



WATCH: 'BROTHERS!' RIOT POLICE IN BELARUS DROP SHIELDS AND EMBRACE PROTESTERS

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Currently in Belarus, citizens are contesting the results of the presidential election. Belarus authorities say longtime President Alexander Lukashenko won 80.1% of the vote but some citizens dispute this and claim Svetlana Tikhanovskaya won the election on Sunday. We do not know who actually won the election, but we do know which person the US wanted in that spot. Spoiler alert, it was not Moscow-freindly Lukashenko.

On Saturday, Lukashenko called out the dispute as an organized attempt by US interests to conduct a color revolution inside Belarus. He said Russia may be next.

“Don’t you lull us with [talk about] peaceful action and demonstrations. We can see what is happening deep down,” he said on Saturday at a government meeting, as cited by local media. “We have read the guidelines on how to conduct color revolutions.”

The president added that he should talk to Russian President Vladimir Putin, because “this threat is not against Belarus alone.”

As political analyst, Caitlin Johnstone pointed out, months ago, *Moon of Alabama* published an article titled “*Belarus – A US Sponsored Color Revolution Is Underway*,” predicting the scenario that is unfolding in front of us today. Here’s an excerpt from that June 16 article:

On August 9 Belarus will hold presidential elections. Lukashenko will do his best to win again.

Color revolutions are usually launched over controversial elections. The results are publicly put into doubt even before the election begins. When the results finally arrive, Western media will claim that they diverge from the expectation it created and therefore must have been faked. People will be pushed into the streets to protest. To increase the chaos, some sharp shooters may be put to work to fire at the police and at protesters like it was done in Ukraine. The revolt ends when it is flogged down or when the US favorite candidate is put into place.

Last year the US National Endowment for Democracy financed at least 34 projects and organizations in Belarus. The US does not do that out of charity but to put its finger on the scale.



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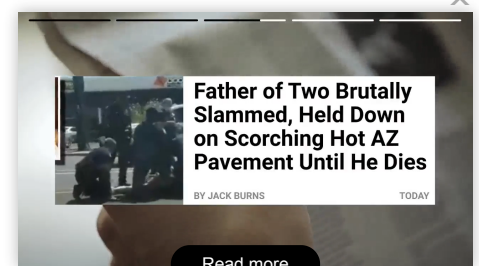
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I am not highlighting this tweet because it is remarkable (except for the extremely dubious claim that anyone ever reaches out to Michael McFaul). I am highlighting it because it is completely unremarkable.

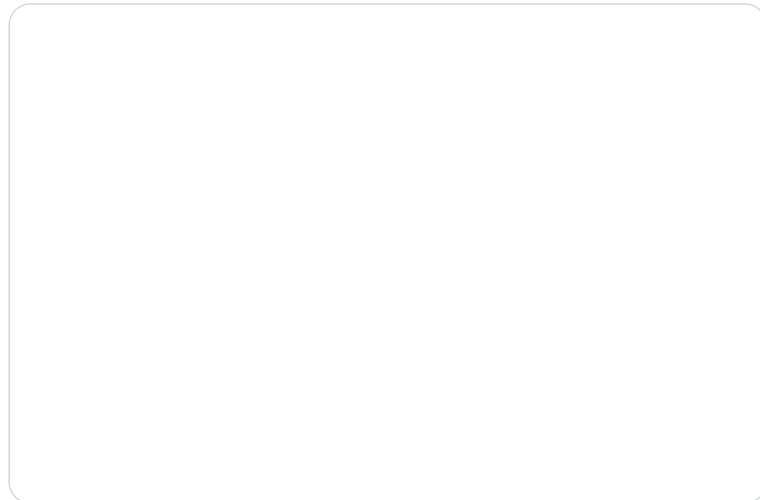


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Two months ago @MoonofA published an article titled “Belarus — A U.S. Sponsored Color Revolution Is Underway” documenting all the telltale signs that the Moscow-aligned


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nation would soon be overrun with protests in opposition to its Soviet-style government. Here's an excerpt:






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Rest assured that when the Western mainstream media is pushing a narrative — like they are currently doing on Belarus — that the United States and its special interests are likely the impetus behind it.

The geopolitical intelligence platform, Stratfor, had no problem admitting they want a neoliberal Western puppet regime, and even tweeted it out.

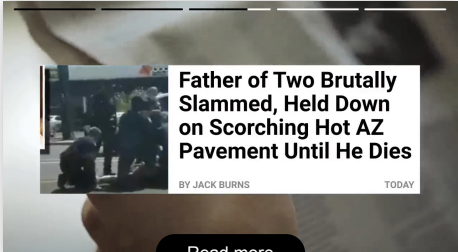
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Laughably enough, when the protesters took to the streets in Belarus, the US government condemned their treatment — all the while ignoring the wholesale brutality being dished out here at home.

When John Bolton — warmonger and regime changer extraordinaire — is talking about the “oppressed people” in some far off land, know that the interest in whatever land it is, is due to US imperialism and not humanitarianism.

Just as Moon of Alabama predicted, Bolton and the other neocons began pushing their narrative after the elections.



“The crackdown following elections in Belarus is unacceptable. If true that opposition candidate Tikhonovskaya was forced to flee the country, Lukashenko should ask her to return & promise publicly that she will not face any reprisals or investigations,” Bolton tweeted out this week.

John Bolton  
@AmbJohnBolton

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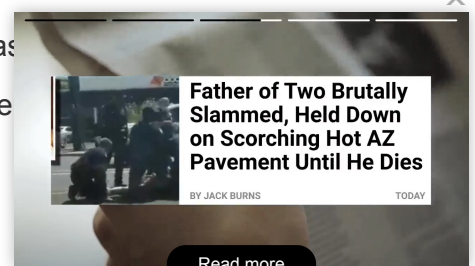
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U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo joined in the charade too. saying Was violence in Belarus, with “peaceful protesters being treated in ways that are be treated.”

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U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, speaking to RFE/RL in Prague, said Washington has been watching the violence in Belarus, with "peaceful protesters being treated in ways that are inconsistent with how they should be treated."

Pompeo Wants 'Good Outcome For Belarusian People'
U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo says that "we want [a] good outcome for the Belarusian people, and we'll take actions consistent with that."
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Funny how Pompeo, Bolton and the rest of the regime change pushing neocons ignore the brutality against peaceful protests at home and abroad when inside US-friendly territories like France, and pretend to care about it when it happens in Belarus, isn't it?

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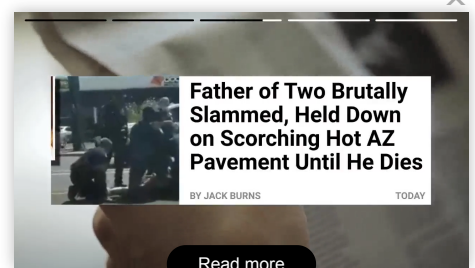


Still think what's happening in Belarus isn't a color revolution?

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No one here is claiming the the Belarus government is some bastion of freedom, but countries who get the version of US-backed “freedom” pushed on them, never come out of the situation in a better place. One need only look at Libya — who recently got some “freedom” from the US — and how slaves are now openly sold in the street, or any of the other African and Middle Eastern countries who have descended into hell states after US intervention.

Despite the rigorous saber rattling in the media, talking about the plight of the Belarusian citizens, the alleged color revolution taking place in Belarus hit a speed bump this week. Those “violent riot police” who the US claims are mistreating the protesters, did something which completely silenced this narrative — they put down their shields and made peace with the protesters.

As WRAL reports, at least 50 Belarus security personnel in riot gear dropped their shields and were embraced by anti-government protesters in Minsk, as demonstrators chanted “brothers” at the police.

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Scenes at the Central Elections Committee



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Looks like tens of thousands at the Central Elections Committee Building. Protesters chanting "Brothers!" to riot police, trying to avoid confrontation.

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While the police embraced protesters on Friday, in the days following the election, they have not been so kind. Because police are taught that they must protect the regime, violent clashes between cops and the citizens of Belarus protesting for Tikhonovskaya have erupted. Over 6,000 people were arrested as well, and one reportedly killed in the violence.

However, the hugs above were also accompanied by the release of thousands of protesters who have been arrested this week.

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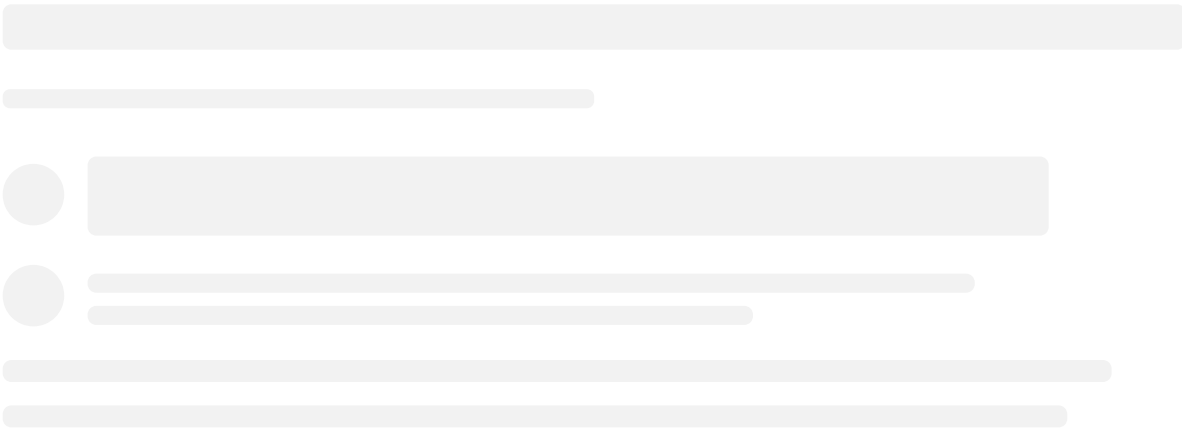
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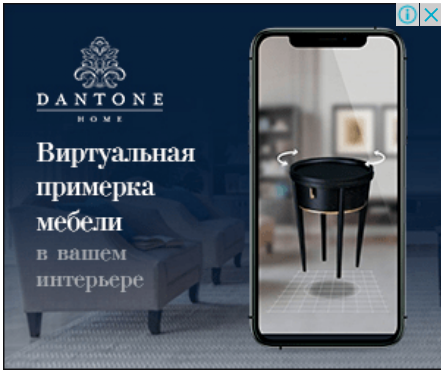
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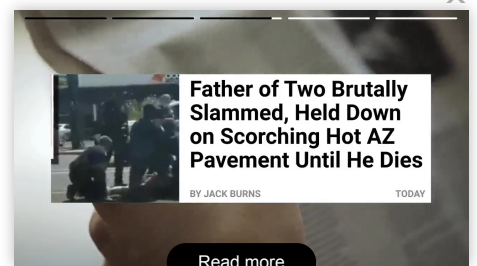
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