?
How do we create a respectful & compassionate process?
How do we facilitate meaningful conversations on a large scale?
Governmental Solutions
Constitutional Amendment to cut all funding by monied entities to legislators?
What is the explicit right to assemble to communicate to address grievances?
How do we share the commons?
Ask the cities that are holding the public space in trust for us, the public, for creative, common space without the crazy violence. What would a space like that look like, and what kind of agreements are needed to keep it a safe space, both within the group and from the cops
What will it take to make the greedy stop tearing down the planet?
Need to define the commons
Democracy & Oppression
What does it mean to revolt in a society that is built on freedom?
how can we successfully address income inequality in a (quasi-) democracy? or perhaps, quasi-democratic plutocracy?
Diverse, collaborative & organic actions
What other ways, can we creatively be effective without occupying physical space?
What kinds of events or activities can we provide that will allow an ongoing Occupy presence throughout the winter months?
How can we best organize to bring the conversation into our social networks, neighborhoods, work places, etc.
How can we build off the power and impact of the encampments using new tactics and strategies?
Strategic vision
What is our strategic vision? Is the 24/7 encampment the best way to achieve our vision?
Getting a sense of a desire for convergence. What is taking shape here? What is underneath what we are hearing? What is in the center of our concerns?
How can we be sure that our energies are in alignment even though we may not all agree about our priorities?
What steps can we take now to begin creating a more equitable and sustainable world?