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Ukraine and Washington's Hypocrisy

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The February 2014 coup in Ukraine marks a turning point in the country's contemporary history, in which Washington now occupies a preeminent position.

Since that time, far-right forces, inspired by Stepan Bandera's ultra-nationalism and sympathy for Nazism, have had a decisive influence in Kiev and, therefore, in the implementation of a policy of xenophobic and Russophobic orientation suffered by millions of ethnic Russians or by Russian speakers, particularly in the east of the country; especially in the Area of the Domeras, seat of the self-proclaimed people's republics of Donetsk and Luhansk, recently recognized by Russia. Against its inhabitants, described as "nothing" by President Volodomir Selensky, a practice of bloodthirsty hostility has been followed by far-right and neo-Nazi gangs, such as the Azov regiment of the Ukrainian National Guard. I will not tell the story of Bandera but I stress his cruelty in the razing of hundreds of Ukrainian villages and in the massacre of Jews, Tatars, Cossacks and Communists.

That coup, produced in the context of the Euromaidan, had one of its antecedents in a real popular revolt. But that protest was not enough to overthrow constitutional President Viktor Yanukovich, despite his discredit by then. It was needed – says the experienced Catalan journalist Rafael Poch de Feliú – "a shock force, disciplined, and willing to play the physical ... That force was the far right armed with the nationalist ideology of "banderovski" tradition, supported by Western oligarchs and geopolitical godfathers. If the

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underground web of complicities, financing, advice and training of Western secret services (American, Polish and German) has barely transcended, forty leading Western politicians, including leading figures from the United States (EU) and the foreign ministers of Germany, Poland, Baltic countries, etc. passed through Kiev Square distributing solidarities and cupcakes. It was that second Maidan that executed the regime change in a context of pitched battles with fire and seizure of ministerial headquarters in the midst of an indiscriminate massacre of demonstrators and police (in total a hundred, in addition to more than a dozen police) by precision shooters ... which precipitated the fall of the government and the flight of the president." Victoria Nuland, the U.S. undersecretary of state, then and now, was one of those frontline U.S. figures who orchestrated the installation of far-right groups, the real power in Kiev since 2014. I insist on Washington's role as the main protagonist in the bellicose actions that pushed Putin into military action in Ukraine.

Biden intends to take advantage of this threatening situation to pose as the leader of the "West", of freedom and democracy. Regarding the Ukraine-Russia rivalry, the tenant of the White House affirmed that "nations have the right to sovereignty and territorial integrity." Really? Where in Latin America and the Caribbean has the U.S. been seen to respect that principle? Not to go to the nineteenth century, only in the second half of the twentieth century did our region witness U.S. flagrant violations of those principles in Guatemala, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Grenada and Panama, the last three through direct invasions. Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua are current examples of a U.S. policy that flatly denies its claim, not to mention Puerto Rico. The country presided over by Biden, for example, is the only one that formally recognizes Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Hills or that of Western Sahara by Morocco, both occupied by military force. If Biden told the truth he would not resist recognizing the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and would cancel the decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the Hebrew state. Biden added that the U.S. "stands up to the thugs," which is to laugh if it wasn't so pathetic. When will it stop having among its main allies the current governments of Colombia, Israel and Saudi Arabia? More than two centuries of history, Mr. Biden, reveal the hypocrisy contained in his claims. When, by the way, will he lift the cruel blockades on Cuba and Venezuela instead of lecturing about the tragedy of Ukraine?

Cuba, by the way, shows the way for a political solution in Ukraine, far from the unbalanced resolution approved yesterday at the UN: Dialogue and negotiations, not war, are the only way to resolve the conflict. Cuba advocates a serious, constructive and realistic diplomatic solution to the current crisis in Europe, by peaceful means, which guarantees the security and sovereignty of all, as well as peace, stability and regional and international security.

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