

## Charles Tilly's concept of revolution and the "color revolutions"

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### **Abstract:**

In this chapter we will look at the so-called color revolutions through the lens of Charles Tilly's concept of revolution, with a particular focus on its epistemological and ontological aspects.

We specifically examine its adequacy in analyzing these recent historical phenomena. The color revolutions (the Rose Revolution in Georgia in November of 2003, the Orange Revolution in Ukraine in November and December of 2004 and the Tulip Revolution in Kyrgyzstan in March of 2005) were processes in which, after a protest stage carried out by different sectors of civil society in response to suspected or demonstrated electoral fraud, a transfer of power, previously unexpected by institutional channels, took place.