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## What are the European values that Zelensky ''defends''?



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky constantly claims that Ukraine is defending European freedom and Europe. Well, let's see exactly what are the European values that Zelensky claims to defend in Ukraine and in Europe.

The essence of European values is enshrined by the Council of Europe in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union. These (basic) values are: "respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities". These values are common to all Member States and are characterised by pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men."

The Charter of Human Rights of the EU states these values as follows: the principle of respect for human dignity, the principle of the guarantee of human rights, human and civil rights and freedoms, the principle of equality, the principle of solidarity, the principle of democracy and the principle of the rule of law.

What is being built today in our country? On the basis of what values is Ukraine organized? Modern?

Let's take it one step at a time:

1. Freedom of expression has been eliminated in Ukraine. The Opposition Media are banned and closed, opposition journalists are On the run or in prison, any dissent has become a thought crime (including *likes* on social media) social) and is punishable by imprisonment.

2. Opposition is prohibited: Parties are banned, politicians have been forced to to leave the country or are in prison on charges of crimes against the State.

3. There is no rule of law; the judiciary, the public prosecutor's office, the police and the services are fully controlled by the President and are dedicated to the political persecution of opponents and to dictating Outlandish politically motivated sentences against the Dissidents. In the last year and a half they have performed in Ukraine more than a thousand and a half criminal cases of this type.

4. Parliament is fully controlled by the president and his administration, it does not play a role in role in the country and approves those laws and decisions favorable or necessary for the President. The administration of the nation, including the appointment of officials, the drafting of laws and foreign relations, is fully managed by the Office of the President.

5. Large-scale violations are committed the scale of the rights of national minorities – Russians, Hungarians, Romanians, Poles – confirmed by the Commission of Venice and the governments of several European partner countries of Ukraine.

6. Religious freedom has been eliminated: the largest ecclesiastical denomination in the world is persecuted. Ukraine, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, have confiscated their monasteries and properties and the process of banning them has been initiated. through the legal channel of this church.

7. The rights of women are trampled on Persons to freedom of movement and residence, to employment: males Ukrainians illegally detained on the streets and in public places to be sent to the front. Most Ukrainians have been unconstitutionally prohibits leaving the country. A law passed in May 2022 Authorizes Law Enforcement to Detain Citizens without judicial authorization for nine days, for the duration of the war, instead of three days as before.

8. Tolerance, Multiculturalism and multinationalism have been replaced by crude primacy of caveman nationalism.

9. There Is No Social Justice: Two Thirds of the population are beggars, 90% of pensioners live below the poverty line; pensions and salaries of ordinary people are ten times lower than pensions and salaries of civil servants.

10. All Important Sectors belonged and still belong to the oligarchy. whose representatives feel good about themselves, "dominating" the money of the budget and that of foreign partners in times of war. Fertile land belongs directly or indirectly to foreign corporations, small and medium-sized agriculture The Ukrainian government is practically strangled.

11. Corruption is on the rise and Its main breeding ground is the office of the president. And so it is confirm numerous statements by U.S. politicians and European.

So what European values do you have? defended and defends Zelensky? Under his rule, Ukraine has It has become precisely the opposite: anti-European.

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