



# From Iron Curtain to Smart Fence

Open access and Open Speech Democracy

The Hungarian Case

# Introduction



- ✓ 8 years old hopeless future in the village
- ✓ 18 years old researcher on FERMENTATION
- ✓ 28 years old visit to Vienna
- ✓ 38 years old Politician and manager for CEE at ICI
- ✓ 48 years old VP for S & D group in the European Parliament
- ✓ 57 years old owner of Vision & Values SPRL and Research Data alliance world Council member



# The short History of Hope

# 25+ years of Enlightenment (1988-2015)





# The Global Scene



# 1988 changed the Global landscape

- ✓ 1972 Helsinki Peace Conference
- ✓ 1985 Gorbachev/Reagen beginning of the end of Star War
- ✓ 1988 Iron Curtain demolished
- ✓ 1989 End Of Comicon and Warsaw Pact
- ✓ 1989 German Unification
- ✓ 1992 End of the Soviet Union
- ✓ 1992 Maastricht Treaty
- ✓ 1992 Hungary joins CoE and announces its application to join the EU
- ✓ 1994 EU negotiations start
- ✓ 2004 Hungary and another 9 countries join the EU, followed by another 3 in 2007
- ✓ 2010 New Government elected : There is a life outside the EU
- ✓ 2014 Government reelected: Brussels is not Moscow
- ✓ 2015 the Smart fence
- ✓ 2017 ....





# DEMOCRACIES born over the world

- Iron Curtain fall had global effects inside and outside of Europe
  - Regarding UN we had appr 30 democracies; today we have appr 150
  - The former dictatorships changed to a variety of democracies therefore the clear definition of democracy was melted
- National Economies started to grow and compete
  - Billions entered onto the global labour market
  - Low labour costs accelerated the internationalisation
  - Labour movement accelerated official migration
  - Scarcity of all kinds of resources including basics: Food, Water, Energy
  - Environmental footprint went out of control
- We soon learnt that DEMOCRACY is REVERSIBLE



# Digital revolution

- ✓ Post-Cold War ended in
  - ✓ Arms control
  - ✓ Digital proliferation
- ✓ Research and Innovation ended in civil sphere
  - ✓ Personal computers
  - ✓ Web
  - ✓ Network based solutions
  - ✓ Internet of Things
- ✓ We soon learnt that Science is IRREVERSIBLE





## Cause 3. Inequalities divide us

- The Democratic change followed the same pattern within the countries
  - Capitals and big cities were transformed first and greatly, but the countryside remained isolated and poor in most of the countries
  - Political representation is based on population, therefore the countryside is under-represented
  - Businesses went to most developed regions where they could find talent
  - Networks of any kind (Road, vired) supports the HUBS versus the periphery
- The Scientific Revolution had great impact on societies
  - Connected versus Connectness 60/40
  - Data driven versus Datalessness
- Fertile ground for
  - fictive facts and alternative truth
  - Strong (even fake) leaders

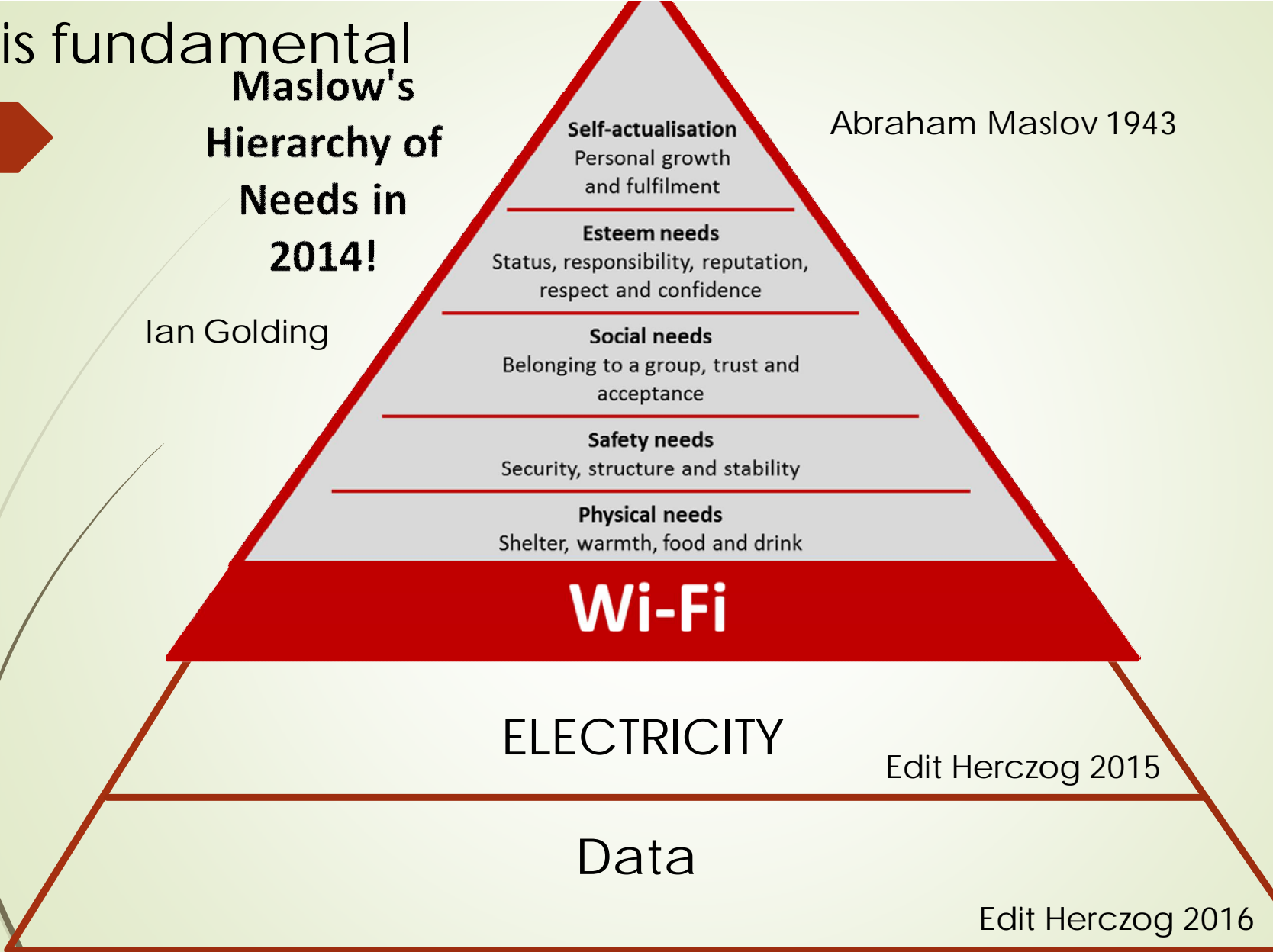
# Data is fundamental

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## Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs in 2014!

Ian Golding

Abraham Maslov 1943



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# The Hungarian Case

Concentration of POWER and CAPITAL in the name of Independence and Sovereignty



# Hungary is not an isolated case

- Similar trends can be seen in all countries, from USA to Turkey and in many EU countries.
  - The elderly
  - The less educated
  - The rural
  - THE DISCONNECTED
- Common narrative
  - No Globalisation
  - No Trade
  - No Migration
- Common suggested solution
  - CLOSE, STOP, Switch off or cut access
  - Borders, barriers, fences
  - Illiberal democracy (Autocracy)

Hungary is more visible, more efficient, more effective.

Change is managed by the same movement/party, same leader: FIDESZ



# Concentration of Power

- ✓ FIDESZ was founded in 1988, and was connected to the Liberal movement.
- ✓ The core of FIDESZ leaders are the same today, except those who left by choice due to the inner changes.
- ✓ FIDESZ has a top down structure from the beginning (Unorthodox party).
- ✓ In 1998 FIDESZ decided to turn right to win the election. They were a government, based on Rule of Law.
- ✓ In 2002 and 2006 they lost the elections, and they understood that
  - ✓ 2/3 majority is necessary as simple majority and the democratic control is RISK
  - ✓ They decided that all means are allowed to achieve the goal



# Concentration of Power 2

- ✓ In 2010 they won the election with 2/3 majority and changed the
  - ✓ Legislative procedure LAW in less than 48 hours
  - ✓ Media law
  - ✓ Election law
  - ✓ Constitution
  - ✓ Budget balance between governmental and non governmental Pillars
  - ✓ The Self governace regulation
- ✓ In 2014 after the new election 2015 with 2/3 again
  - ✓ 3 by-elections lost and the 2/3 majority was lost too
- ✓ In 2016 the referendum on Migrants: WON by 98 % but only 1 mln people voted yes. It was the only strategy as due
  - ✓ to FEAR, lack of TRUST
  - ✓ To disillusion: 1 mln FIDESZ voters no longer vote





# Concentration of Capital

- Hungary and all EEC MS lack local strong companies
- PM Orban channels all resources from Hungary and EU sources to reinvent the Hungarian Capitalist
- It is not a typical corruption, as it has ideological basis
- In 2013, after a very visible case buying companies with stolen Turkish passports, the case closed without investigation based on the bonmot:
- It is a right, based on Constitution to be stupid (FAKE TRUTH EMERGE)
- The behemot requires continous cash flow
- All kinds of finance from Russia to China is accepted
- We need enemies and scapegoats

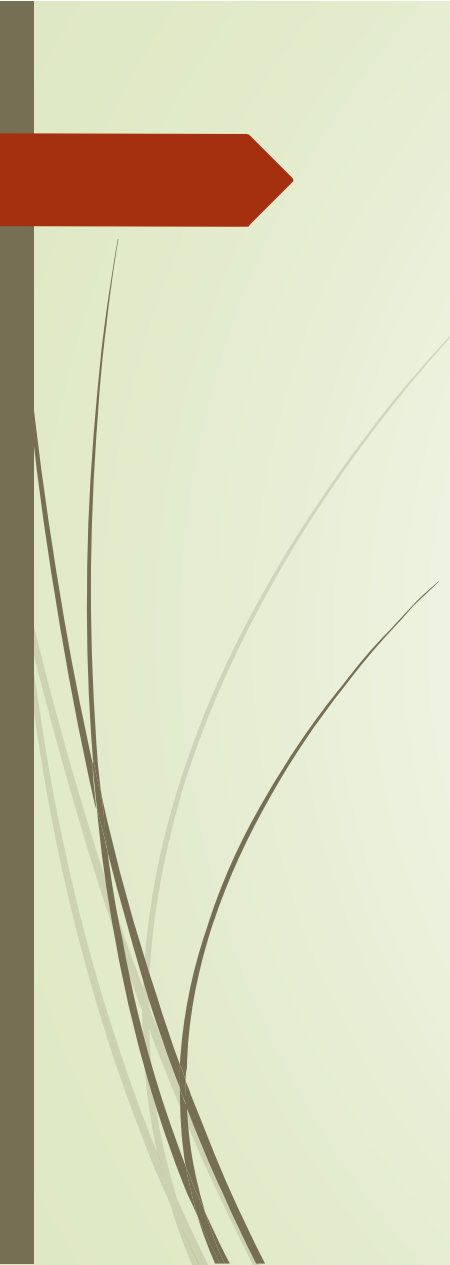
In 2014, over onehundred thousand on the street





# To win the next election at any price

The post truth era



# How to secure the next election: Countryside will be sufficient

- ✓ Access is limited by
  - ✓ LAW
  - ✓ Financial rules (Internet networks, TV channels)
  - ✓ New capitalists get media ownership
  - ✓ Content of the « GOOD OLD DAYS »
- ✓ Enemies chosen by two criteria:
  - ✓ Work for rural population
  - ✓ Non EU competence

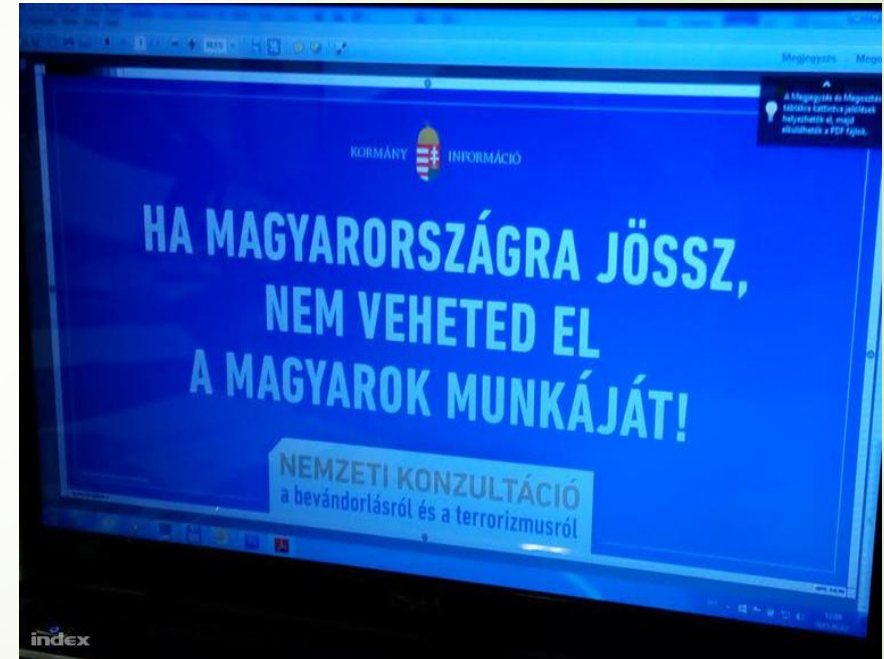


# Change symbols



REMOVE THE EU FLAG

# Migrants and the referendum



Referendum: 1 mln votes  
To win the next election FIDESZ needs 1,4 mln



# THE LEX CEU

- The government proposed a law on 4th April and it was signed on 10th April by the President after its adoption by Parliament
- On 5th April, Hungary's Minister for Human Resources Zoltán Balog declared on state Radio Kossuth "We don't want Central European Universities to continue operating in this form ... there is no need for hiding this or prevaricating."
- On 10th April, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) issued a statement expressing concern about the new Hungarian law on higher education
- On 26th April, the European Commission announced the launch of infringement proceedings against the Hungarian Higher Education Law.
- On 27th April, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) voted a resolution calling on Hungary to suspend the implementation of the Act
- On 29th April, following the EPP group meeting, the EPP Presidency stated that: "a clear message was sent to Prime Minister Orbán and his party, Fidesz, that we will not accept that any basic freedoms are restricted or rule of law is disregarded. This includes academic freedom and the autonomy of universities."
- On 25th May, the Hungarian government's response to EC: no need for change



# The CEU today

- ✓ over 750 universities and academic associations,
- ✓ 24 Nobel Laureates in various fields, the governments of the U.S., Germany, France, Portugal, and Sweden, to name a few, and
- ✓ A wide range of Hungarian academics and intellectuals from across the political spectrum.
- ✓ CEU announced continuity in Budapest as long they can
- ✓ Lost votes in urban youth were balanced by growing support of countryside elderly

# The Shadow over CEU and Hungary

- It started in the Frankfurt book Festival in 1999, when some authors' names were edited with cursive letters.
- Free speech and hate speech was widely discussed and final decision favoured free speech
- The 70th anniversary of the Holocaust was a total failure due to disagreement between Government and Jewish community
- "The deportation in Kamenec (1941) was administrative procedure »
- Soros is a Holocaust survivor and founder of the CEU
- CEU law is administrative procedure to create an equal footing for all
- Soros is MAFIA and or Terrorist supporter



# More EU more sovereignty



- 2009 There is a life outside of the EU
- 2012 Brussels is not Moscow to tell us
- 2017 will be the year of uprising
- 2017 Referendum: STOP Brussels
- It was interrupted by EPP and posters replaced with SOROS as billionaire influencing Hungarians



# The NGO Law

- NGO receive Foreign money to manipulate the democratic election in Hungary
- Started in 2013 with administrative measures and bullying
- It is under discussion now, but could not be done in 1 week as the CEU law



# The European Answer



# European Reaction: Tavares Report in 2013

- The European Parliament has 751 members.
- Socialists, liberals, and greens were 362, with 247 against.
- Eighty-eight members abstained, while 54 were either absent or didn't vote.
- So, where did the yes votes come from? The S&D caucus has 191 members, ALDE 69, and the Greens 50. Thus the three parties that proposed the finally accepted resolution had a combined 310 votes if all their members were present and if they all voted for the resolution - not enough for it to pass.
- GUE-NGL, a far-left group with 52 members was the most likely candidate to have made up the difference. We don't know how many Christian Democrats (EPP) with 219 members, Conservatives (ECR) with 72, or the Eurosceptic EFDD with 47 voted for the resolution, but I suspect that a few did. One ought also to keep in mind that, in addition to the above parties, there are 51 independent members, including the three Jobbik delegates.

The European Council was left aside

# Situation in Hungary in 2017



EPP had a free vote after debate in the EPP and 66 MEPs voted in favour. The European Council was left aside, and Poland anyway would VETO any sanction

“ It was good to be among equal partners and not like the Teacher - Student relation in BRX..”



PM Orban at the European Parliament in May 2017



The new Silk Road conference in May 2017

# NEW Stage of Free speech on 01.06.2017.

- Nagyon rég fordult elő olyan Magyarországon, hogy egy főként tudósok, szakemberek által írt könyv politikai okokból nem jelenhetett meg, de 2017-ben ez majdnem újra megtörtént. Pedig nem Soros György, hanem a jezsuiták adtak rá pénzt, neves jobboldali értelmiségiek fémjelzik, Sólyom László írt hozzá ajánlást. Ez a könyv azoknak is szól, akik még nem adták el teljesen a lelküket, hangzott el a Hegymenet című könyv bemutatóján (Index Panyi Szabolc 01.06.2017. 8:44)
- The Academy of Science refused to finance the book written by conservative scientists. The book was too critical towards the government. The book was finally printed thanks to support of the Jesuits. The title of the book: UP HILL.



# The war started Yesterday

- ✓ CEU announced that in any case they accept applications and start the academic year
- ✓ Soros has been invited to the EU Economic summit and openly criticised Orban for CEU and for all other issues, shaming Hungary as a MAFIA STATE
- ✓ Hungarian Reply came :
- ✓ If it is a fight, we are ready for it
  
- ✓ In the same day Mr Trump withdrawn from Paris Climate Agreement
- ✓ In the same day Alois Mock the Austrian politician who had cut the RION curtain has died

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# Summary





# Main points for the future

- Limit / unlimit access to data, in the Global village
- How the limited access will impact Democracy
- How Freedom can be used as a political tool beyond original context
- How freedom is limited with Political and Financial rules
- Fake Data and Alternative Truth versus data hygiene
- Science data
  - free but open today
  - Open but free tomorrow
- Convergence of Data in Divergence of the global system
  - Democratic changes are reversible, Science is more resistant