

A Tale of Two Protests: The Ukraine and Thailand

Western hypocrisy on full display as it backs pro-EU protesters in Ukraine, condemns Thai protests against US-backed regime in Thailand.

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When is a protest good, just, progressive, and defensible? One might think there was a single answer to this question based on an objective set of metrics. But in reality, according to the West, protests are only good so long as they serve their interests.

Ongoing protests in Ukraine and Thailand have both featured protesters attempting to storm and hold government buildings. Both appear to be preparing lengthy sieges of buildings they are unable to take, and both have the goal of ousting the governments in their respective nations. However, the West finds one of these noble, the other not.

The “Noble” Ukrainian Protests




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Ukrainian Nationalist have the Jewish rats shrieking

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KIEV, Ukraine (ITA) — Marching in formation, **six young men** in dark jackets approach an anti-government rally in Cherkasy, a city some 125 miles southeast of Kiev.

At the appointed moment, they remove their windbreakers to reveal white T-shirts emblazoned with the words “Beat the kikes.” Their jackets carry the name of Svoboda, the ultranationalist Ukrainian political party.

A small riot quickly ensues. Angry protestors rip at the T-shirts, but the Svoboda-labeled men give as good as they get. One of the men beats Victor Smal, a lawyer and human rights activist, so savagely that he is rendered barely recognizable.

In the days after this April 6 melee, Svoboda denied that the provocateurs at the rally were their men. Yuriy Syrotiuk, a Svoboda parliamentarian, called the men criminals and complained that police were not responding to an act of incitement, Interfax reported. Some suggested the men were anti-Svoboda activists seeking to tarnish its image.

But denials notwithstanding, the incident has raised anxieties among Ukrainian Jews fearful of rising xenophobia and racially motivated violence they say is inspired by Svoboda, a party with neo-Nazi roots and a penchant for thuggery.

“Svoboda lifted the lid from the sewer of anti-Semitism in Ukraine and it’s spilling out,” said Joel Rubinfeld, co-chair of the European Jewish Parliament.

A U.S. State Department report this month singled out Ukraine, along with Hungary and Greece, as places of “concern” because of growing anti-Semitic parties. But open anti-Semitism is still rare in Ukraine. Tel Aviv University’s Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry documented just 15 cases of anti-Semitic violence in 2012. In France, the number was 200.

But the behavior of some Svoboda politicians risks changing that, some Ukrainian Jews worry.

Images: The three-fingered salute of the neo-Nazi Svoboda party can be seen in the pro-EU protest ([photo via CNN](#)). The actual constitution of the mobs are never mentioned in the Western media because it would lead curious readers to sites like, “[Unity of Nobility - De-Kosherized News & Research Material](#)” which feature Svoboda in articles like, “[Ukrainian Nationalist have the Jewish rats shrieking.](#)”

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CNN gives us a transparent display of this hypocrisy. In their article, “[Ukraine police accused of violent crackdown on pro-EU protests,](#)” CNN claims:

Some 10,000 demonstrators against the Ukraine’s decision to not sign a landmark trade deal with the European Union descended on a square outside a monastery early Saturday in response to a police crackdown on the earlier protests.

The emboldened demonstrators waved Ukrainian and EU flags and sang the national anthem outside the St. Michael’s Golden-Domed Monastery, where groups of protesters retreated earlier after a sweep by riot police left seven people hospitalized and dozens under arrest at Independence Square.

Three top opposition leaders called for resignation of President Viktor Yanukovich as well as new presidential and parliamentary elections, according to a statement released by Vitaliy Klitchko, Arseniy Yatsenyuk and Oleg Tyagnybok.

As for the “violent crackdown” CNN leads in its title with:

“...riot police stepped in early Saturday and “brutally dispersed” several hundred people who were demonstrating peacefully in support of Ukraine’s European integration, according to a statement from Poland’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

“Forceful dispersion of peaceful demonstrations does not help the cause of Ukraine’s integration with Europe,” ministry spokesman Marcin Wojciechowski said. “We caution Ukrainian authorities against using force as it may carry unpredictable and irrevocable consequences.”

The United States condemned what it called “violence against protesters” in a statement posted online by the U.S. Embassy in Kiev.

A statement released Saturday by the U.S. State Department said, “We urge Ukraine’s leaders to respect their people’s right to freedom of expression and assembly... We call on the Government of Ukraine to foster a positive environment for civil society and to protect the rights of all Ukrainians to express their views on their country’s future in a constructive and peaceful manner in [Kiev] and in other parts of the country. Violence and intimidation should have no place in today’s Ukraine.””

Ukrainian protesters have used fire and even bulldozers in an attempt to break police barricades, as reported by both the [UK Independent](#) and the [BBC](#).





Images: Scenes from the pro-EU protests in Ukraine. Protesters have used fire, clubs, and even bulldozers to break through police barricades. The West has backed the protests and condemned Ukraine's police for "violence and intimidation" for employing riot gear and tactics regularly used even in cities across the US and UK.

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Of course, it should be obvious why the US, UK, and EU, and the Fortune 500 interests that direct the governments of each, are behind the protesters, literally funding most of their activity. The European Union is simply the collectivizing of Europe, the reduction of protectionism that impedes powerful multinationals, and offers corporate-funded policy makers the ability to create one program to apply to all nations at once. Convenient, one-stop corporate-fascism.

The “Bad” Thai Protests

In stark contrast, [the US has bluntly stated of ongoing Thai protests](#) against the regime of Thaksin Shinawatra and his nepotist-appointed sister, prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra that:

“Violence and the seizure of public or private property are not acceptable means of resolving political differences.”

Additional hypocrisy can be read in the Guardian, another “reputable” Western news source, which takes a similar protest, this time in Thailand, and paints it out as violent, undemocratic rabble. The protests’ target? [The regime of Wall Street-backed Thaksin Shinawatra](#) and his nepotist appointed proxy, prime minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

In the Guardian’s article, [“Thailand clashes: PM forced to flee as violent demonstrations escalate,”](#) it states:

A Thai government supporter was shot and killed early on Sunday at protests in Bangkok, raising the death toll to two as protesters invaded a police compound and forced the evacuation of the prime minister, Yingluck Shinawatra, to a secret location.

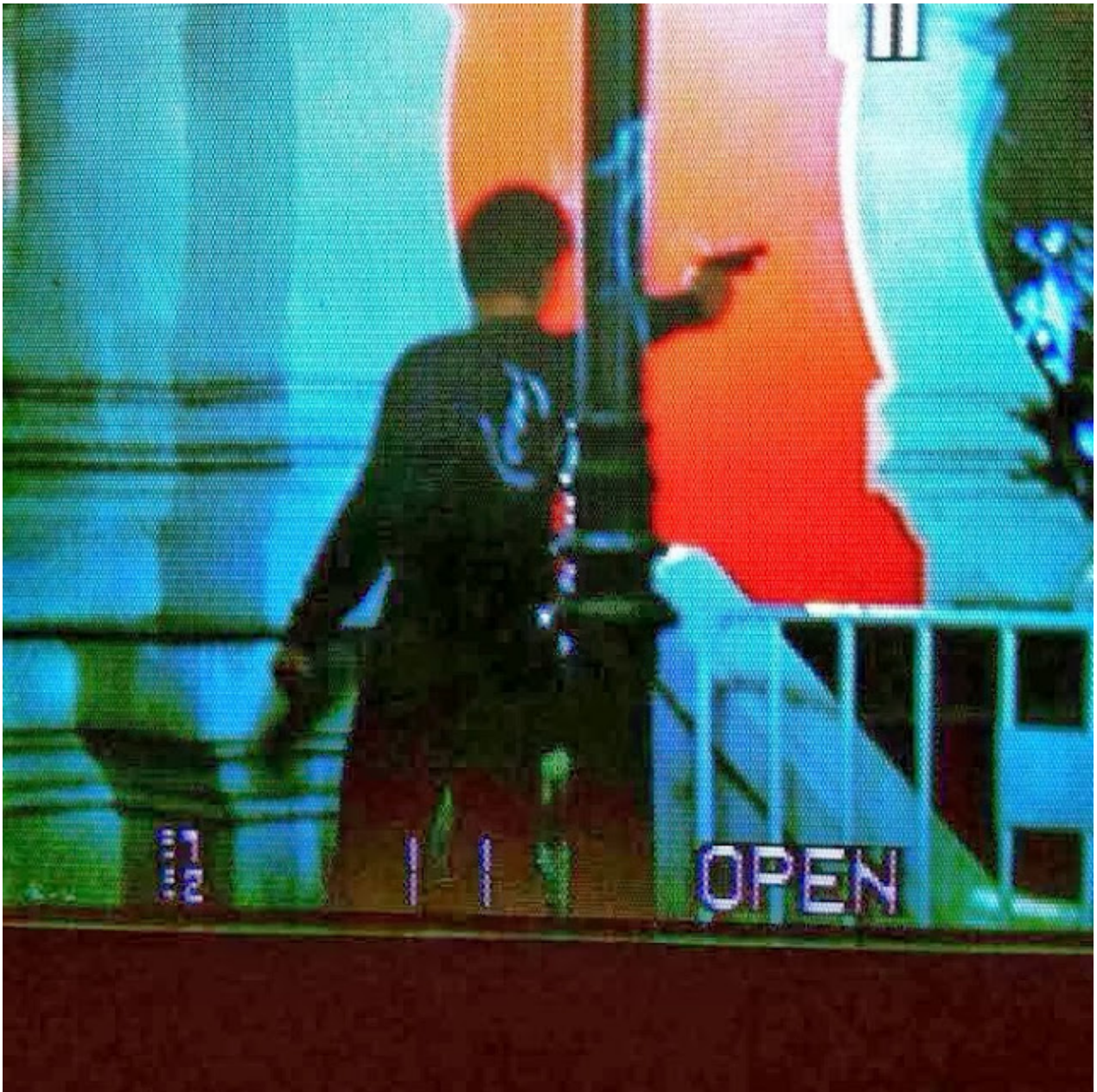
Some reports said anti-government demonstrators had seized control of the broadcaster Thai PBS.

Police backed up by the military were attempting to protect government buildings amid the deadly street clashes between supporters and opponents of Yingluck and her billionaire brother, the ousted former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

Anti-government protesters on Sunday broke into the compound of a police sports club where the prime minister had been during the morning but she was able to leave the premises and went to an undisclosed location, an aide said.

In another area of the city police fired teargas at protesters near Government House, where Yingluck’s office is located, a Reuters witness said.

The Guardian intentionally omits at least 3 other confirmed deaths, all students, and all killed and confirmed BEFORE the “government supporter’s” death was reported, in an attempt to portray the protesters as being a murderous mob.







Images: Top - a regime gunman fires at students in clashes that have left at least one student confirmed dead. Middle & Bottom - His t-shirt is identical to those worn by a sect of pro-regime “red shirts” hailing from Phitsanulok province, part of Thaksin Shinawatra’s northeast political stronghold. This particular sect has close ties to regime MP Jatuporn Prompan, and was involved directly with bloodshed in 2010’s violence as well. One image features a member posing with Thaksin Shinawatra himself. The group was trained by the now deceased Khattiya Sawasdipol, better known as “Seh Daeng,” who was shot dead at the height of the 2010 armed insurrection he was leading in the streets of Bangkok on behalf of Thaksin Shinawatra. The groups is now pictured in the below article next to an image of a gunman involved in last night’s violence.

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Image: Photograph of another gunman so far responsible for the death of at least one student and many more injuries. The gunmen are clad in black, carrying a variety of weapons. There have been reports of both shooters operating in the streets and from rooftops. None of this is mentioned in the Western press.

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The violence actually took place on the other side of Bangkok, away from ongoing anti-regime protests, where the regime was holding its own “counter-rally.” Thousands of students from a nearby university began protesting the disruptive, 24 hour a day, week long rally. After warning the students to disperse, regime leaders unleashed black-clad militants [who were captured on video and in photographs firing on students](#). For hours, the students had been surrounded and continuously shot at – clashes continued as encircled students attempted to break out and escape. It was in these clashes, not the protests, that the deaths occurred – a fact no unsuspecting reader would know if they depended on the Guardian for their daily news.

And while the Western press calls the Ukrainian riot measures “violent,” no mention of similar “violent crackdowns” can be seen in the Western media regarding the Thai protests despite the regime using both Ukraine’s methods of crowd control as well as armed militants who have already claimed several lives.

Why is the West Defending the Thai Regime?

The regime of Thaksin Shinawatra and his sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, have been backed by the West for nearly a decade, and brother Thaksin even before first taking office in 2001.

Thaksin had been prime minister from 2001-2006. Long before Thaksin Shinawatra would become prime minister in Thailand, he was already working his way up the Wall Street-London ladder of opportunity, while simultaneously working his way up in Thai politics. He was [appointed by the Carlyle Group as an adviser](#) while holding public office, and attempted to use his connections to boost his political image. Thanong Khanthong of Thailand’s English newspaper “the Nation,” [wrote in 2001](#):

“In April 1998, while Thailand was still mired in a deep economic morass, Thaksin tried to use his American connections to boost his political image just as he was forming his Thai Rak Thai Party. He invited Bush senior to visit Bangkok and his home, saying his own mission was to act as a “national matchmaker” between the US equity fund and Thai businesses. In March, he also played host to James Baker III, the US secretary of state in the senior Bush administration, on his sojourn in Thailand.”

Upon becoming prime minister in 2001, Thaksin would begin paying back the support he received from his Western sponsors. In 2003, he would [commit Thai troops to the US invasion of Iraq](#), despite widespread protests from both the Thai military and the public. Thaksin would also [allow the CIA to use Thailand for its abhorrent rendition program](#).

In 2004, Thaksin attempted to ramrod through a [US-Thailand Free-Trade Agreement](#) (FTA) without parliamentary approval, backed by the [US-ASEAN Business Council](#) who just before last year’s 2011 elections that saw Thaksin’s sister Yingluck Shinawatra brought into power, hosted the leaders of [Thaksin’s “red shirt” “United Front for Democracy against Dictatorship” \(UDD\)](#).



Image: The [US-ASEAN Business Council](#), a who's-who of corporate fascism in the US, had been approached by leaders of Thaksin Shinawatra's "red shirt" street mobs. (click image to enlarge)

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The [council in 2004 included](#) 3M, war profiteering Bechtel, Boeing, Cargill, Citigroup, General Electric, IBM, the notorious Monsanto, [and currently also includes](#) banking houses Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Chevron, Exxon, BP, Glaxo Smith Kline, Merck, Northrop Grumman, Monsanto's GMO doppelganger Syngenta, as well as Phillip Morris.



Photo: Deposed autocrat, Thaksin Shinawatra [before the CFR](#) on the eve of the 2006 military coup that would oust him from power. Since 2006 he has had the full, unflinching support of Washington, Wall Street and their immense propaganda machine in his bid to seize back power.

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Thaksin would remain in office until September of 2006. On the eve of the military coup that ousted him from power, Thaksin was literally standing before the [Fortune 500-funded](#) Council on Foreign Relations [giving a progress report in New York City](#).

Since the 2006 coup that toppled his regime, Thaksin has been represented by US corporate-financier elites via their lobbying firms including, [Kenneth Adelman](#) of the [Edelman PR firm](#) ([Freedom House](#), [International Crisis Group](#), [PNAC](#)), James Baker of [Baker Botts](#) (CFR), [Robert Blackwill](#) of [Barbour Griffith & Rogers](#) (CFR), [Kobre & Kim](#), and currently [Robert Amsterdam](#) of [Amsterdam & Peroff](#) ([Chatham House](#)).

Robert Amsterdam of Amsterdam & Peroff, would also simultaneously represent Thaksin's "red shirt" UDD movement, and was present for the inaugural meeting of the [so-called "academic" Nitirat group](#), attended mostly by pro-Thaksin red shirts (who literally wore their

red shirts to the meeting). Additional support for Thaksin and his UDD street-front is provided by the US State Department via National Endowment for Democracy-funded “NGO” [Prachatai](#).

It is clear that the West has invested astronomical amounts of time and resources into the Shinwatra regime, and its condemnation of anti-regime protesters constitutes the West attempting to protect their investments, not any ideal of “rule of law” or “democracy.”

What Thais Can Learn from the Ukraine Protests

The pro-EU protests in Ukraine have used bulldozers to break through police barricades. This has not been condemned by the West, and as long as Thai protesters ensure to protect the lives of by-standers and police, similar measures must surely be seen as “acceptable” international “norms.” For Thai protesters, however, it is unlikely that they would benefit from or even desire driving a bulldozer at fellow countrymen, and could instead use large vehicles to breach walls where police cannot defend, in order to gain access to government buildings.



Fire also seems to be an acceptable means of protest. Called “peaceful” by the United States and other pro-EU governments, in both Ukraine and in previous, pro-regime rallies in Thailand, fire can be used (and should only be used) to create defensive barriers to limit the forward movement of police. It should be placed far ahead of police to force them to make lengthy preparations to breach such barriers. In this time, protesters can then move to better strategic positions to achieve their objectives.

And while protests in the Ukraine supported by the “international community” may give Thais several cues on what to do, they also give Thais the opportunity to show that they are better.

While the Ukraine protesters represent hooligans, racists, bigots, and literally entire parties promoting neo-Nazism [such as Svoboda mentioned in this BBC article \(Nazi background here\)](#), who cannot be guaranteed to not eventually resort to escalating levels of violence,

the Thai protesters must remain peaceful. Police that are overwhelmed should be treated with dignity and reminded that they are fellow countrymen and not the true targets of the protesters nor their goal - but rather the goal of us all - the removal [of corporate-financier interests](#) dictated from afar.

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