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## Leftists Call on United Nations to Monitor U.S. Election

"The international community came to the aid of past American movements for civil rights, free speech, and independence," said Ben Manski, executive director of Liberty Tree Foundation for the Democratic Revolution, one of the four groups appealing for UN intervention. "We are asking for the same support today. U.S. elections remain undemocratic and rife with voting rights violations, and international election observers are needed."



The other representatives issuing the appeal are Medea Benjamin of Global Exchange, Kevin Zeese of True Vote, Grace Ross of [www.econhumanrights.org](http://www.econhumanrights.org), and Dr. Margaret Flowers and Diane Wittner of [www.ChesapeakeCitizens.org](http://www.ChesapeakeCitizens.org). The umbrella operation coordinating the appeal calls itself No More Stolen Elections and maintains the Internet website [www.nomorestolenelections.org](http://www.nomorestolenelections.org).

Medea Benjamin, the best known of the coalition leaders, is also a co-founder of Code Pink, the militant anti-war, anti-U.S., pro-communist women's group. Benjamin lived in communist Cuba for several years and is an adoring fan of Fidel Castro. She is also a Hugo Chavez groupie; photos of her [hugging Hugo](#) on her 2006 pilgrimage to Venezuela are available on the Internet. She and Code Pink co-founder Jodie Evans (one of Obama's leading "bundlers" of campaign contributions) also met with Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad this year. Benjamin and Evans, who have been arrested many times for crashing political events, have both been speakers at anti-U.S. rallies sponsored by the hardcore Maoists of the Workers World Party (WWP) and International ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism).

No More Stolen Elections reports on its website that it "was initiated by" the Liberty Tree Foundation for the Democratic Revolution. Green Party activist Ben Manski runs both organizations. Kevin Zeese of True Vote was previously employed by the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and the Drug Policy Foundation, both heavily funded by George Soros. Zeese warns: "Problems with voting and registration of voters are being reported in many parts of the United States. We have had two questionable and problem-ridden presidential elections in 2000 and 2004. Americans are losing faith in their democracy and international observers are needed to provide an independent, official review of what is occurring."

In the run-up to the 2004 presidential election, 13 Democrat members of the U.S. House of Representatives signed a letter to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan calling on him to send election observers to monitor polling places.

The letter to Secretary Annan was signed by Representatives Corinne Brown of Florida, Barbara Lee



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and Michael Honda of California, Julia Carson of Indiana, William Lacy Clay of Missouri, Elijah Cummings of Maryland, Danny Davis of Illinois, Raul Grijalva of Arizona, Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas, and Carolyn Maloney, Jerrold Nadler, Edolphus Towns, and Joseph Crowley, all of New York. Annan rejected the appeal, explaining the government, not merely a group of elected legislators, must request the monitoring. The congressmen then asked President Bush's then-Secretary of State Colin Powell to make the request.

House Republicans rightly opposed the effort as UN interference in U.S. domestic affairs is an assault on our national sovereignty. So Secretary Powell went instead to the regional Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), setting a dangerous precedent. The OSCE sent election monitoring teams, the first such international monitors of a U.S. presidential election.

The current coalition of leftists appealing for international monitors, apparently, are taking a cue from George Jacques Danton, one of the many bloody-handed miscreants leading the French Revolution, who famously advised: "Audacity, more audacity and always audacity."

The audacity of the current appeal lies principally in the fact that many, if not most, of the groups and individuals in the coalition are heavily involved in the Obama campaign, and many are actually involved in the current voter fraud-scandal involving [ACORN](#) (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now), the radical organization Obama once worked for, training activists. Maude Hurd, national president of ACORN, is a signatory to No More Stolen Elections' "call to action," which appears to be aimed at pre-setting the dials for nationwide demonstrations and riots, if Obama should lose.



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