

# Neo-Nazi Perpetrators of Regime Change

Feb. 20—The 2014 coup in Ukraine was perpetrated by figures and groups of the so-called opposition, whose lineage and practices trace directly to Nazi formations going back decades. Key parts of this network were fostered and protected by Britain's MI6, and the CIA, especially under Allen Dulles, as assets for geopolitical operations in Eastern Europe and against the Soviet, and later Russian states.

Among the most aggressive in the Euromaidan operation was the Right Sector, founded in November 2013 as a paramilitary confederation. It was made up of three groups, one of which, the Tryzub or Stepan Bandera Trident, was founded in 1993 by successors to the Hitler-aligned 1941 Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists-Bandera (OUN(b)), named for Stepan Bandera (1909-1959), the Ukrainian Hitlerite who founded his organization in Munich during WW II. The OUN itself goes back to the period of WW I, and its formal founding in 1929.

The 1941 proclamation by OUN(b) stated:

The newly formed Ukrainian state will work closely with the National-Socialist Greater Germany, under the leadership of its leader Adolf Hitler, which is forming a new order in Europe and the world, and is helping the Ukrainian people to free itself from Muscovite occupation. . . .



*The fascist Stepan Bandera, who fought with the Nazis against the Soviets. He was heroized by Euromaidan coup leaders.*

In 1943, the military unit set up by Bandera's OUN(b) carried out a mass extermination campaign against Poles and Jews in Ukraine, killing an estimated 70,000 civilians during the Summer of that year alone. Nevertheless, by April 1948 Stepan Bandera was recruited to work for British intelligence, whose 1956 MI6 report described him as "a professional underground worker with a terrorist background and ruthless notions about rules of the game." Bandera's top official, Mykola Lebed, who carried out the Ukraine exterminations, went on to a CIA payroll as of 1948. Brought to New York City, Lebed headed a CIA front company, Prolog Research Corp., which was controlled during the 1950s

by the CIA's Director of Plans, Frank Wisner. Various trainees and functions shifted to fronts in Europe over the coming years, including in Radio Liberty, and in London, the Society for Soviet Nationalist Studies (UK). It is this Bandera-Lebed legacy, and the networks spawned in the post-war period, which are at the center of the coup events in Ukraine and since.

The other two constituent groups of the Right Sector were the Ukrainian Patriot (UP), and the Ukrainian National Assembly-Ukrainian National Self-Defense (UNA-UNSO). The UP was founded in 1991 as the neo-Nazi youth wing of the Social-National Party of Ukraine, which in 2004 became the Svoboda (Freedom) Party, whose leaders were explicitly committed to



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*Andriy Parubiy (l), Commandant of the Maidan, founded the Ukrainian Patriot youth group (1999), whose 2008 poster glorifies the Nazi 14th Waffen SS Division. Today he is Chairman of the Ukraine Parliament. Nadia Diuk (r) is VP of the National Endowment for Democracy.*



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government overthrow. UP members were famous for paramilitary training and confrontations, and deployed to the Maidan in December 2013.

Likewise, the UNA-UNSO and its youth arm, Bily Molot (White Hammer), both entered the Right Sector in November 2013. The group was founded in 1991 from various right-wing sub-groups, and its members ranged throughout eastern Europe in various violent confrontations.

The party and parliamentary leaders of these, and a few other organizations, played leading roles in the Euromaidan coup operation. Many went on to occupy key positions in the post-coup government, as their neo-Nazi organizations were absorbed into the military and bureaucracy. Those figures, with their affiliations, are noted below, and cited in the chronology immediately following. Also listed are two prominent U.S.-based backers of the coup, Natalia Diuk and Victoria Nuland.

**Dmytro Yarosh** became leader in 2007 of Tryzub (Stepan Bandera Trident) and then head of the Right Sector in November 2013. Earlier, on July 17, 2013, at the Tryzub training camp, he made a speech calling for a national revolution in Ukraine, and an end to the “Russian Empire.” After the February 2014 coup, elements of the Right Sector came to be absorbed into various quasi-official battalions, like the Azov Battalion, in the National Guard of Ukraine.

**Andriy Parubiy** founded the Ukrainian Patriot (UP) youth group in 1999, which became a Right Sector unit in November 2013. He was Commandant of the Maidan. In the immediate post-coup government, he

became Secretary of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council. He is now Chairman of the Ukraine Parliament.

**Yuriy Lutsenko** was founder of the government-overthrow movement called TUR (Third Ukrainian Republic) which cited the earlier two republics as, first, that of 1917, and second, the 1941 Hitlerite Bandera-Stetsko Ukrainian State. (Yaroslav Stetsko was Bandera’s deputy, and the declared head of the 1941 state; his widow Slava Stetsko, continued his work.) Today Lutsenko is Prosecutor General of Ukraine.

**Oleksandr Turchynov**, a parliamentarian for the Batkivshchyna (Fatherland) Party, was Speaker of the Rada, and was unconstitutionally installed as Acting President on Feb. 26, 2014, after the Feb. 18-22 coup, by a coalition government of the Svoboda and Fatherland parties. Today, Turchynov is Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine.

**Arseniy “Yats” Yatsenyuk**, a parliamentarian for the Batkivshchyna Party, was unconstitutionally installed on Feb. 26, 2014, as Prime Minister by the Batkivshchyna/Svoboda coalition. He held the position until April 2016.

**Vitali Klitschko** was a parliamentarian for the Udar Party (Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reforms), and a boxing champion. He is now Mayor of Kiev.

**Oleh Tyanybok** was a parliamentarian for the Svoboda Party.

**United States-based coup operatives:**

**Nadia Diuk**, as a young Ukrainian emigré in London in 1984, had very close contacts with Prolog Research, the CIA front group of Mykola Lebed, the

security chief butcher for Stepan Bandera. She co-edited the Prolog-associated Soviet National Survey. In 1990, she joined the U.S. National Endowment for Democracy (NED), as Vice President for Africa, Central Europe, and Eurasia. Along the way, she married Adrian Karatnycky, also in the orbit of Prolog, who headed Freedom House for 12 years, and now is at the Atlantic Council. Diuk actively supported the Ukraine government overthrow process all along.

**Victoria Nuland** was Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs (2013-2017), until dismissed by the Trump Administration in January. She

was the lead Obama liaison for the 2014 color revolution coup in Ukraine. She served in previous posts, backing geopolitical intervention, in the name of “democracy.” She was a foreign policy adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney (2003-2005), and Ambassador to NATO (2000-2003), during which time she strongly advocated NATO out-of-area deployments and similar operations. Her husband, Robert Kagan, is the neo-con co-founder of the Project for a New American Century (PNAC), which included targetting the nations of Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Yemen, to further the destabilization of Russia, India, and China.