



THE NON-VIOLENT “COLOR REVOLUTIONS” WAS IT ABOUT DEMOCRACY OR GEOPOLITICS?

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Over the last few years, non-violent revolutions have put an end to regimes in Serbia-Montenegro, Georgia, Ukraine, Lebanon and Kyrgyzstan. Following fraudulent elections, non-violent popular movements overthrew corrupt power elites, often to replace them with a pro-Western and reform-minded leadership. Some saw in this wave of regime change a new hope for democratisation in countries paralysed by corrupt, ineffective political rule. Others saw coups orchestrated by the US to serve certain of its geopolitical interests.

Looking back, what changes did those revolutions bring to the political systems of their countries? Is there more democracy or instability? And is the wave of the so-called ‘color revolutions’ already over?

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