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In today's [#vatniksoup](#) and another edition of "You pronounced this nonsense, not me", I'll talk about an event called the Revolution of Dignity AKA Maidan Revolution. It was a wave of demonstrations in Ukraine that took place in 2013 and 2014.

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Many pro-Russian voices, including Russell Brand ([@rustyrocks](#)), have said that what happened at Maidan was actually a far-right wing organized coup d'etat - let's see if this argument holds.

First, let's talk about what led to the civil unrest. In Feb, 2013, Verkhovna...

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...Rada, Ukraine's parliament, had overwhelmingly approved (315 of 349 MP's voted "Yes") the implementation of Ukraine's aspirations for European integration and the signing of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. EU then said that this agreement wouldn't be ratified,...

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Parliament passes statement on Ukraine's aspirations for European integration

The Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine's parliament, has passed the statement on the implementation of Ukraine's aspirations for European integration and the signing of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.

by Interfax-Ukraine | February 22, 2013, 2:00 pm



A total of 315 of the 349 MPs registered in the sitting hall supported the document on Friday.

...unless Ukraine addressed some stark human rights violations, including the imprisonment of opposition figures Yulia Tymoshenko and Yuriy Lutsenko.

As a countermeasure, Russia imposed some heavy sanctions on Ukraine in Aug, 2013: they stopped all incoming goods from ...

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...Ukraine, which caused Ukraine's export to drop by 1,4 billion USD. This also caused a dramatic drop in Ukraine's industrial production.

On Nov 21, 2013, after extensive propaganda campaigns by the Kremlin, the Ukrainian Government suspended preparations for the EU...

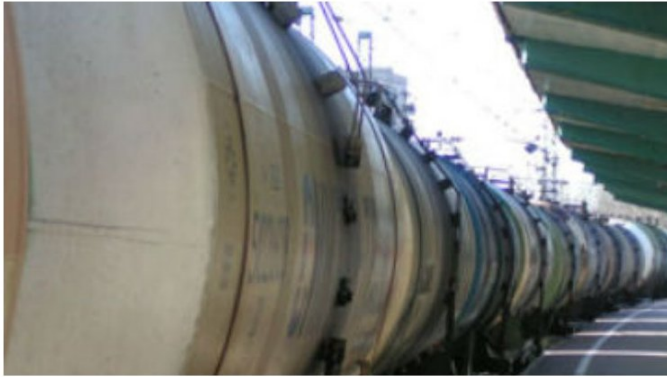
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VIPIUZI PLOT ANALITIKA VLADA SUSPILSTVO GROSHI PODII TECHNO SHOW

About a thousand freight cars have accumulated at the Russian-Ukrainian customs (updated)

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About a thousand freight cars have accumulated at the Russian-Ukrainian customs (updated)

Today it became known that about a thousand cars have accumulated recently on the approaches to the Russian-Ukrainian border. This was announced by a representative of Russian Railways.

...agreement and rejected to draft laws that would've released Tymoshenko and Lutsenko, which erupted protests in Kyiv.

Finally, Yanukovych was supposed to sign the agreement at the EU Summit in Vilnius at the end of Nov, 2013, but he didn't, and the protests grew bigger.

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The image is a screenshot of a BBC News article. At the top, the BBC logo is on the left, followed by a 'Sign in' button and navigation links for 'Home', 'News', 'Sport', 'Reel', and 'Worklife'. Below this is a red banner with the word 'NEWS' in white. Underneath the banner is a navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'War in Ukraine', 'Coronavirus', 'Climate', 'Video', 'World', 'UK', 'Business', 'Tech', and 'Science'. A secondary navigation bar lists regional categories: 'World', 'Africa', 'Asia', 'Australia', 'Europe', 'Latin America', 'Middle East', and 'US & Canada', with 'Europe' highlighted. The main headline reads 'Ukraine protests after Yanukovych EU deal rejection' in a large, bold, black font. Below the headline is the date '30 November 2013' and a red share icon. The article's main image is a photograph showing riot police in black helmets and shields in the foreground, facing a crowd of protesters in the background. The BBC logo is visible in the top left corner of the photo.

To pour gasoline on the fire, Russians countered the anti-EU stance In Dec, 2013, by offering a 15 billion USD loan (the EU had offered only 838 million USD) and cheaper gas prices if Ukraine wouldn't sign the Association Agreement.

The Euromaidan protest, that would...

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The image is a screenshot of a CNBC news article. At the top, the CNBC logo is on the left, and a search bar with the text "Search quotes, news & videos" is on the right. Below the logo, there are navigation links: "MARKETS", "BUSINESS", "INVESTING", "TECH", "POLITICS", "CNBC TV", "INVESTING CLUB", and "PRO". To the right of these are "WATCHLIST", "SIGN IN", and "CREATE FREE". A secondary navigation bar lists various regions: "EMERGING EUROPE", "UKRAINE", "POLAND", "HUNGARY", "ROMANIA", "CROATIA", "LATVIA", "RUSSIA", "BULGARIA", "SLOVAKIA", "SERBIA", and "CZECH REP.". The main headline is "Ukraine leader seeks cash at Kremlin to fend off crisis" in a large, bold, black font. Below the headline, it says "PUBLISHED TUE, DEC 17 2013 3:11 AM EST | UPDATED TUE, DEC 17 2013 3:43 AM EST". There is a "REUTERS" logo and social media share icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Email. The main image shows a large crowd of people in a city square, many holding Ukrainian flags. To the right of the main image is a "RELATED" section with three items: "Adidas shares tank after company issues warning over unsold Yeezy stock", "IMF downgrades UK growth forecast, predicting only economic decline among G-7 countries", and "Russia throws Ukraine \$15 billion lifeline". At the bottom right, there is a small thumbnail for "These major global exporters may surprise you".

..eventually become the Revolution of Dignity,began on 21 Nov, 2013 as a peaceful demonstration of 1500 people, summoned by a Afghan-Ukrainian journalist Mustafa Nayyem ([@mefimus](#)).

Only a week later Yanukovich ordered the state riot police,Berkut,to violently disperse the..
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...protest. But a few days later the rioters came back, which resulted in more violence and ultimately to a new anti-protest laws that would make future protests much more difficult.

But this law only agitated the people, and the protests weren't happening only in Kyiv ...

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Viktor Yanukovich ● This article is more than 9 years old

Ukrainian president approves strict anti-protest laws

Viktor Yanukovich signs bills passed by parliament that western governments have called anti-democratic and wrong

Reuters in Kiev
Fri 17 Jan 2014 21:54 GMT

Pro-EU activists with the word 'dictatorship' taped over their mouths protest in Kiev. Photograph: Sergei Supinsky/AP/ Getty Images

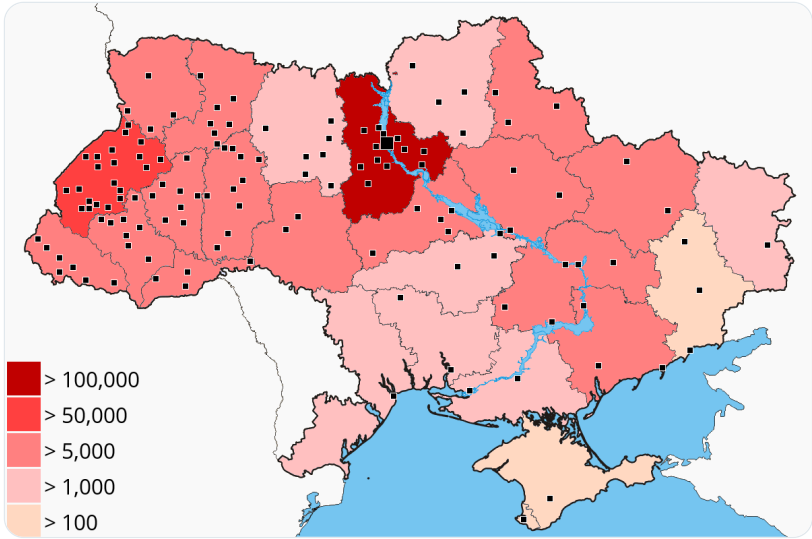
The Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovich has signed into force a set of tough new laws that ban virtually all forms of anti-government protests despite an outcry from western governments that have criticised them as anti-democratic.

The presidential website listed the laws, which were rushed through parliament by Yanukovich's supporters on Thursday.

...- large anti-Yanukovich and pro-EU protests were also seen in other cities around Ukraine, including Lviv, Kharkiv, Ternopil, Sumy, Donetsk, Zaporizhia, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Mariupol and Luhansk.

Later Yanukovich hired provocateur thugs called Titushky to agitate crowds ...

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...and start fights. Titushky would attend peaceful demonstrations and then would at some point start fights and instigate violence in these crowds. Later during the protests, they started firing, along with Berkut, into protesting crowds with live ammo, beat protesters...

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...with bats and iron pipes and even shot dead a Ukrainian journalist, Vyacheslav Veremiy. For this "work", they received good money - around 100USD per day.

By January the protests had become bigger and more violent, as more and more people defied the draconian...

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Murdered journalist's attackers receive light sentences; main suspect remains free

By Veronika Melkozerova Published Dec 5, 2019 at 4:40 pm




Yury Krysin, one of the pro-government thugs that violently beat West newspaper journalist Vyacheslav Veremiy on the night of Feb. 18, 2014, speaks to his lawyer during a court session on March 26, 2018. Krysin was sentenced to 5 years in prison on Sept. 30, other thug Serhiy Chesnos got 3.3 years in prison in 2018. Dzhehlyd Aliev, the suspected killer of Veremiy is still lacking from justice.

Photo by UNIAN

Media: "Titushki"-provocateurs from Zaporozhye are offered \$100 per day

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From Zaporozhye to Kiev it is planned to leave the "titushki"

From Zaporozhye to the Independence Square in Kiev they plan to bring "titushki", who are promised to pay \$ 100 a day.

The editor-in-chief of the local newspaper Bogdan Vasilenko writes about this on his Facebook page.

Vasilenko posted a message saying that the "titushki" would play the role of provocateurs, they were asked not to wear sports uniforms.

anti-protest laws. Feb 18-20, 2014, was the most violent period of the Maidan protests. In just span of few days, almost 100 people were killed as thousands of protesters attempted to storm the Parliament, only to be met with bullets from Berkut snipers.

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Finally on 21 Feb, 2014, Yanukovich and opposition leaders signed an agreement to form an interim government, reduce president's power and impose early elections. The next day, Yanukovich fled to Crimea and two days after that he finally fled to Russia.

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On 27 Feb, after realizing that they could no longer control the revolution, Russians started the annexation of Crimea.

So, were there neo-Nazis at Euromaidan? Yes. Svoboda, Right Sector, Misanthropic Division, Congress of Ukrainian Nationalists and UNA-UNSO are all ...

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...such groups, and they were also involved in the violent acts during the protests. If there's an uprising where a nation tries to separate itself from a dictator and from external influence, or where people fight a perceived threat, why wouldn't the nationalist be there?

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Capitol attack: Proud Boys leader pleads guilty to seditious conspiracy

Jeremy Bertino, 43, enters guilty plea for his role in plot to stop transfer of presidential power from Trump to Biden on January 6



Jeremy Bertino, second from left, at a rally in Washington in December 2020. Other members of the far-right group have been charged with seditious conspiracy. Photograph: Luis M Alvarez/AP

A North Carolina man pleaded guilty on Thursday to plotting with other members of the far-right Proud Boys to violently stop the transfer of presidential power after the 2020 election, making him the first member of the extremist group to plead guilty to a seditious conspiracy charge.



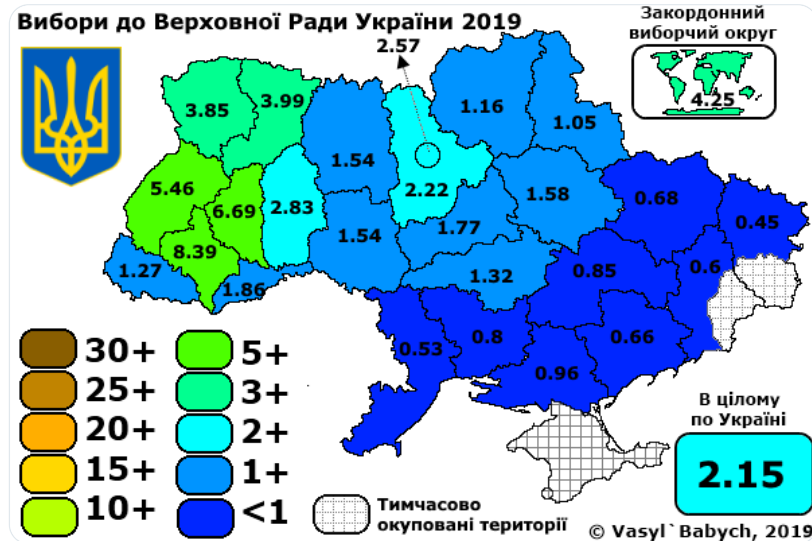
But in the grand scheme of things, nationalists were just a small fraction (not more than 15% at different stages of the Revolution) of the protesting population. Often these type of extreme groups are active in violent protesting, as they have hard time getting recognition..17/24



...in politics and feel disenfranchised: for example, in the 2019 elections, they received 2,2% of the total vote.

Were they funded by the US to organize a coup d'etat like Igor Lopatonok's (@lopatonok) and Oliver Stone's "Ukraine on Fire" silly documentary suggests? No.

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Some organization from the US have influenced Ukrainian politics since the Orange Revolution of 2004, but there is no evidence of them funding any kind of coup in Ukraine. Organizations like National Endowment for Democracy and US Agency for International Development...

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...offer support and help in matters like democratic assistance, democracy promotion and civil society support.

Yet, we don't have to be naive here: their ultimate goal is to affect the country's foreign policy, but in my opinion it is better to do it through this...

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...type of peaceful organization than by, as the Russians do, by force and extortion. Propagandists like Branko Marcetic (@BMarchetich) have grasped at straws, trying to connect prominent US figures like John McCain who supported the protests and briefly met with Svoboda...


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John McCain Went To Ukraine And Stood On Stage With A Man Accused Of Being An Anti-Semitic Neo-Nazi

Adam Taylor Dec 16, 2013, 10:23 PM



U.S. Senator John McCain, right, meets Ukrainian opposition leaders Arseniy Yatsenyuk, left, and Oleh Tyahnybok in Kiev, Ukraine, Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013. AP

...leader Oleh Tyahnybok, and Victoria Nuland, who "handed out sandwiches to them", to the protests. If meeting rather unimportant actors and giving them sandwiches is the criteria for supporting a coup d'etat, then the bar is set pretty damn low.

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US DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE NULAND SERVES SANDWICHES ON MAIDAN

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KYIV, December 11 /Ukrinform/. US Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland is serving hot tea and sandwiches and treating protesters and law enforcers in the Independence Square in Kyiv as she visited the pro-EU rally, a Ukrinform reporter said.

On Tuesday, the US Assistant Secretary of State met the opposition leaders and Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych.

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Another "evidence" of US meddling is an intercepted call at the midst of Euromaidan between then-Assistant Secretary of State, Victoria Nuland and the US Ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey Pyatt, where she tells him who she thinks should run Ukraine and also claims "Fuck the EU".23/24

Ukraine crisis: Transcript of leaked Nuland-Pyatt call

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| Victoria Nuland and Geoffrey Pyatt together toured the opposition camp in Kiev in December

An apparently bugged phone conversation in which a senior US diplomat disparages the EU over the Ukraine crisis has been posted online. The alleged conversation between Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland and the US Ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey Pyatt, appeared on YouTube on Thursday. It is not clearly when the alleged conversation took place.

All this banter is of course normal in private conversations, yet neither of these people have actual influence over who the Ukrainians vote to power. This imperialistic mindset ignores the sovereignty of 🇺🇦 and simply suggests that they can't decide anything by themselves.

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Ukraine election: Comedian Zelensky wins presidency by landslide

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Volodymyr Zelensky and his supporters celebrate winning Ukraine's presidential election

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In today's #vatnik soup I'll discuss nazis. I'll introduce some famous 🇷🇺 neo-nazi movements and figures and also discuss why the "de-nazification" project of Ukraine is simply absurd.

First, let's discuss the similarities between Russian regime and Hitler's nazi Germany. 1/12



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CORRECTION TO SLIDE 15/24

As neo-Nazis does not equal far-right groups, the first sentence should read:

"So, were there far-right groups at Euromaidan?"

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