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## Washington's "Color Revolutions" in Europe

Samantha Power, the current administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), announced in February 2023 that she was in Budapest, Hungary, to support "democratic institutions" and "civil society."

Hungary, a member of the EU and NATO, has a democratically elected government presently spearheaded by conservative and pro-life Prime Minister Viktor Mihály Orbán, who won reelection to an unprecedented fourth term in a 2022 landslide victory. Notably, Orbán's government has refrained from backing the U.S.-led strategy to exacerbate the Russia-Ukraine crisis since the latter's onset in 2022. Additionally, Orbán's government rejects the globalist principles of open immigration, same-sex marriage, and LGBTQ+ propaganda for minors.

Little wonder then that Power went to Budapest to help support a "free and diverse press in Hungary," according to a post on her Twitter profile. Cutting through the globo-speak, this simply means she is working for anti-patriotic, pro-Western, and anti-Orbán values. According to the logic of globalists and their sycophants, because Hungarian voters still select, in free and fair elections, politicians such as Orbán who are disdained by Washington and Brussels, democracy is therefore greatly stifled in Hungary.

Nonetheless, Power's assertion about the need for an independent press in Hungary — implying that the media landscape is largely controlled by Orbán's government — is not entirely watertight. In an article in the *Hungarian Review*, Boris Kalnoky, a veteran journalist for *Die Welt* in Germany and present director of the media school at Mathias Corvinus Collegium in Budapest, had this to say:

Hungary's media market was not a naturally evolved, healthy, and independent media environment before Orbán regained power in 2010. It was, to a significant extent, a political market, and that market had been cornered by the left. Such media as existed was as a rule connected to political parties or at least political camps in one way or another. Independent journalism in the Western sense of the term was rare.

Contesting the narrative among U.S. and Western European globalists that Hungarian media lacked plurality, Kalnoky said:

Describing the media market as being fully dominated by the governing party gives a very



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Popular uprising? While the 2014 Maidan revolution in Ukraine was billed as a popular, pro-EU, and anti-Russia uprising, the truth has since come out that it was largely part of a Western-backed coup to install a favorable regime in the embattled nation.



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incomplete view of the story. The Hungarian media landscape has remained pluralistic, critical voices remain influential, and the spectrum of published political opinion remains broad. The biggest TV channel, German-owned RTL, is critical of the government. So is the biggest daily tabloid, Blikk, owned by Swiss publishing house Ringier, whose online edition ranks among the top four in digital ratings on most days. The biggest political weekly magazine is independent Hvg. The biggest political broadsheet is left-wing Népszava. Of the four biggest news portals — apart from Blikk — two are very critical of the government (24.hu and Telex.hu). Index.hu, under its new owners, has become more government-friendly, but not a propaganda instrument. Only Origo.hu is a decidedly pro-government news portal.

Hungary is not the only intended Central European “beneficiary” of USAID, nevertheless. Based on a December 12, 2022 USAID press release, the agency declared its aim to back local partners in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia to boost democratic principles and empower citizens to protect fundamental freedoms, combat corruption, and enhance civic engagement through collective action of citizens to strengthen democratic systems.

This USAID blueprint came in light of the efforts of the Biden administration to “promote democracy” in the United States and around the world to combat the “unprecedented challenges of our time.” According to the 2022 Joint Strategic Plan of USAID, the agency plans to promote “wokeness” and combat “systemic inequity” as part of its efforts in target countries.

Keep in mind that USAID is by no means a rookie in advocating for globalist and left-wing values in Central and Eastern Europe. The agency has a track record of providing \$5 million to back leftist activism in North Macedonia, and even translated leftist Saul Alinsky’s *Rules for Radicals* into the local language. It also channeled \$300,000 to introduce queer ideologies to the predominantly Orthodox Christian country.

Likewise, the “Orange Revolution” in Ukraine in October 2004 witnessed a “fraud” scandal in Ukrainian elections and provoked local youth to take to the streets to rally for the leader of the opposition, Viktor Yushchenko, who subsequently was elected president.

Years later, in 2010, pro-Russia Victor Yanukovich’s victory in the presidential election was contested by a group of Ukrainians in 2013 who wanted stronger ties with the European Union (EU), a regional bloc that Yanukovich wanted to distance Ukraine from. Then, 2013 marked the onset of the “Euromaidan” protests, with radical ethnic nationalists — often, and not incorrectly, referred to as neo-Nazis — comprising a considerable proportion of protesters.

When Yanukovich dismissed an EU Association Agreement, he was forced out of office by anti-Russia, pro-EU radicals backed by then-U.S. President Barack Obama. In fact, members of the Obama State Department even boasted that they financed the groups involved in the Maidan protests calling for Yanukovich to step down.

Victoria Nuland, then assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian affairs, even handed out cookies during the Maidan protests, while ignoring concerns that there were blatantly neo-fascist organizations staging an armed insurrection against the democratically elected Yanukovich government. In fact, Nuland was caught red-handed by a phone tap telling the then-U.S. ambassador to



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Ukraine who was to be nominated prime minister in the new, U.S.-backed government.

Take also the case of Serbian-born political operator Srđa Popović. He and his organization, the Centre for Applied Nonviolent Action and Strategies (CANVAS), have contributed immensely to almost every CIA-backed color revolution since he spearheaded the ousting of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic in 2000. The Washington Freedom House is believed to have bankrolled at least a part of the activities of CANVAS. Freedom House, closely linked to the U.S. neoconservative war lobby, obtains most of its funding from the U.S. government. Popović's CANVAS boasted about having trained "pro-democracy activists" from more than 50 countries, including Ukraine, Georgia, and Belarus. Note that these countries either had pro-Russia leaders who refused to toe the Washington line on key foreign-policy issues, or had natural resources that Washington coveted, such as oil, natural gas, or strategic minerals.



**Ongoing project:** Along with Ukraine, Georgia has been a target of a color revolution by the West. So far, efforts to install a pro-U.S./EU, anti-Russia regime in the country have not succeeded, mainly because of Russian actions. (AP Images)

Recent years have witnessed the United States oversee and facilitate color revolutions in various countries, such as the "Rose Revolution" in Georgia in 2003, the aforesaid "Orange Revolution" in Ukraine in 2004, and the "Purple Revolution" in Iraq in 2005. These revolutions refer to attempts to instigate or facilitate mass protest movements in order to oust incumbent governments in favor of new ones that align with a particular set of values, notably Western globalist values.

For a long time, color revolutions have seemingly been favored by globalist powers such as the United States as a way to undermine foreign governments that do not support American ideological interests and global hegemony. Based on claims by Lindsey A. O'Rourke, author of *Covert Regime Change: America's Secret Cold War*, the United States was involved in 64 covert and six open regime-change efforts during the Cold War period.

Echoing O'Rourke's views was Polish politician and publicist Mateusz Piskorski, who contended in 2021 that the United States was responsible for influencing political realities in Eastern and Central European countries through color revolutions and by undermining the social structure of those countries.

In an interview with the secretariat of the Second International Conference on the Decline of the United



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States: The Post-American World, Piskorski alluded to *The End of History* by Francis Fukuyama, which detailed how Fukuyama claimed there was no other alternative than a U.S.-championed democratic world order for all aspects of society.

“This means that on the one hand they were trying to impose their own views on geopolitics,” Piskorski stated. “On the other hand, they were also trying to monopolize all other fields of life. Some countries in Central Europe were imposing the American ideology of neoliberalism, particularly in their social, economic life, and destroying all the elements of collective identity, and going to the kind of extreme individualism which was promoted by the United States to destroy the social structure of all those countries.”

“Nevertheless, there were still some countries which were not under the control of America,” Piskorski added. “There were basically two types of countries which hadn’t gone under their control. The first type was very chaotic countries like Ukraine, which were based basically on the oligarchy. On the other hand, countries like Belarus which had chosen their own unique way of economic and social development and which were not accepting the idea that there is no alternative other than the neo-liberal globalist ideology promoted by the United States. In both types of those countries, we have seen color revolutions.”

Continuing with his analysis of U.S. foreign policy, Piskorski said, “Concerning what has happened lately after the election of Joe Biden as the next president of the United States,” he added, “we understand that the United States is withdrawing from several regions which they managed to destabilize before, and it’s not only Afghanistan or Iraq, but also some of the post-Soviet Central and Eastern European countries.”

Indeed, with the Biden administration not only championing leftist and globalist movements abroad, but also lambasting and cracking down on domestic opponents of abortion or leftist ideologies since the aged Democrat came to power, Piskorski’s claims, along with those of other conservatives, should be regarded with greater sobriety.





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