

Target: Ukraine - How Foreign Intervention is Tearing the Country Apart

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As the Ukrainian crisis continues to unfold, the foreign funding and backing for the current destabilization becomes more apparent.

Now geopolitical analysts across the board analyze the roots of the situation, and whether this conflict is sowing the seeds of the next major war.

That major war was part of our analysis eight years ago in the immediate wake of the Euromaidan.

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In late 2004, protests erupted after Viktor Yanukovich won the 2004 Ukrainian Presidential election, with protestors claiming that the vote had been rigged. The protests forced a revote, in which Yanukovich's rival, Viktor Yushenko, was elected president. This movement, dubbed the Orange Revolution for the orange ribbons and clothing sported by its members, was one of a series of so-called colour revolutions which swept the former Soviet Republics in the last decade.

The two events are not unrelated. As The Guardian [noted](#) at the time of the protests:

"[...]the campaign [Orange Revolution] is an American creation, a sophisticated and brilliantly conceived exercise in western branding and mass marketing that, in four countries in four years, has been used to try to salvage rigged elections and topple unsavoury regimes.[...]The Democratic party's National Democratic Institute, the Republican party's International Republican Institute, the US state department and USAid are the main agencies involved in these grassroots campaigns as well as the Freedom House NGO and billionaire George Soros's open society institute."

So it is not without reason that seasoned political observers looked for outside connections to the recent protests in Ukraine that has, in an almost exact repeat of the 2004 protests, sought to overthrow the elected government of Viktor Yanukovich in order to install Viktor

Yuschenko's political allies. Those connections have not been difficult to find.

[Audio](#) of Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland apparently dictating who the US wanted "in" and "out" of the supposedly grassroots-supported interim government only came as a surprise to those who did not believe Washington or its allies in the Washington Consensus were actively involved with the ongoing protests in the country. As did the revelation of her admission last December that the US had already pumped [\\$5 billion](#) into the funding of the Ukrainian opposition.

As did the appearance of [confirmed terrorist supporter](#) John McCain [at a rally](#) with the leader of the Ukrainian neo-Nazi Svoboda party leader. As did the [appointment](#) of a central banker as the interim Prime Minister and his [immediate announcement](#) that the country was in talks with the US, EU, and IMF for emergency loans. As did the appearance of a slick new [viral propaganda video](#) in English promoting the supposedly grassroots uprising which was [immediately exposed](#) as finding its "inspiration" in Council on Foreign Relations member Larry Diamond, who has worked closely with the same N.E.D. and USAID that were linked to the 2004 Orange Revolution.

In the latest startling revelation, Pando.com has [published documents](#) implicating the Omidyar Network in the funding of the current Ukrainian protest movement. The Omidyar Network is the NGO of billionaire Ebay co-founder Pierre Omidyar, who recently set up "First Look" as an outlet for (among others) Glenn Greenwald, Jeremy Scahill and Laura Poitras to [selectively publish](#) some of the Snowden document archive, 99% of which continues to be withheld from the public.

As [geopolitical analysts](#) from [across the board explain, the Ukrainian coup has been deliberately provoked by outside agents to promote a combination of US, EU, NATO and IMF interests.](#)

Perhaps more worrying than the interference itself are its potential implications. As Russia's every move is now being scrutinized for a possible military response to the ongoing crisis, the specter of a larger military operation now hangs over Eastern Europe. Part of the decade-long encirclement of Russia by NATO and [deliberate provocations](#) on Russia's doorstep, this process of brinkmanship now threatens to plunge the region into a war the consequences of which cannot be foreseen, let alone contained.

As supposedly "progressive" outlets once again scramble to throw their support behind the billionaire oligarchs and NGOs that have helped to destabilize the country, and as neocons unite with neoliberals in their agenda to carve up Ukraine for western interests, it remains to be seen what genuine alternative outlets will stand up against this blatant interference and stand up for the principle that it is up to the Ukrainian people, and no one else, to decide what happens in their country.

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