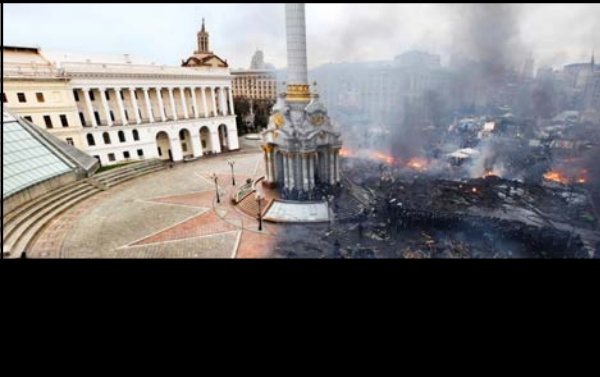


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 - Ukrainian nationalist paramilitary groups storm presidential residence that night.
 - President Yanukovich flees.
- Feb 22-3: new government formed.
- May 25: presidential election.

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- Note: discourses differ.
 - Were the events of Feb 21 a victory by "freedom fighters"?
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