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The Ukraine Protests as Seen Through Social Media (Photo Essay)

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In Ukraine's Orange Revolution, Maidan Nezalezhnosti, or Independence Square, was the focus of daily mass protests in Kiev in 2004. in 2013, protesters took to the square once again to voice their disapproval at their government's about-turn and decision not to sign an Association Agreement with the European Union.

Photos gathered from social media show how the protests, called Euromaidan, have unfolded.



According to law enforcement agencies, only about 3,000 people turned out for the protest, though this picture shows otherwise. (Euromaidan / VKontakte)



Getting ready for the march. (Ivan Bandura / Flickr)



Police allowing a protester to decorate their riot shields. (euro_maidan / Instagram)



World champion boxer-turned-politician Vitaly Klitschko speaking to the crowd on Sunday night. (MaloverjanBBC / Twitter)



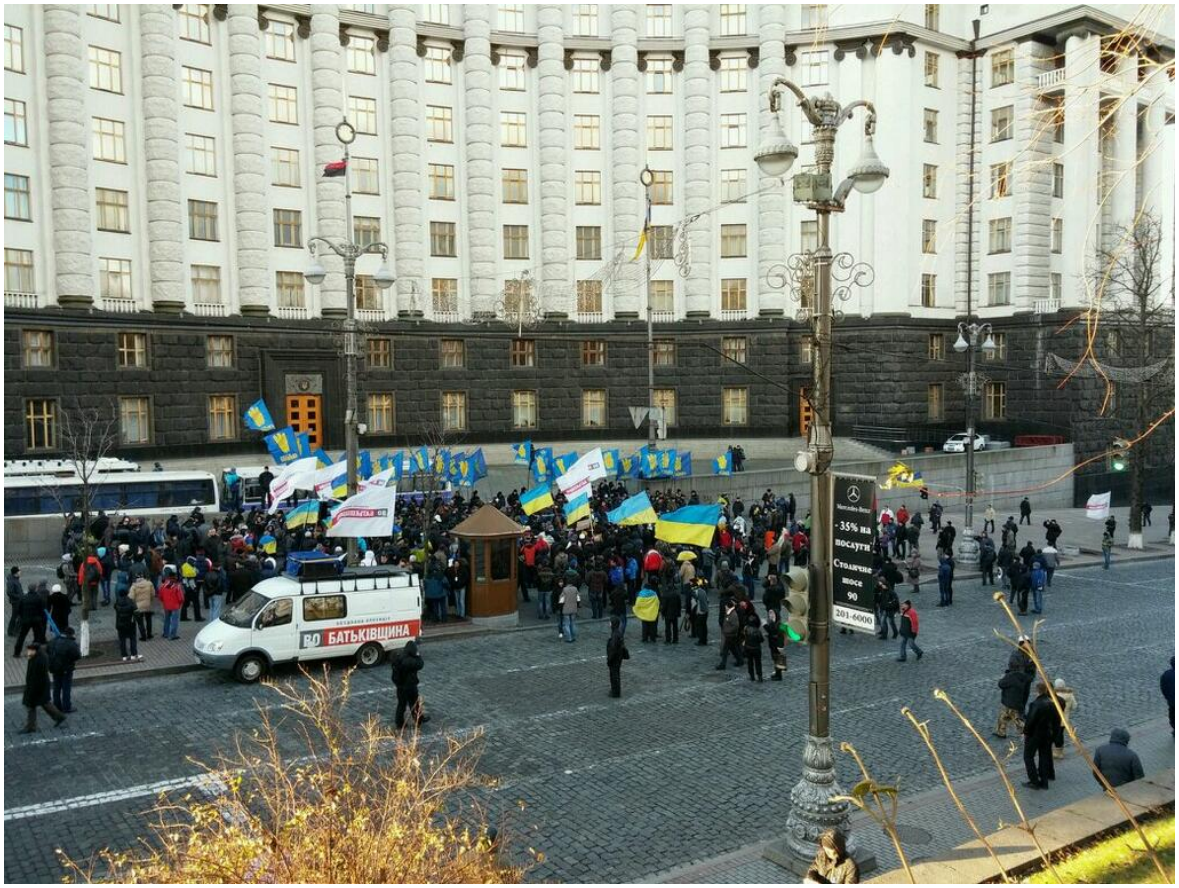
A priest looking disoriented as a result of a smoke grenade. (Ivan Bandura / Flickr)



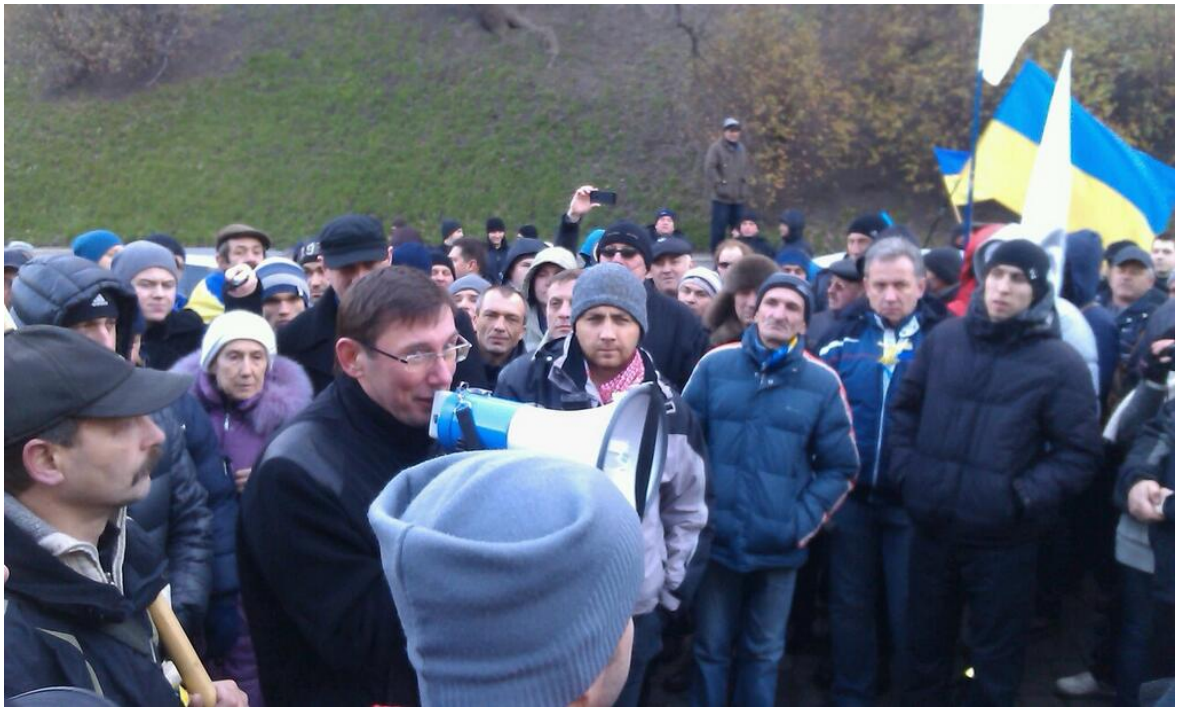
Inside Kiev City Hall, protesters were sleeping, handing out food and wandering around after occupying the building on Sunday. (maxseddon / Twitter)



Protesters holding signs disapproving of Yanukovych. (Borz / Foursquare)



Protesters arriving outside the Cabinet of Ministers on Monday morning. (pmasliynyk / Twitter)



Former Interior Minister Yuriy Lutsenko, who served in former President Yulia Tymoshenko and then imprisoned when Yanukovych came to power, showing his support for Euromaidan outside the cabinet building. (Vovkylaka / Twitter)



Arseniy Yatsenyuk, leader of the parliamentary faction "Fatherland" and former foreign minister with activists singing the national anthem on Monday. (Batkivshchyna / Twitter)



While keeping warm at the protest campsite, a man reads a revolutionary newspaper. (Ivan Bandura / Flickr)



A man smoking, oblivious of the police cordon that has formed behind him. (euro_maidan / Instagram)



A young protester with a picket that tells people to "just go" to Maidan Nezalezhnosti. (10nyk / Foursquare)



Protesters and their homemade signs. (Nessa Gnatoush / Flickr)

Edit – A photo that incorrectly identified the Ukranian president was removed from the photo essay.

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