

How to acquire the Nobel Peace Prize? A lesson from U.S.-sponsored Ukrainian NGO

According to Alfred Nobel's will, the peace prize should be annually awarded "to the person who shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations and the abolition or reduction of standing armies and the formation and spreading of peace congresses" <https://www.nobelpeaceprize.org/nobel-peace-prize/history/alfred-nobel-s-will>

"In no way should this award sound like an old narrative about fraternal nations." -- said Oleksandra Matviychuk, head of the Center for Civil Liberties, Nobel Peace Prize awardee of 2022 <https://ccl.org.ua/en/claims/oleksandra-matviychuks-speech-at-the-press-conference-dedicated-to-the-2022-nobel-peace-prize/>

If the Center for Civil Liberties is rejecting "old narrative about fraternal nations," will it be consistent enough to give up the Nobel Peace Prize?

...It is especially disgusting that in the same speech she claimed Ukraine is a democratic country where "police do not beat peaceful student demonstrations." Though technically she is right, the border guard not police is beating students insisting on their right to go study abroad instead of participation in bloodshed. Though the students are persistent, they protest in public places, today a protest in Lviv is planned, so I can't exclude the possibility of beating students by police.

On Fri, Oct 7, 2022 at 5:13 PM Yuriy Sheliashenko <yuriy.sheliashenko@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi people,

NGO Center for Civil Liberties (Ukraine) recently was [co-awarded the Nobel Peace Prize](#) with Russian and Belarussian human rights defenders.

What is the Ukrainian secret of success? Here are some tips.

- don't rely on support of local citizens, embrace [international donors with their agendas, like the U.S. Department of State and NED](#);
- [support NATO membership of Ukraine, shame those who seek compromise with Russia and ask the West to engage in war against Russia on Ukrainian side by imposing no-fly zone and delivery of armaments](#);
- insist that [war is necessary for survival and no negotiations are possible](#);
- insist that [international institutions are worthless and therefore human rights activists must ask for weapons for the Ukrainian Armed Forces](#);
- insist that [only Putin violates human rights in Ukraine, and only the Ukrainian army are real human rights defenders](#);
- never criticize Ukrainian government for suppression of pro-Russian media, parties, and public figures;

- never criticize Ukrainian army for war crimes, for violations of human rights related to war effort and military mobilization, like [beating of students by the border guard for their attempt to study abroad](#) instead of becoming cannon fodder, and nobody should hear from you even a word about [human right to conscientious objection to military service](#).

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Wish you peace and happiness.

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