

Will Europe see establishment of dictatorship in its heart?



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If democratic mechanisms do not work, revolution will take the stage.

Ukraine after presidential election-2010 at the crossroads: democracy or authoritarianism, the East or the West

Choice-1

Parliamentary majority formation
by pressing and bribing;

Repressions against opposition and
civic leaders;

Limitation of human rights and
freedoms;

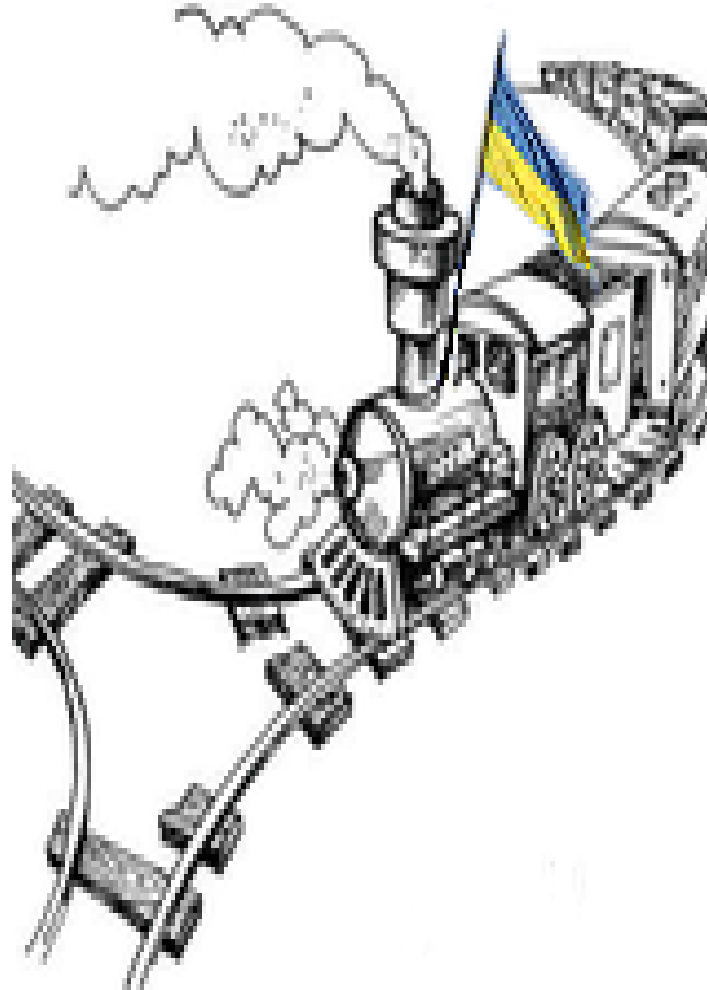
Selective justice, disregarding the
rule of law;

Construction of the Russian model
of managed democracy;

Transformation of corruption as a
bottom-up model;

Break-off the relations with the
West and entering Custom Union
with Russia

**2015: Victor Yanukovich will be a
winner of the unfair elections**



Choice-2

Fair re-elections in the
problematic districts,
punishments of all involved in
the electoral violations;

Redressing cases of selective
justice and reforming of the
judiciary;

Stopping the limitation of
human rights and freedoms,
especially freedom of media;

Real fighting corruption;

Signing the Association
Agreement at Vilnius Summit

**2015: Who will win at the
fair presidential elections?**

Establishment of authoritarianism, curtailment of political rights and civil liberties (2010 - ???)



- Political repressions
- Establishment of authoritarian hierarchy of power: degradation of parliament, total subordination of judiciary to executive
- Endemic and systematic nature of corruption
- Limitation of electoral competition
- Restriction of freedom of speech
- Curtailment of basic rights and freedoms

BUT

- Activation of civil society
- Loss of illusions
- Consolidation of opposition

Economy was subordinated to Yanukovych and his close relatives and affiliates



- Endemic corruption
- Monopolies
- For my friends, anything; for my enemies, the law
- Bribes on public procurements
- Expropriation of properties through courts

Viktor Yanukovych's son, Oleksandr, has during the last 6 months multiplied his wealth three times – from 187 to 510 million of USD.

Problem-2015: How to win the elections?

Second round of presidential elections



1. Yatseniuk	36,8
2. Yanukovych	30,0

1. Klychko	40,7
2. Yanukovych	30,5

1. Poroshenko	33,8
2. Yanukovych	28,8

Between the West and the East: where to get the money?



“Price” of Ukraine: USD 15 billion-credit and discount on gas price

21 November – beginning of the first European Maidan



“Yanukovych, sign!”

“Ukraine is Europe!”

“Youth of the nation for the Eurointegration!”

“Putin, if you love – let go!”



Unjustified use of force led to escalation of conflict



On night of 30 November, peaceful student demonstration of around 400 protesters was brutally dispersed by the “Berkut” riot police



On 1 December, more than one million of Ukrainian took part in mass protest action

From Maidan-meeting to Maidan-Sich



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	Maidan-meeting	Maidan-camp	Maidan-Sich
Boycott (refusal to fulfill decisions of administrations, authorities)	35.8	30.9	40.2
Unauthorized meetings and demonstrations	27.8	27.8	45.5
Participation in the strike	42.7	31.8	46.6
Protest hunger-strike	10.6	11.4	14.0
Picketing of state institutions, blocking their work	35.4	38.5	56.0
Seizure of buildings	13.8	19.5	41.0
Creation of armed units independent of authorities	15	21.3	50.4
I am not ready to participate in any actions of mass protest	2	2.1	3.4

16 January 2014 – first attempt to establish dictatorship in Ukraine



Laws adopted by Verkhovna Rada on 16 January created legal conditions for establishment of dictatorship in Ukraine.

Protesters reacted with escalation of conflict and beginning of fighting on streets which led to first losses of human lives.

Eventually, parliament was forced to repeal these laws.



18 February – transformation of conflict into armed confrontation



Opposition demanded to include the act on restitution of 2004 Constitution which limited president's prerogatives to the parliaments' agenda.

But Volodymyr Rybak, the head of the parliament, refused even to register the opposition bill on return to 2004 Constitution, which caused rapid violent escalation of the situation on the street.



Assault on the Maidan



Tents are burning.
Grenades are exploding.
Water-jets are throwing water.
People on the Maidan are singing the Ukrainian hymn.



More than 30 people were killed; more than 1000 were injured and taken to hospitals. However, the exact number of injured are unknown, since many of them are afraid to go to hospitals.

What's next?



- Negotiation?



- Armed dispersal of the Maidan?



- Ignoring?

Negotiations



Main demands of the Maidan:

- Release of all detained, closure of all criminal cases
- Return to 2004 Constitution with limited presidential powers
- Pre-term presidential elections

Armed dispersal of the Maidan



Results:

- Escalation of conflict
- “Guerilla war”
- Isolation from the West
- Division of Ukraine
- Integration of Eastern and Southern Ukraine to the Eurasian Union

Ignoring the Maidan



- Radicalization of protesters, threat of violent scenario
- Loss of authority by the opposition leaders
- Absence of financial credits, economic recession
- Default!!!

What the West should do?



Europe must react now by personal financial sanctions to stop the violence in Ukraine.

Start the urgent international investigation of the unprecedented human rights violations occurring now in Ukraine.

Urgently delegate human rights monitoring missions to Ukraine

Europe and the West in general need to understand that right now a full-blown dictatorship is being built in the heart of Europe, which may lead to unforeseeable and potentially explosive repercussions for the stability in Europe.

