

Chavez sees US, Europe behind Iran protests

By [Global Research](#)

Theme: [Intelligence](#)

Global Research, June 25, 2009

Associated Press 25 June 2009

President Hugo Chavez said Wednesday that he believes the United States and European countries have had a hand in stirring up protests in Iran.

Chavez reiterated his support for Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, a close ally, and said he is "completely sure" Ahmadinejad fairly won re-election on June 12.

He said protests and violence that have rocked Iran since the contested vote appear part of a recurring strategy by U.S. and European intelligence agencies to destabilize enemy governments.

He didn't offer any evidence but said the unrest follows a pattern seen in various countries, where "behind it is the CIA and the imperial hand of European countries and the United States."

"From my point of view, that's what's happening in Iran," Chavez told allied leaders from Ecuador, Bolivia and other countries at a summit meeting.

The Venezuelan leader has long accused the U.S. government of backing a 2002 coup against him. U.S. officials have denied Washington was involved.

The original source of this article is Associated Press
Copyright © [Global Research](#), Associated Press, 2009

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Global Research](#)

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted

material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca