

CRUSHING ICE WITH MEASURE K

Measure K will be on the ballot in Humboldt.

It would put Humboldt squarely in the category of a Sanctuary County. The Supes had a hearing just when **Pueblo del Centro's** campaign was starting up. The hearing could have cut to the chase and passed the measure. First District Supervisor Rex Bohn said he could support passing it, right then and there, or putting it on the ballot. A no brainer, it seems, given last year's statement by then Sheriff Downey: "Enforcement of immigration laws is not the job of the Sheriff and my office does not and will not conduct proactive or reactive immigration enforcement duties in this community. Our #1 priority is to investigate crime and make our community safe. My office would like to encourage the community to continue to report crimes and to seek protection and assistance from the Sheriff's Office, regardless of their immigration status." But when Wilson later suggested he, too, would be willing to just pass the ordinance, he got no support from his fellow supervisors. No squeaks from Virginia Bass. Instead, Estelle Fennell made a motion that undercut Bohn's proposal, and instead moved to send the measure to the ballot. She later amended that motion to include a report from the CAO's office on the potential costs of the ordinance. "It will undoubtedly cost quite a bit of money to enforce this ordinance," Fennell said. "Where that money comes from, et cetera, is a little bit of a concern to me." Her motion passed the buck unanimously, with lame duck Chairman Sundberg absent.

A smart move by Fennell and the rest. Anyone following Trump and his Gestapo-like ICE, would not be surprised to hear that the acting ICE Director Acting Thomas Homan, thinks it's time to start arresting politicians in sanctuary cities – or yes Counties – and charging them with crimes. And Homan, who has called sanctuary cities "un-American," appears to want California Governor Jerry Brown locked up first.

In October, Brown signed a bill making California the nation's first "sanctuary state." The law, which went into effect on January 1, "bars law enforcement officers in the state from arresting individuals based on civil immigration warrants, asking about a person's immigration status or participating in any joint task force with federal officials for the purpose of enforcing immigration laws."

But if ICE won't be a problem for supervisor Fennell, or her colleagues, maybe upon passage of Measure K, ICE will attempt to arrest the County's voters instead. Measure



K is a double down strategy in which Humboldt County residents will be able to rest assured that from midnight to 8 a.m. they are safe from raids and cannot be detained without a federal warrant as long as their criminal record satisfies the requirements of the federal government. It will also allow parents who get detained to have a say in who will care for their children in their absence. In addition the policy of no arrests will be extended to hospitals, nursing homes or other medical facilities, the courthouse or buildings involved with court hearings, nor a school, or hopefully, no arrests in the presence of an arrestee's children.

"I'm going to significantly increase our enforcement presence in California," acting ICE director Thomas Homan said in an interview with Fox News in January. "We're already doing it. We're going to detail additional law enforcement access to California. California better hold on tight. They're about to see a lot more special agents, a lot more deportation officers in the state of California."

The Humboldt Human Rights Commission apparently won't have to worry much about ICE. Longtime member Byrd Lochtie continued HRC leadership role in ineffectiveness by complaining about the potential workload if human rights become a County Policy. Fennell said she, too, has concerns about the additional burdens on commissions such as the HRC. Meanwhile, Humboldt citizens will find Measure K on the November Ballot. The measure qualified for the ballot after 5,609 signatures were verified and submitted.

Importantly, Measure K states "The County respects, upholds, and values equal protection and equal treatment for all of our residents, regardless of immigration status. Undocumented persons pay taxes and therefore are entitled to access county services, including but not limited to protection by the police and firefighters. Undocumented persons are entitled to access all County facilities, including libraries, recreation centers, parks and senior centers. Undocumented persons may choose not to exercise these rights because of a concern that County officials will cooperate with federal authorities in the investigation of immigration status."

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How to Play: CREATE A COUP

Nicaragua just defeated a U.S.-backed violent coup attempt, and no one cares. Well, let me revise that: Very few care. English teachers may care because they may find it fascinating the phrase "violent coup" is one of the only English phrases often introduced with the prefix "U.S.-backed."

But I can tell you for certain the mainstream media don't want you to care. They don't even want you to know it happened. And they certainly don't want you to know that it followed a simple formula for U.S.-backed coups in leftist and anti-imperialist nations throughout Latin America, a formula our military intelligence apparatus has implemented in numerous countries tirelessly, like an overused football play.

The U.S. has had a long policy of undermining, infiltrating and bringing down any Latin American government that doesn't line up with our unfettered capitalistic neoliberal policies. If a leader says, "Hey, let's live a different way in which everyone is taken care of and we help out our brothers and sisters," then the U.S. will make sure he or she ends up wearing cement shoes at the bottom of a lake somewhere. (And those cement shoes won't even be crafted by union cement workers because all the unions have been destroyed. So you've got freelance underpaid children making the shoes—probably part of the "gig economy" with some sort of cement shoe app that tricks cement layers into working for pennies because they don't understand the algorithm is screwing them hard!)

Anyway, Nicaragua is the latest U.S.-backed attempted coup. So, this seems like a good time to present: *How to Create a U.S.-Backed Government Coup!* You can play along at home—especially if your home is in Nicaragua or Venezuela.

STEP ONE: Create a strong U.S.-backed "fifth column."

Don't tell me you don't know what a "fifth column" is. How could you be so naive! (This is the part where I mock you for lacking knowledge that I myself learned only last week.) As smart person Peter Koenig explains, "A Fifth Column is a group of people who undermine the government of a country in support of the enemy. They can be both covert and open."

There are various ways to create fifth columns. We here in the U.S. like to create ours with a good, wholesome front: nonprofit organizations. Our two favorites are USAID and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). In 1983, NED essentially took over the CIA's role of influencing electoral outcomes and destabilizing governments that got in the way of U.S. interests, except that NED carried out those functions in a quasi-overt fashion while the CIA did them covertly. NED also serves as a sort of slush fund for neocons....

(When I picture a neocon slush fund, I picture Dick Cheney, Mitch McConnell and Bill Kristol naked in a small bathtub filled with the vomit of all their victims. Yes, it's gross. But it's less gross than what a neocon slush fund really is.)

STEP TWO: Undermine the country's economy.

This can be done via **sanctions**, as we are currently doing in Venezuela and Iran. Simultaneously, use the fifth column and the obedient American media hacks (CNN, Fox News, MSNBC) to convince the people of said country that their economic troubles are the fault of only their president. "It's the Venezuelan president's fault you don't have toilet paper! He's hoarding all the toilet paper. He's sitting up there on a throne made of Angel Soft triple ply! His anus is singing 'Joy to the World' right now!"

But, what our corporate media really don't want you to know is the truth. Peter Koenig, who was also an international observer for the Presidential Economic Advisory Commission (showoff), stated, "... It is absolutely clear who is behind the food and medicine boycotts (empty supermarket shelves), and the induced internal violence [in Venezuela]. It is a carbon copy of what the CIA under Kissinger's command did in Chile in 1973 which led to the murder of the legitimate and democratically elected President Allende and to the Pinochet military coup. ...

So you create economic troubles, which make people hungry and angry, and that leads to ...

STEP THREE: Wait for internal protests and/or create them.

Basically, there were legitimate protests in Nicaragua because what country *doesn't* have protests now and again? But then the U.S. and our front groups threw kerosene on the situation. The NED-funded publication Global Americans actually bragged about the kerosene it threw. In an article titled "Laying the groundwork for insurrection: A closer look at the U.S. role in Nicaragua's social unrest," it said, "... the NED has funded 54 projects in Nicaragua between 2014 and 2017."

So various U.S.-backed groups redirected the protests against the Daniel Ortega government. Some protesting students were even flown to the United States for further instruction from Freedom House, which has deep ties to the CIA. Once here, the students posed for photos with none other than U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla.

If there's one thing I trust, it's people who are *proud* to meet Marco Rubio. I mean, even Marco Rubio's *kids* tell people that Joe Biden is their father.

So as with Syria, after genuine protests began in Nicaragua, the U.S. used the fifth column to exacerbate the tension and channel the protests toward a violent showdown.

STEP FOUR: Get violent while accusing the government of getting violent.

We've see this tactic in Nicaragua and Venezuela. There was violence on both sides of the protests, but far more on the U.S.-backed sides, sometimes with help from the CIA or alumni from our military training facilities like The School of the Americas (Assassins). But because of media propaganda, many believe there is primarily violence on the government side, when in fact it's the opposite.

STEP FIVE: If steps 1 through 4 don't work, kidnap or assassinate.

The time may come when you've exhausted other options and simply must **whack a dude**. Don't feel bad. It happens to the best of us. Or, if you're feeling generous, you can put said target on a U.S. military plane and fly him to Africa against his will—as happened in 2004 to the president of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide. He was kidnapped by our military and taken on one of the most awkward 14-hour flights one can imagine.

There is an endless number of examples. Want some more? How about the 1973 CIA-backed overthrow and killing of socialist President Salvador Allende in Chile? But have no fear, he was replaced by murderous dictator Augusto Pinochet, whom the U.S. liked A LOT better. (We shared the same taste in death squads.)

Ecuadorean President Jaime Roldos Aguilera died in an airplane "accident" in 1981 after going forward with a plan to reorganize Ecuador's fossil fuel industry, which U.S. interests were very much against. His airplane fell out of the sky after coming down with a bad case of the CIA.

Even NBC has recounted the bizarre CIA plots to assassinate Fidel Castro in Cuba, some of them involving exploding cigars. To be honest, I can't look down on that because it is the funniest way to kill someone. So as long as it gets a laugh, I approve.

And a few weeks ago, we saw an attempt to kill President Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela with a small explosive drone. While there's no indication the U.S. military was directly involved, that's not really how it rolls. The military prefers to fund front groups so it looks like the U.S. had nothing to do with it. And keep in mind there WAS a U.S.-backed coup against Hugo Chavez, Maduro's predecessor, in 2002. So taking out the Chavez-Maduro government has been a long-term goal of the U.S. deep state.

There you have it—
thanks for playing *How to Create a U.S.-Backed Government Coup!*

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