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Co-option

199 "Just as importantly, the mass-popular outpourings in Seattle, Washington and Prague turned the broader relationship between the NGO strategiests and grassroots campaigners on its head."

Is this sufficient to avoid the trap? That the organization of the movement is from the radical grassroots will only mean that the grassroots will be marginalized when the NGOs and other organizations are co-opted. I'm not sure this solves the problem of how to keep the movement going, especially at some point when the movement becomes more solidified.

What to do when the WTO decentralizes?

201 "For some the compromise was to take part in meetings with Bank staff off premises."

If the WTO and other organizations created a resistance cell like or even marginally more decentralized meeting structure, there'd be no place to confront them. In some ways it's a structural advantage that the centralized meetings can be found and disrupted, but they will learn how to have these meetings, or something that serves the purpose, that can't be interrupted. What then? The functioning will be even more secret and hard to fight.

Names

204 "... barely blinked at the IMF's renaming these policies as 'poverty reduction'"

So much seems to rest on the power of selecting names, but it seems like all the good names are being taken. From 'poverty reduction' to 'healthy forests' and even as far back as the Nationalistic movement in the Early Republic calling itself "Federalists" which was what the Anti-Federalists really

were ... It's a constant frustration. Why is it so easy for names like these to be co-opted and used to stealth ideologically opposite policies and ideas without people starting to not only question the labels but re-labelling the labels with something more appropriate? I mean, why not call free trade an agreement between loan sharks and embezzlers? Why not ratchet up the rhetoric if the words are going to be made false, then use new words.