

NED \$\$\$ Out of Venezuela and Haiti

Don't be Fooled: The National Endowment for Democracy is NOT About Democracy



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At the Offices of the

National Endowment for Democracy

1101 Fifteenth St. NW Washington, D.C.

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) channels money on behalf of the US government through four core institutes: the International Republican Institute, the National Democratic Institute, the Solidarity Center (AFL-CIO) and the Center for International Private Enterprise (Chambers of Commerce). Under the guise of "spreading democracy" around the world, the NED has used these funds for everything from manipulating elections to coordinating coups against popular governments opposed to the domination of US corporate and military interests and the poverty and exploitation they impose on the world's population. In Venezuela the NED funded corrupt NGOs and trade unions that played a crucial role in the failed coup against President Chávez in 2002. In Haiti the NED core institutes were heavily involved in the 2004 coup against President Aristide resulting in the slaughter of thousands of women, children and men. The NED operates globally and has doubled its operating budget to prop up the occupation of Iraq. As Allen Weinstein, the NED's theoretical planner, noted in 1991: *"A lot of what we do today was done covertly 25 years ago by the CIA."*

WE DEMAND:

**HANDS OFF VENEZUELA
AND HAITI!**

**NO ATTACKS ON DEMOCRACY
ANYWHERE!**

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Stop NED Attacks on Democracy!

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID):

*** Funded and sponsored Venezuelan NGOs that participated in the 2002 attempted Coup d'état against Venezuela's democratically elected President Hugo Chavez;**

*** In 2004, funded the defeated recall referendum against President Chavez and directly contributed to the destabilizing political opposition in Venezuela;**

*** Funded, convened, and founded the organizations behind the coup against the democratically-elected government of Aristide in Haiti;**

*** Funded political parties, acted to buy elections and financed the overthrow of democratically-elected governments in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Bulgaria, and numerous other countries around the world;**

*** In 2004, the NED doubled its operating budget to finance projects aimed at maintaining the occupation of Iraq.**

If a foreign agency were to fund electoral campaigns in the United States, it would be considered an act of aggression, and those receiving the money would be considered guilty of treason. Yet, this is standard operating procedure for the NED and USAID. And when that fails to work, the NED and USAID are known to fund and help coordinate coup plotters, even against hugely popular elected officials.

The National Endowment for Democracy was created by an act of Congress in 1983. It's primary source of funding is U.S. taxes. Nevertheless, the NED is officially designated as a private institution. As such, it is not subject to meaningful public oversight or review. This situation seems to be intentional and against public interest. Allen Weinstein, the NED's theoretical planner, noted in a 1991 *Washington Post* interview, "A lot of what we do today was done covertly 25 years ago by the CIA."

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