Svoboda thugs attack head of Ukrainian national television

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A shocking video on YouTube shows the reign of terror fascist thugs are unleashing in the streets of Kiev following last month's Western-backed putsch.

On Tuesday night, members of the Svoboda party led by Svoboda MPs stormed the offices of Ukraine's state television, NTU, after NTU broadcast the Russian parliament signing a treaty with Crimea. They broke into the office of NTU President Aleksandr Panteleymonov and forced him to sign a resignation letter.

"Write your resignation! Sit down! I told you, sit down!" they shout. When Panteleymonov refuses, they drag him through the room, punch him in the face and threaten: "Here is a paper, pen, write the resignation now quickly, you animal... You Russian piece of shit. Write your resignation now. You bloody Muscovite, do it."

When Panteleymonov replies, "I am not a Muscovite, I am a Ukrainian," they hit him again and yell: "You are Ukrainian? You are a piece of shit, not a Ukrainian. You fucking dirtbag. You are a traitor."

At that point, the video ends.

The attack was led by Igor Miroshnichenko, a Svoboda MP and deputy head of the Ukraine government's committee on freedom of speech.

Miroshnichenko is infamous for his raging anti-Semitism. In 2012, he insulted Hollywood actress Mila Kunis, whose Jewish family were victims of the Holocaust in Ukraine, calling her a "zhydovka" (dirty Yid).

This is the scum with whom the governments in Berlin and Washington are working and cynically presenting as fighters for democracy in Ukraine. The openly anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi party Svoboda played a leading role in the coup and now has a prominent position in the unelected Western-backed government, controlling no less than six ministries.

Western politicians are collaborating with these violent thugs, whose hero is Stepan Bandera, the Ukrainian ultranationalist who supported the German invasion of Ukraine in World War II and was involved in the murder of thousands of Jews.

As the imperialist powers seek to humiliate and destroy Russia and inflict huge attacks on the Ukrainian working class, they resume the friendships Nazi Germany forged with Ukrainian fascists in the early 1940s. Seventy years later, the names have changed, but the criminal methods remain the same.



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