

HUGE: Barack Obama Was Using USAID to Pretend to Send 'Aid' Overseas But Was Laundering It to Train 'Rent-a-Riots' Instead

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Mike Benz, the founder of the [Foundation for Freedom Online](#), recently joined Joe Rogan on his very popular podcast [The Joe Rogan Experience](#) with over [19 million subscribers](#).

**** The entire podcast is [here](#).**

The podcast was filmed several weeks ago but a clip from this discussion is making the rounds this week on social media.

During their conversation, Mike Benz shared how Barack Obama was using money to USAID to pretend to send "aid" overseas. In actuality, Obama was laundering the taxpayer dollars and using it to train "rent-a-mobs" instead!

This is a huge development but maybe not so surprising considering how Democrats believe they can do anything they please. With other people's money.

From the video, via [Wall Street Apes](#):

Mike Benz on Joe Rogan: “This was a scandal during the Obama USAID era. We were running a number of rogue USAID operations in Cuba at the time. — I’m simply showing the American people where your tax dollars are going and how these things are structured in order to systematically fool you and to fool Congress and to fool the White House:

— USAID pumped \$1.2 billion in, and we sponsored these activist groups and these civil society organizations to learn how to use Facebook, learn how to use Twitter, lose, learn how to use hashtags, learn how to coordinate street protests so that everyone knows where to go, what street to show up on, what kind of slogans to know, to use in order to create the pro-democracy predicate for it.”

He talks about how Obama funded a Twitter clone that would be used to push propaganda in Cuba to inspire these protests and overthrow the government (Mike Benz explains how Barack Obama overthrew many governments)

“So what they did is they took the exact same thing as Twitter, same user interface, same like, and retweet button Zunzuneo is, is the Cuban slang word for hummingbird. So just, it means it’s it’s bird, it was the Twitter bird, the whole thing. But the whole trick about it was you have to make it look like it’s coming from the Cubans if you’re going to do this operation. They started running this in 2010 which right during the Arab Spring.

They were using USAID funds that were designated to Pakistan.

ZunZuneo was an online [social networking](#) and [microblogging](#) service created by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and marketed to Cuban users. It followed recommendations by the [Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba](#) and was covertly developed as a long-term strategy to encourage Cuban youths to revolt against the nation's government, fomenting a political spring.^{[1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9]} The service officially began operating in 2010 but ran out of money two years later. Because of its clandestine and subversive nature, it became a target of criticism.

History [edit]

Origins and funding [edit]

The word "zunzuneo" is Cuban slang for a [hummingbird's call](#).^[10] The origins of ZunZuneo result from the USAID allocating millions of dollars that were concealed as humanitarian funds designated for Pakistan.^{[11][11]} Contractors funded by USAID "set up a byzantine system of front companies using a Cayman Islands bank account, and recruit[ed] unsuspecting executives who would not be told of the company's ties to the US government", according to an [Associated Press \(AP\)](#) report which traced the origin of the service.^{[12][13]} Private companies Creative Associates International and Mobile Accord were reported to have designed the network.^{[13][14]} According to Creative Associates, the idea arose after they were provided 500,000 stolen Cuban cellphone numbers from a "source" who said they were available on the black market.^{[9][15]} NiteMedia, an organization in Nicaragua which was run by a relative of a manager of Creative Associates International, was chosen to be a subcontractor.^[16] Creative Associates International won the contract for their proposal in October 2008 and grant funding for ZunZuneo began in June 2009.^[15]

ZunZuneo	
Type of site	Social networking service, microblogging
Available in	Multilingual
Founded	2010
Dissolved	2012
Area served	Cuba
Owner	United States Agency for International Development
Commercial	Yes
Users	About 60,000
Current status	Dissolved

— We can get into the deeper layers of this, but contractors were funded by USAID.

The data would then be used for micro targeting efforts towards anti and pro government users. In Cuba, the developers aim to, at first used non-controversial content such as sports and music and hurricane updates — What was the plan the whole time?

Once they built up enough subscribers, they would begin to introduce political messages through social bots and encourage dissent in this, in this astroturfing — the whole point is, once they hit a critical mass, they would create ‘Rent-a-Riots’.

“You’re using Cayman Islands bank accounts. You’re saying it’s, you’re earmarking it for Pakistani aid.” But the money was never sent to Pakistan, it was sent to the Cayman Islands to fund this whole operation.

All this and much more is broken down extremely well in this video. This is INSANE.

And it goes back to Barack Obama.

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It’s the Democrat Party’s slush fund.

Barack Obama was using USAID to pretend to send money to a country for “aid” and instead laundering it to the Cayman Islands

He would then use that money to fund and train “Rent-a-Riots” for protests to overthrow governments

Sound familiar?

Mike Benz on Joe Rogan: “A scandal... pic.twitter.com/EL2LLhDMNz

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