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# 2013

## The Year at NED

**I**n 2013, the National Endowment for Democracy celebrated 30 years of supporting freedom around the world.



Nancy Pelosi

To commemorate this milestone, NED held a ceremony at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The event featured remarks by Speaker of the House of Representatives **John Boehner** and Democratic House Leader **Nancy Pelosi**, followed by a panel discussion entitled, *With Liberty and Justice for All: America's Bipartisan Commitment to Democracy Abroad*. The panel featured Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Senator **Robert Menendez** (D-NJ); Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Representative **Ed Royce** (R-CA); Senator **John McCain** (R-AZ); Representative **David Price** (D-NC); and was moderated by ABC journalist **George Stephanopoulos**.



National Archives

In 2013, youth was the focus of the Endowment's annual Democracy Award. On July 17, 2013, NED presented the Award to four young activists from Zimbabwe, Pakistan, Russia, and Cuba who are working in extraordinarily challenging environments to create a democratic future in their respective countries. U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), and Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) were among those present to pay tribute at the ceremony, which was held on Capitol Hill.



Robert Menendez

Three of the young activists were present to accept the Award: the 26-year-old founder of "Aware Girls" Gulalai Ismail from Pakistan, 22-year-old Vera Kichanova of Russia (*read her story on page 51*), and 30-year-old Glanis Changachirere of Zimbabwe (*read her story on page 20*). NED made a posthumous award to a fourth young democrat, Harold Cepero (1980-2012), whose life was cut short in the midst of his struggle for freedom in Cuba.



Ed Royce



Rosa Maria Payá



The Democracy Award



Michele Dunne



Vytautas Landsbergis



Donald L. Horowitz

“At a time when so many regimes are rolling back the democratic gains of recent decades, it is truly inspiring to see the creative, enthusiastic, and courageous efforts of young democrats who are insisting on their rights, demanding accountability, and engaging in politics to achieve democratic progress,” said NED president Carl Gershman.

Rosa Maria Payá, whose father was killed in Cuba in suspicious circumstances alongside Cepero, accepted the award on Cepero’s behalf.

The event began with a panel discussion featuring the honorees and moderated by NED board member Michele Dunne, senior associate of the Middle East program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The panel touched on subjects ranging from the motivations that spurred the young activists’ involvement in their causes to the day-to-day logistics and very real risks of operating in countries that are often hostile to democratization efforts.

#### **Democracy Service Medal**

The Endowment’s Board created its Democracy Service Medal in 1999 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated, through personal commitment, their dedication to the advancement of freedom, human rights, and democracy. In 2013, NED presented the Medal to Vytautas Landsbergis, who led the Lithuanian struggle for democracy after nearly 50 years of Soviet occupation. Following his term as President of Lithuania, he served as Speaker of the Lithuanian Parliament and as a representative in the European Parliament.

“Vytautas Landsbergis was a very unusual politician,” said Gershman. He was “not just a political leader but also a moral voice and a philosopher of democracy.”

Landsbergis said he was honored to receive the award and spoke about the importance of cultivating a spirit of democracy.

“We see democracy not only as the accountability of elected governors, but those who are governing are

accountable to the people. Democracy is much deeper, or should be much deeper. There should be democracy governing people’s minds. We should be governed not only by democratic institutions, but by the democracy inside of us,” said Landsbergis.

The Medal presentation was preceded by the screening of a compelling documentary film by Marius A. Markevicius, *The Other Dream Team*. Intertwining the story of Lithuania’s democracy movement and the country’s love of basketball, the critically acclaimed movie tells the story of the newly independent nation’s 1992 Olympic basketball team and its historic bronze medal victory over the former USSR at the Barcelona games.

#### **Donald L. Horowitz Delivers Tenth Annual Lipset Lecture**

The Tenth Annual Lipset Lecture was delivered on Nov. 7 at the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C., by **Donald L. Horowitz**, James B. Duke Professor of Law and Political Science Emeritus at Duke University. His talk focused on *Ethnic Power-Sharing and Democracy: Three Big Problems*.

“In severely divided societies with ethnically based parties, ordinary majority rule usually results in ethnic domination,” Horowitz observed. His talk focused on ways that power-sharing institutions can ameliorate this problem. A revised version Horowitz’s lecture was published in the April 2014 *Journal of Democracy* ([www.JournalofDemocracy.org](http://www.JournalofDemocracy.org)).

The Lipset Lecture series, sponsored jointly by NED and the Munk Center for International Affairs at the University of Toronto (where Horowitz spoke on Oct. 30), is named for one of the great democratic scholars and public intellectuals of the twentieth century, Seymour Martin Lipset. The Lipset Lecture acts as a vehicle for continued cooperation between the United States and Canada in promoting democracy and democratic ideals around the world, and provides an annual opportunity for influential audiences of both the countries to hear and discuss a declaration on democracy by a prominent intellectual.





# under 30

Meet 30 inspiring young activists working for a democratic future

**It's not easy to change the world.** Working for democratic values, including human rights, freedom of expression, and freedom of association, is a long-term project that requires great courage, creativity, and commitment. Those most frustrated by the status quo are often young people eager to engage in the struggle to achieve societies that provide opportunity for all, protect the rights of all, and make governments accountable to citizens.

For 30 years, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) has been privileged to support the work of thousands of activists who seek a democratic future in more than 100 countries. To celebrate our 30th anniversary, NED published *30 Under 30*, a special feature highlighting the stories of 30 inspiring democrats, all aged 30 or younger.

Over half of the world's population is under the age of 30, those who will define the progress of democracy in the 21st century. As NED enters its fourth decade, the Endowment will continue to support and stand with them. Profiles of some of these remarkable activists are featured throughout this report, and all 30 stories, including a few videos, can be found on our website [www.NED.org/30years](http://www.NED.org/30years).

While our youth campaign looked to the future – we would be remiss if we didn't share a few great stories from NED's past.

Throughout this report you will also find *Looking Back: Small Grants, Big Impact* – stories of particularly important and effective grants that – in keeping with our “under 30” theme -- were all under \$30,000. Each story demonstrates the consistent ability of NED to find and support exceptional partners who, with modest resources and abundant courage and creativity, are poised to make the most of every opportunity to advance democratic change.



# NED Regional Programs in 2013: an Overview

Democracy belongs to no single nation, but rather it is the birthright of every person in every nation. That's why for 30 years the National Endowment for Democracy has worked in all corners of the globe, supporting democracy activists on six continents and in over 90 countries. NED provides grants each year to non-governmental groups working abroad in the areas of human rights, independent media, the rule of law, civic education and the development of civil society in general. These now total over 1,200 grants per year.

NED also has a special relationship with four U.S. grantees that represent the building blocks of a democratic society. Commonly referred to as NED's "core grantees," these organizations are:

- **The International Republican Institute (IRI)**
- **The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)**
- **The Solidarity Center**
- **The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

NED makes grants to these groups for programs that promote pluralism and free and fair elections (IRI and NDI), free markets and economic reforms (CIPE), and independent trade unions (Solidarity Center). Each program is carefully developed with NED program staff and approved by NED's board of directors.

*Q: Does NED give grants for work in the U.S.?*

A: No, although NED does provide funding to some U.S.-based organizations which carry out programs abroad, it does not provide funding for programs in the United States.

*Q: Does NED give grants to individuals?*

A: No, NED only gives grants to organizations.

*Q: Is NED part of the U.S. Government?*

A: No. NED is a private, non-profit, grant-making organization that receives an annual appropriation from the U.S. Congress through the Department of State. Although NED's funding is dependent on the continued support of the White House and Congress, it is NED's independent, bipartisan Board of Directors that controls how the appropriation is spent.

*Q: Why are some grants listed by program focus, rather than by name?*

A: As you read through the grants listings that follow, you will notice that some grants are listed by their program focus, rather than by grantee name. You might also notice that these are always in particularly repressive countries where their work and/or affiliation with the Endowment puts grantees at greater risk for reprisals. In these cases, NED staff work with grantees to assess their security and need for protection. However, these grants are still reported and described, albeit without identifying information.

*Q: Why is NED necessary? Doesn't the U.S. Government promote democracy abroad?*

A: As a non-governmental organization, NED is able to work where there are no government-to-



*Attendees at an international conference convened by the Center for International Private Enterprise to find ways to ensure that “Democracy Delivers for Entrepreneurs.”*

government relations and in other environments where diplomatic complications would result from direct government support.

NED also enjoys a comparative advantage in providing assistance during times of rapid political change. Because NED is small and non-bureaucratic, it can be much more responsive to changing circumstances on the ground. NED’s independence also allows it to work with many groups abroad which would hesitate to take funds from the U.S. Government.

Finally, NED is better able to work with the small, relatively new groups that often typify democratic movements in their earliest phases of development. NED usually provides small grants to these groups and works closely with them until they build the capacity to run larger programs such as those more commonly funded by the US Government.

Explore the pages that follow to learn more.

## Regional Distribution of NED Spending, 2013

