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## MAIN ISSUES OF THE WEEK

The following tendencies have been found during the 19-25 May period:

- Hate speech was expressed against LGBT individuals by the respondents;
- Incitement to hatred towards the Turks was made by the representative of the Patriots Alliance (David Tarkhan-Mouravi);
- Anti-Turkish sentiments were expressed both by election participants (David Tarkhan-Mouravi, Patriots Alliance; Jondi Bagaturia, Burjanadze – United Opposition), and other respondents;
- Anti-Western sentiments were exercised by spreading false information about Association Agreement with EU [Jondi Bagaturia, Burjanadze – United Opposition; David Tarkhan-Mouravi, Patriots Alliance],

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# 14, 19 - 25 MAY



## REACTION

22 MAY

### NGOs Address to the Self-regulatory Body of Kavkasia TV Channel



On 22 May Azeri Students Association of Georgia “Gata”, Media Development Foundation (MDF), Georgian Democracy Initiative (GDI) and Tolerance and Diversity Institute (TDI) addressed the self-regulatory body of Kavkasia TV Channel.

Address was caused by the statements made by the anchor David Akubardia in the Spektri talk

show on 14 May:

**David Akubardia, anchor:** "This city [Rustavi] will become an Azeri one in 15-20 years unless we save it... Rustavi must be saved as a Georgian city and this is not my idea, it's Stalin's idea..."

This is an awkward topic, a gradual annexation, they advance slowly, this city holds them, otherwise we would have a border with another country near

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## MAIN ISSUES OF THE WEEK

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threat of separatism [Hamlet Chipashvili, political scientist], and by unfounded speculations on the anti-discrimination law and homosexuality issues;

- Anti-western rhetoric was mainly used by following media outlets – Asaval-Dasavali, Kviris Chronika, Obiektivi and Geword.ge;
- Discrimination on sexual grounds has been noted by politicians, clerics and media;
- Anti-discrimination law issue was again associated with LGBT community and requirements imposed by the West.

Examples of positive reporting:

- Material prepared by internet portal Netgazeti (22 May) on the issue of sexual minorities, headlines “from 17 to 17: how sexual minorities are persecuted in Georgia“.
- A 24 May story in Moambe news program of Public Broadcaster concerning increased number of instances of violence against women.

## HATE SPEECH

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May

**KAKHA KAKABADZE, “St George” group:** „We will go against a bullet but that disgusting people won’t prosper in Georgia!.. All the people must stand up!.. I am talking about reasonable and genetically formed males“.

REZONANSI, 19 May

**OMAR MAGLAKELIDZE, rally participant:** „Before, we had to defend ourselves against Seljuk Turks and Arabs, and now – against these pederasts and worthless people.“

## INCITEMENT OF HATRED

OBIEKTIVI, 20 May

**DAVID TARKHAN-MOURAVI, Patriots Alliance:** „Never during its existence Turkey has been Georgia’s friend... They conquered Georgia many times and spilled a sea of blood... Never did Turkey any good for either Georgia, any European country, or anyone else in the world. For all its history Turkey was a conqueror country which was destroying states and peoples... Turkey wants to conquer Georgia again, and it does not hide this... They inflicted so much pain on us, and committed genocide against us, that they have to apologize to us a hundred times, just like

to Armenians, and they never apologized to us.

... A million dollars goes to Turkey each year, they get rich at our expense, they send us the worst goods which sicken and kills our people... They are our enemy now too, they destroy us economically...

Without doubt we shall save Adjara and the rest of Georgia from the Turkish and other conquerors. We shall give Georgia to the Georgians.“

[http://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2342255](http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2342255)

[http://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2342231](http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2342231)



**DAVID TARKHAN-MOURAVI, Patriots Alliance:**

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## ANTI-TURKISH SENTIMENTS

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 24 May

**DAVID TARKHAN-MOURAVI, Patriots Alliance:** " I think I am clear about necessity for the Turkish expansion here to stop."...

[http://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2342383](http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2342383)

ALIA, 23-26 May



**JONDI BAGATURIA, Burjanadze—United Opposition:** „...

When we enter a shop and buy Turkish products, by this we are financing Turkey, so we must value Georgian products and strengthen Georgian economy.“

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 25 May

**HAMLET CHIPASHVILI, political scientist:** „In Adjara, where the society is fed up with the Turkish yoke, which the former and the present governments imposed on it...“

[http://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2341770](http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2341770)

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May

**ZURAB VADACHKORIA, illusionist:** „There is influx of the Turkish ideology, Turkish serials and films, soon Aghmashenebeli Avenue may be renamed as Ataturk Street. Everything is going towards our inclusion in the Ottoman Empire which has been their dream historically.“

## RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

OBIKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 20 May

**DAVID TARKHAN-MOURAVI, Patriots' Alliance:** „Turkey's brotherhood with us is expressed only by construction of 200 unnecessary mosques... And by trying to build Azizie mosque, which would not be a mosque, but in fact a façade which there would be intelligence and military and plus they would bring a Turkish mufti and, generally to create a Turkish territory in Batumi...“

[http://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2342243](http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2342243)

## ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENT

ALIA, Alia, 23-26 May

**JONDI BAGATURIA, Burjanadze-United Opposition (Georgian Troupe):** „They lie to people that when we sign the agreement European market will open for Georgia... This article [on food safety] means that a Kakhetian granny's yogurt or Imeretian granny's cheese won't be allowed to be sold in Georgia any more... So if Georgian peasants cannot sell their products any more, this means that we must become a market for the Turkish milk products...“

There is an article obliging Georgia to lift all financial and technical barriers with the European border, which means that Georgian market will be overwhelmed by, for example, Turkish eggs, which is of lower quality than the Georgian products, and 3 times cheaper. So Georgian products will disappear from the shops, poultry production will be in greater danger and it will be replaced by Turkish products.“

OBIKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 20 May

**DAVID TARKHAN-MOURAVI, Patriots' Alliance:** „We must understand that empires, Russia, America aim only at spilling countries apart, America does not care about us, they brought Turkey into the fight against Russia and because of this battle with participation of McCain and people like him and a group of criminals, Saakashvili and Soros and others, we lost Sukhumi and Tskhinvali ...If we sign political, economic [agreement with EU], we shall put ourselves in a difficult position like

that of Greece, Cyprus, Romania, Bulgaria and even Portugal... Can we handle this?“

[http://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2342243](http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2342243)

[http://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2342255](http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2342255)

KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 19-25 May

**GURAM PIRTSKHALAVA, actor:** „Why does Europe request so pressingly (if they request it at all) adoption of this law... If we must become like Konchita then I, as a regular citizen of this country, am against European integration. Otherwise they should not try to impose on us what we Georgians can never accept “.

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May

**HAMLET CHIPASHVILI, political scientist:** "They made us adopt this anti-discrimination law which normalized homosexuality...“

Let no one believe those tales that they will give us visa free regime in Europe! This regime will only serve to a certain category of people and not our neighbor aunt Martha who will not be let into EU, and besides these tales are followed by a terrible of disintegration of Georgia!.. We have Azeri and Armenian population, we have Turkish influence in Adjara... If separatist processes are started in those regions one day, do you think associated membership of EU will help us?!"

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## ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENT

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**OBIEQTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 25 May**

**HAMPET CHIPASHVILI, political scientist:** „...So they managed to make Ukrainians, especially young ones, hate Russia. This was the first great victory of USA, because ideologically, when you make the Ukrainians write into their textbooks that Russians are occupiers... this means that Americans have worked very seriously in Ukraine.“

[http://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2341756](http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2341756)

**ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May**

**KAKHA KAKABADZE, “St George” group:** „Where do we hurry, to this EU whose face is a Eurovision winner transvestite? This creature has a Satanist ring on its finger, with a scull depicted on it, so the sodomites are also Satanists! There have been 24 cases lately in USA, when the sodomites where parenting young boys, who they later corrupted and raped!.. We don't want a connection not with the sodomites' and lesbians' EU, but with Christ!“

**GRISHA ONIANI, Stalin Society:**

“America and West want to overturn Orthodox Christianity and Georgian Church by Zurab boys [David Zurabishvili], but before this dream of theirs is fulfilled, I am sure they will be overturned themselves!“...

**REZONANSI, 19 May**

**MIKHAIL TSAGARELI, astrologist:** „It seems someone in the Masonic group does not want this [„cure for the sexual minorities“], because by this it is easier to destabilize the society and accomplish Masonic plans. This is coming from Europe and has entered Georgia as well, you have seen that EU leader praised our government for adoption of the

anti-discriminatory law... This is bowing to Europe, by which we cannot go far.“

**SAQINFORM, 23 May**

**GIORGI FIODOROV, Director of Vzgliad newspaper's socio-political research center**

**“Aspect”:** „This refusal from Barroso was a huge political hit for the Georgians... This was a good wake up call for Georgia, which finally understood that Europe never needed it and never would, and same is with Ukraine“.

[http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=18988:2014-05-23-08-49-12&catid=98:politics&Itemid=457#ixzz332C7xMBp](http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18988:2014-05-23-08-49-12&catid=98:politics&Itemid=457#ixzz332C7xMBp)

**SAQINFORM, 23 May**

**„New European values – EU is getting used to cannibalism...“**

Those who work on the plan of prospective total decrease of the planet's population are in all the developed countries, so in the usual triangle of the world Zionism, consisting of USA, Europe and Israel, we can include Japan too.

[http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=18994:2014-05-23-11-19-04&catid=100:sazogadoeba&Itemid=396#ixzz34Gp4updu](http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18994:2014-05-23-11-19-04&catid=100:sazogadoeba&Itemid=396#ixzz34Gp4updu)

**SAQINFORM, 19 May**

**SAQINFORM:** „Last year during such a “honor parade” [in Serbia] there were blasphemous acts. And EU countries and USA were applying unprecedented pressure on Serbian government and society in order to hold this parade. European politicians and diplomats played active part in holding it.“

[http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=18922:2014-05-19-12-06-37&catid=99:actual1&Itemid=419#ixzz332Fp7t2M](http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18922:2014-05-19-12-06-37&catid=99:actual1&Itemid=419#ixzz332Fp7t2M)

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## ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENT

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SAQINFORM, 19 May

**MIKE WHITNEY, American journalist:**

„There is no doubt that Obama administration was directly connected to organizing the unrest - CIA Director John Brennan and Vice President Joe Biden where in Kiev several hours before the unrest... This is Obama's war. Obama wants to involve Russia in a bloody guerilla war, which will turn Ukraine into what Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria are now... State Department is responsible for overthrowing Ukrainian government “.

[http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=18928:2014-05-19-14-17-02&catid=101:ucxoeti&Itemid=385#ixzz332KpwBOj](http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18928:2014-05-19-14-17-02&catid=101:ucxoeti&Itemid=385#ixzz332KpwBOj)

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May

**GIORGI GIGAURI, journalist:** “So when Rompuy clearly told us: If you want to be Europeans, you must live in a total cohabitational harmony with pederasts and Nationals!.. And the torch of Herman Van Rompuy is like that searchlight of prison guards that looks after us not to hinder Nationals and other minorities from becoming majorities!“

**G. BOROVNIK, writer, news agency correspondent in New York:** „In the largest country of the capitalist world the government that has proclaimed itself “defender of human rights” cannot stop the massive perishing of its own children, „they could not find“ money for that... The press is silent. The Senate is hypocritical...“

**GIORGI GIGAURI, journalist (presents the views of some academician who did not wish to reveal himself):** „Ad this hate was probably caused by the fact that Anders Breivik was raised in a typical “Norwegian

family”! Many of us have probably heard about the so called Swedish family – this phenomenon that has been in existence in this Scandinavian country for decades, where it is normal for several men and women to live together!“

**DITO CHUBNIDZE, journalist:** „...LGBT activists and so called “liberasts” financed by the West relentlessly attack Orthodox Christianity and the Holy Apostolic Georgian Church... And this government even “managed” to adopt the so called pederasts law...“

KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 19-25 May

**GELA ZEDELASHVILI, journalist:** „...Things in Ukraine are going just like Americans wanted. They have managed to cause chaos and unrest in the middle of Europe very simply.“

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 19 May

**NINO RATISHVILI, journalist:** “In the economic part signing [Association Agreement] enslaves Georgia “.

<http://obieqtivi.net/tv1.php?id=17013>

GEWORLD.GE, 21 May

**JABA ZHVANIA, journalist:** “...Last week during his visit to Tbilisi Herman Van Rompuy said: “After fulfilling Association Agreement we shall have one future”. This tells us the man was telling us 1 month ago: terms like people and motherland must be thrown to the dump of history; so where are “prophets of democracy” inviting us to? To the place where we shall keep our spiritual, moral identity, or where the globalist occultist ideas rule?!”

<http://geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5903&lang=ge>

## DISCRIMINATION ON SEXUAL GROUNDS

RUSTAVI 2, ARCHEVANI, 20 May

**GURAM PALAVANDISHVILI, majoritarian candidate from Nino Burjanadze-United Opposition:** „We shall achieve prohibition of LGBT propaganda in the city, as well as of their parades, and we shall be followed by Kutaisi, Telavi, Gori and if they only have LGBT propaganda and gay parades in the Parliament that will be their business.“

[http://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2342215](http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2342215)

KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 19-25 May

**FATHER ZOSIME:** „Today all the world is becoming like animals, and those who are adopting the law of corruptness, are corrupt. Georgia does not need animals, and if there is propaganda of corruptness all over the world, the Georgian people must oppose it by defending purity of the family.“

ALIA, 22 May

The newspaper published information about babies being sold to the homosexual couples, based on only one source (Tamar Khachapuridze, “Future” association), which has not been confirmed.

REZONANSI, 19 May

**BESO MIKAVA, rally participant:** „You cannot present gays as an elite group. The law must protect everyone equally. We are not fighting against LGBT today, we are defending the will of the Georgian people... It is only the Georgian people that is discriminated and humiliated in Georgia today.“

REZONANSI, 19 May

**MIKHEIL TSAGARELI, astrologist:** „...Since he has a hormonal malfunction, he needs not support in entering the female zone, but on the contrary, he needs help to normalize the hormonal changes and be able to function as male.“

SAQINFORM, 19 May

**IRINEOS, Serbian Patriarch:** “This is the violation of human nature and deviation”.

[http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=18922:2014-05-19-12-06-37&catid=99:actual1&Itemid=419#ixzz332Fa8Fbc](http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18922:2014-05-19-12-06-37&catid=99:actual1&Itemid=419#ixzz332Fa8Fbc)

REZONANSI, 20 May

**JABA GURCHIANI, rally participant:** „The Public Broadcaster must take into account the interests of the absolute majority of the society and should not propagate debauchery [about TV show “Red Zone by Gogi Gvakharia and Radio Tavisupleba].“

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May

**VALERY KHABURDZANIA, Lieutenant General:** „In our country there is propaganda of immorality under the cover of the fight against discrimination. Look what is happening in Georgia! There is no series in which the LGBT topic is not put in artificially!.. In some cases they violate the rights of the majority themselves.“

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## DISCRIMINATION ON SEXUAL GROUNDS

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**ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May**

**GRISHA ONIANI, Stalin Society:** "The Republicans, remember that in the future it will not be only clerics who go out to disperse the gay parades. All Georgian people will be by their side... You cannot overturn the Georgian Church, and the road you are looking for is the road to Sodom and Gomorra, burned by God!"

**ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May**

**OTAR KOBERIDZE, actor:** "In our youth there were people of different orientation too, but we believed that they were weak and tried to turn them towards manhood by all means, but if we saw that they were trying to corrupt others too we handled them very roughly."



**ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May**

**ARNO KHIDIRBEGISHVILI, Saqinform:** "If Garibashvili wants to remain the prime minister and for Georgia to prosper, he must quickly make the Parliament adopt all those laws which they adopted in Russia by the initiative of President Vladimir Putin. Specifically – the law on prohibition of homosexuality propaganda among the youth; the law on prohibition of the foreign NGOs activity on the state's territory... Then they won't publish and widely circulate in Georgia the dirty books of those sick filthy people."

**DITO CHUBINIDZE, journalist:** "We should not show our youth guys with earrings and in dresses, otherwise they may think everyone has to be that way. If Georgian gene were not strong, it would not survive so much trouble... European is a man that does good, not the one that shakes his ass and wears some incomprehensible shirt and stockings".

**GIORGI GIGAURI, journalist (presents the views of incognito academician):** „I never thought before that Andres Breivik who is an author of one of the bloodiest and most disgusting act of terror in history, is also a pederast!“

**KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 19-25 May**

**TAMAR OKRUASHVILI, journalist:** „It's about the homosexuals, that they may corrupt our youth and children... Tristan Tselashvili tells me he is a military officer and does not want to be commanded by a homosexual in the army. The Parliament should have adopted a law to treat them, the problem is they are inside the Parliament too and that is why they adopt such laws.“

## ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May

**JONDI BAGATURIA, Burjanadze-United Opposition (Georgian Group):**

"The sodomites have won in the Parliament, people! Nobody was bold enough to go against the law legalizing the privilege of the sodomites."

KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 19-25 May

**SHALVA NATELASHVILI, Labor Party:** „...This follower of Konchita [Bidzina Ivanishvili], the author of the homosexuals law, should show his nose outside?!“

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May

**GIA KURASHVILI, Free Georgia:**

“Soon when we take a child to school and a teacher touches him, and a parent comes who will beat or kill that gay or lesbian, and they will arrest this parent, the tendency will be such that half of Georgia will sit in jails, and then in the government and all other levels there will be LGBT persons only.”

PRIME TIME,  
19-25 May

**ELIZBAR DIAKONIDZE, deacon:**

When you solve the problem for the benefit of a minority and legalize its untouchability, you help multiplication of the sexually flawed people... Me and a homosexual are the same thing? I don't want to live in a country the government of which is trying to make me the same as a sexually flawed person ”.

[http://ptpress.ge/index.php?year=2014&magazine\\_id=383&topic\\_id=9149#U4ONsvmSxp4](http://ptpress.ge/index.php?year=2014&magazine_id=383&topic_id=9149#U4ONsvmSxp4)



ALIA, 23-26 May

**GIORGIO RAZMADZE, deacon:**

„This issue will always be relevant, until this people change their stupid and inhuman decision and reject this.“

ALIA, 21

May

**BASIL MKALAVISHVILI, priest:**



The Republicans fought against the Church even before, and now it is in the active phase. Together with other traitors they worked out anti-discrimination law... I had seen enemies in the Parliament as separate persons, but I saw all of them standing as one against the country for the first time... The President also signed the sodomite law, Gldani Orthodox diocese will not forgive anyone's treason of motherland and insult of the faith. "

GEWORLD.GE, 22 May

**DAVID KVLIVIDZE, archpriest:**

„Sodomy is a terrible sin, God destroyed Sodom and Gomorra because of it... This procession with families in the street is needed to show God that the people don't agree with the law adopted against the country, and we, as well as our ancestors, did not fight so much and stand on Rustaveli on 9 April to protest a law like this today.“

<http://geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5912>

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## ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW

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REPORTIORI, 21 May

**LEVAN**

**VA-**

**SADZE,**

**business-**

**man:** „The



law adopted by you will cause trouble in the country if we don't do anything right now... You have shamed Georgia in front of the 30 million people of Caucasus, where it used to be equated with honor!“

<http://www.reportiori.ge/?menuid=3&id=27388>

PRIME TIME, 19-25 May

**LEVAN VASADZE, businessman:**

„This is death of the country... This law is a part of an international program aimed against the family and spiritual values, towards its degradation and spiritual corruption...“

[http://ptpress.ge/index.php?](http://ptpress.ge/index.php?year=2014&magazine_id=383&topic_id=9152#.U4OAN_mSxp4)

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**TENGIZ KITOVANI, former defense**

**minister:** “The Parliament that has adopted the law on homosexuality must

be dispersed and should not exist in Georgia at all.“

[http://ptpress.ge/index.php?](http://ptpress.ge/index.php?year=2014&magazine_id=383&topic_id=9151#.U4OMevmSxp4)

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REPORTIORI, 22 May

**ZVIAD TOMARADZE, National-**

**Religious Institute:** „By adoption of this law the Parliament legalized homosexuality as a natural norm. We believe that Georgians should be entering Europe with honor and not like Pharsman the Persian – vowed and with his ass forward.“

<http://www.reportiori.ge/?menuid=3&id=27512>

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May

**KAKHA KAKABADZE, St George**

**Group:** "Excuse me, but what did you win, fools, by adoption of this pederasts law?.. Yes, that is what Bishop Iob said in his sermon – those who don't engage in the sodomite sin, but have voted for this terrible law, will answer on the Judgment Day as the sodomites!“

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 19-25 May

**DITO CHUBINIDZE, journalist:** „And yet, how can we get rid of this dirty law?“

## ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 19 May

**NINO RATISHVILI, journalist:** „All

this debauchery was being presented to us for 9 years as Western governance... Today, before the election, before the signing [of the Association Agreement] an



unpopular step has been made by adoption of the anti-discrimination law. I don't know why they adopted it. Maybe in order to legalize official immorality?.. If I physically abuse you, wound or kill you, I must answer for that because I hurt a person, but what does ranking of persons mean? If you are different, I must be punished more, and if you are a usual person, I must not be punished too much?"

<http://obiektivi.net/tv1.php?id=17013>

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 19 May

**KHATUNA LAGAZIDZE, expert:** “If the Georgian government tried and explained to the West that today for the Georgian culture, especially on the eve of signing Association Agreement, suggestion about such laws that concerns security of this country, the main pillar of this country – the family's security... the West would naturally accept this.“

<http://obiektivi.net/tv1.php?id=17013>

## GENDER STEREOTYPES

PRIME TIME, 19-25 May

**GIA KHUKHASHVILI, political scientist:** “She [Nino Shubladze] retreated from the war, she is a woman and has such right. During mobilization they don't call women into an army... She is a woman and lets forgive her.”



[http://ptpress.ge/index.php?year=2014&magazine\\_id=383&topic\\_id=9141#.U4OTLPmSxp4](http://ptpress.ge/index.php?year=2014&magazine_id=383&topic_id=9141#.U4OTLPmSxp4)

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Ortachala... The population is decreased by half, and those who bought apartments at the first floors [in Rustavi] all have apartments in Baku...

There is economic discrimination of the Georgians... Two Azerbaijani banks give credits to the Azeris only to purchase apartments... They oppress the Georgians and it causes decrease of Georgians there... From that begins the loss of territories, that was it – the principle of actual population – Kakhi, Belakani, Zakatala, look at the May 1920 agreement with Russia. They recognized that as the territory of Georgia. Then they claimed the principle of actual population and took those territories away. And in the same way they will take Rustavi too if we don't wake up."

The anchor has violated Article 31 of the Code of Conduct of Broadcasters, since his statements stir hatred and intolerance based on ethnic affiliation of Azeri citizens of Georgia, as well as based on geographical origin of ethnic Azerbaijanians living in Rustavi.

The anchor has also violated Article 33.1 of the Code, according to which "broadcasters should avoid drawing unjustified parallels between ethnic

or religious origin and negative events, including associating activities of specific individuals with the entire group."

Notably, David Akubardia offers the viewers a number of factual justifications (i.e. Azerbaijani banks giving credits just on a bases of an ethnic origin) without naming either open or close source, or any other evidence, which is important to ensure due accuracy and avoiding misleading of audience.

The Code of Conduct (Article 17.2) also obliges presenters of authored programmes not use their position to report opinions in a way that may violate the impartiality of the programme.

Statements made by David Akubardia in the TV show Spektri are xenophobic and support of the segregation of the citizens of Georgia by ethnic and geographic identity.

**Azeri Students Association of Georgia "Gata"**

**Media Development Foundation (MDF)**

**Georgian Democracy Initiative (GDI)**

**Tolerance and Diversity Institute (TDI)**

**A LECTURE IN THE DIVERSITY SCHOOL**

On May 24 the rector of Ilia State University Giga Zedania held a lecture on the issue of nationalism in the Diversity School.

The meeting proceeded in the format of discussion.

