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MAIN OBSERVATIONS OF THE WEEK

The following tendencies were observed during the week of June 19 – 29:

- Anti-western sentiments have been on the rise in the media, followed by incitement of hatred (Tengiz Kitovani - former defense minister) against Americans, Europeans and foreigners in general. In both cases media referred to the following unverified facts about alleged spread of the viruses from

“American Laboratory” with the goal of depopulation of the nation in one case; and foreigners supporting organ removal for its foreign trade in another case. The article in *Sakinformi* was accompanied by the photo of mutilated corpse and the portrait of the former president Mikheil Saakashvili and his wife Sandra Roelofs together with George Bush;

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18, 19-29 JUNE



Hate speech and Discrimination in Georgian Political discourse

The presentation of the results of monitoring "Hate Speech and discrimination in Georgia's political discourse" by Media Development Foundation, MDF and the research on international experience combating hate speech in politics prepared by Georgian Democracy Initiative was held at the European House, on June 20.



Monitoring (February 17 to May 17) reflects how frequently political parties and organizations related to them, political appointees, public officials and other politically active persons use hate speech and discriminatory expressions in public discourse. The monitoring showed the following tendencies.

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MAIN OBSERVATIONS OF THE WEEK

- Hate Speech was addressed to the current Ukrainian government, Americans (Hamlet Chipashvili, political scientist) *National Movement*, (Rezo Amashukeli, poet; Leliko Japaridze, singer) and to the LGBT groups (Newspaper *Asaval-Dasavali*);
- Xenophobic assessments became more regular, especially regarding the land property rights. The issue emerged after the decision of the Constitutional Court, according to which the moratorium on selling land to the foreigners was announced as anti-constitutional;
- Anti-western sentiments were expressed regarding the Euro integration process. Also about the activities of non-governmental organization representatives, that were deemed as actions financed by the West against the country;
- Source of homophobic remarks was media as well as certain respondents. Anti-discrimination Law remained to be a critical issue in this context.

INCITEMENT OF HATRED

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, JUNE 23-29

TENGIZ KITOVANI, former defense minister of Georgia: "The virus of Meningitis was intentionally spread by that laboratory, which was founded by Micheil Saakashvili with the support of Americans! Hundreds of children were infected by this virus. But this is just a beginning, in future we will have the viruses that causes male impotence and female infertility. This is the most effective tool for depopulation of the nation..., it should be underlined that similar laboratory was built in Ukraine."

SAKINFORMI, JUNE 24

"... Foreign doctors were spied in the Ukrainian army and in the Right Wing, they carry special equipment and remove organs from the bodies of the killed and seriously wounded..."

Slav warriors in Karachun discovered 180 bodies of the National Army soldiers, all of them had their stomachs extracted...local population mentioned that earlier they had noticed Red Cross cars..."

Ministry of Internal Affairs released a secret data, according to which, hundreds of people per year are missing in Georgia. Popular newspaper *Asaval-Dasavali* has reporter several times that ex-first lady of Georgia was heading the business of international organ trading...

It is highly possible that some of the supporters of Euro integration may end up in Europe earlier than anybody else, but part by part".

http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=19381:2014-06-24-09-56-31&catid=109:arno&Itemid=538#ixzz37dIVSY24

HATE SPEECH

GEWORLD.GE, JUNE 18

HAMLET CHIPASHVILI, political scientist: "...As regards to the head of the Ukrainian Parliament Turchinov, he is an absolute Baptist. All the other representatives of the Ukrainian Government are degraded. Let's take the Minister of Internal Affairs Avakov, he is a well known gay and a pedophile in whole Ukraine. Just like it happened in Georgia in 2003, America assigned the clan of sick people in the power of Ukraine. This is because Americans themselves are sick. Who do you think would oppose all these? – Off course Putin and Russia, the Orthodox world in General."

<http://geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5979>

REPORTIORI, JUNE 17

REZO AMASHUKELI, poet: „It does not take lots of efforts to kick you all out of your homes [addressing the former government representatives and their friends] you miserable, bloodthirsty people, haven't you forgotten anything?!... Whoever had anything common with the *Liberty Institute*, even if it is my son, they are all enemies of the country... till tomorrow my springing foolish fawns, foolish cretins...the more things you write, the more you will get bitten up in your faces. Good bye, yours Rezo Amashukeli."

<http://www.reportiori.ge/?menuid=3&id=30463>

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, JUNE 23-29

LELIKO JAPARIDZE, Singer: "...We disgust members of the *National Movement*, they make me feel sick, I'd rather look at the snake and drink poison, rather than look at the "Nationals!"

GIORGIO GIGAURI, Journalist: "So, Skott Esk - the colleague of our old friend John McCain evasively admitted that lynching the gays is "quite fear" treatment of them."

THE ISSUE OF SELLING LANDS TO THE FOREIGNERS COVERED IN XENOPHOBIC CONTEXT

ALIA, JUNE 26

JANA ASANIDZE, Journalist: "Mr. Gogi, Constitutional Court has cancelled the moratorium, [decision that recognized moratorium on selling land to the foreigners as anti-constitutional] now tenfold of foreigners will swarm like locusts at Georgian lands and will start buying them..."

GOGI TOPADZE, Georgian Dream: .

This decision is absurd; can you imagine the results of land dispossession? We will never be able to satisfy the appetite of Indians, who have a shortage of land. Lots of Indians Turks and Chinese are buying the lands here. Therefore the decision of Constitutional Court is biased and against the statehood.

... Economy may benefit or not, but our descendants, our children will always be hired workers on their own land."

NETGAZETI, JUNE 29

ILIA II, Patriarch of Georgia: "We possess such values that cannot be sold, this is Georgian land, Georgian water, I mean spring waters, rivers and reservoirs. We are living in a very difficult era, when it is highly possible to lose those values that make our living, because others have more money and can afford to buy it all. Other countries and other nations may appropriate it all and leave Georgians with nothing."

<http://www.netgazeti.ge/GE/105/News/33197/.htm>



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OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, JUNE 25

SOSO MANJAVIDZE, *The Alliance of Patriots*: “When Government waves around the legal regulations, somebody will suddenly sell Adjara to Turkey... Akhaltsikhe, Ninotsminda and Tsalka regions will be sold to the neighboring Armenia, Kvemo Kartli will be handed over to Azerbaijan... This is a political money, what is going Russia’s plan, what is Russia going to buy, is anybody thinking about this?!”

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2364518

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, June 25

BONDO MDZINARASHVILI is reading the letter from Soso Manjavidze: “We don’t

XENOPHOBIA

ALIA, JUNE 20-13

SOSO JACHVLIANI, *Georgian Dream*: “...Two days before adopting this law [Anti-Discrimination Law], 15 year old boy was raped by the Iraqis; it was broadcasted on all TV channels, why the society did not react that day? But we had to adopt the Anti-Discrimination Law in three days. What if 200 people protested it in the streets and held those Iraqis responsible? Apparently they were the agents too.”

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, JUNE 21

TV VIEWER [phone call in the studio]: “...Georgia is a sacred country and all those foreigners are undermining its holiness, we let them invade us, look at Akhalkalaki, look at Kvishkheti, Chinese and Turkish companies are building the hydro power stations wherever they want. We handed over our country to foreigners to rip it apart.”

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2362278

TV VIEWER: “...Once the foreigner steps in our country, it results in degradation of the country and complete loss of our property.”

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2361989

KVIRIS QKONIKA, JUNE 16-22

The news about the case that took place in Gardabani was based on only one source and identification of ethnic origin of policemen, who allegedly assaulted two young Svans, was unjustified.

ZAZA GELOVANI, former chairmen of the Coalition Georgian Dream Public Council: “...Azeri police officers scuffled Svan boys right in front of the police department head... they cannot get away with this! Not a single Azeri crooks will keep their positions in the law enforcement offices, none of them who tries to incite ethno conflict will be unpunished.”



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ANTI WESTERN SENTIMENTS

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, JUNE 25

SOSO MANJAVIDZE,

Alliance of Patriots: “The idea of transparency is inconsistent with the idea of national state; it abolishes all the regulation of a national statehood. Truly speaking, it is a political ideology, which implies transnational companies and strong governments ruling over the third countries, it also implies the collapse of local government regulations and unlimited usage of its resources.”...

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2364534

REPORTIORI, JUNE 26
ELIZBAR JAVELIDZE,

Public Assembly: “I am aware of the paragraph of the agreement [Association Agreement] that regulates the establishment of LGBT institutions. The fact that moratorium on land selling was cancelled the day before signing the Association Agreement is alarming. It turns out that the articles of this agreement can destroy the whole country.

<http://www.reportiori.ge/?menuid=3&id=31298>

ALIA, JUNE 24

ELIZBAR JAVELIDZE,

Public Assembly: “Are those Kojoradzės, Gigauris and Lomjarias untouchable? They try to define the jurisprudence for me, with finan-

cial support from American and abroad.”

GEWORLD.GE, JUNE 25
ELIZBAR JAVELIDZE,

Public Assembly: “Kojoradze, Gigauri, Lomjaria and others are financed from abroad, directly saying, they are the agents. When you act against your county with financial support from abroad, you are an agent... Georgian identity is under the question. If it is not taken care of soon Existence of Georgia will be under the question.”

<http://www.geworld.ge/ViewGE.php?G=10850>

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, JUNE 16-22

MAMUKA ARESHIDZE,

expert: “...After signing the Association Agreement, we will be categorically requested to return Muslim Meskhs in the country. We may also be obliged to Grant the status of local regional languages to all the ethnic minority languages!..

Neither politically nor economically Georgia is not ready for this and we may face serious cataclysm”.

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, JUNE 22

HAMLET CHIPASHVILI,

Political Scientist „Now they are playing this game [Association Agreement], they are playing this game in all post-soviet republics. And this is the part of a bigger game that was developed in

the West. For whatever reason we are just the pawns, so to say string puppets...

... Lets say we are the members of European Union, do you know what that means?

This means to become the slaves of European Union.

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2363639

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, JUNE 16-22

BASIL MKALAVLISH-VILI, priest:

“My arrest was the message from Micheil Saakashvilis “Rose Government” sent to his overseas brothers saying: “See how I handled the priest who was against Jehovah supporters?!”

ALIA, JUNE 25

BASIL MKALAVLISH-VILI, priest:

“You have no idea how they struggle against the Orthodoxy all around the world. Let me remind you that Jehovah supporters were sent here as agents, they have created a good background for the next round of enemies. Soros and Brzezinski have financed the settlement of evangelists, Salvation Army and other similar groups in Georgia. They were followed by gays and lesbians. They have become so obnoxious that decided to demonstrate their immorality in the center of the city. How could they dare, on May 17, to try to legalize their the international day of gays?”

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ANTI WESTERN SENTIMENTS

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ASAVAL-DASAVALI, JUNE 23-29

TEMUR SHASHIASHVILI, *The Whites* [Coalition Burdjanadze- United Opposition]: “The percentage of representatives from Masonic society, *liberty Institute* and other Sorosians in the Georgian Government has been increasing since 1993.... In 2014 the local elections brought the process of Sorosization to the top level. The mission is accomplished. I certainly sent my congratulations to Norland about this. Today the victory lies not on the side of any political party, but the winner is the center that rules both of these parties.”

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, JUNE 25

EREKLE SAGHLIANI, writer: “I can openly announce that if I have to sacrifice my motherland for entrance in NATO of in EU, I don’t need such EU and neither the NATO... Soviet empire was replaced by the other empire, the later one used physical power and tried to hold us under the control of his big boot, whereas, this one is using farther more brutal methods to occupy us.”

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2364507

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, JUNE 29

TV VIEWER, [Phone call in the studio]: “... From now on everything will be occupied by Europe, especially after creating a good background for it here, with adopting a law for LGBT societies and later by canceling moratorium for selling the lands.”

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2366908

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, JUNE 28

TV VIEWER: “We have gone through a lot of threats for dealing with European Union...all the tragic events Ukraine are also happening due to European Union.”

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, JUNE 23-29

JABA KHUBUA, journalist:

“Signing Association Agreement has requested a big sacrifice from us, it was called an *Anti-Discrimination Law*. It is highly possible that hampering Mayoral election (participation of David Narmania in the second tour of the Elections) is also part of this plan.

...As it occurs, American dream is the priority in Georgia, Georgian dream is its hostage!”

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, JUNE 29

GIA ARESHIDZE, anchor ... “They have reached a critical point of mental state [in Europe] protection of cockroaches and bugs’ rights were included there. What can we say here? They are protecting the rights of LGBTs and the cockroaches.”

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2367118

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2367115

GEWORLD.GE, JUNE 25

DAVIT MKHEIDZE, journalist:

“LGBT pederasts are on the loose even in those western countries, where unisex marriage is not legalized yet. It starts with anti discrimination law and the unisex marriage is just the matter of time!”



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ANTI WESTERN SENTIMENTS

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GEWORLD.GE, JUNE 18

JABA JVANIA, journalist: "...The announcement of Manana Kobakhidze, which strangely coincided with internet video performance - *Women are being killed in Georgia*, is just another try to bring to Georgia all that immorality, lewdness and depravity that is ruling the Europe. Republicans are obsessed with this idea, they are trying their best to bury alive all the churches and the Patriarch too. Later they will relax comfortably in their fluffy armchairs, because the mission of the party will be accomplished, and the instruction will be fully executed."

<http://geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5975>

KVIRIS QRONIKA, JUNE 16-22

KHATUNA ELBAKIDZE, journalist: "Authority is not in control of the funds flowing from the West to those NGOs, who later start fighting against the churches and dear to organize defamatory campaigns against them. The NGOs wearing the masks of the protectors of human rights, they fight against national values, lobby various sectarian groups, candidly or secretly propagate immorality and try to abuse traditional Georgian family and family values...Patriarchy assumes that Prime minister Irakli Gharibashvili and his government is unable to resist the political influence that is directed from the West."

GEWORLD.GE, JUNE 18

JABA JVANIA, journalist: "The "Kotss"(*Georgian Dream* supporters) are contaminated with the virus of Euro Integration, their immunity system is so weekend, that even pseudo nationalist-churchgoers have started condemn the God."

SAKINFORMI, JUNE 18

"Americans have confirmed that the liquidation of the Ukrainian statehood is required to avoid the World War III...Americans have elaborated the detailed plan for the destabilization in Europe."

http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=19308:2014-06-18-14-19-05&catid=101:ucxoeti&Itemid=385#ixzz35Y4qmqML

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, JUNE 22

VALERI KVARATSKHELIA, anchor: "Unfortunately Americans and Europeans dare to relate with the terrorists, with military organizers of government turnover, and lately they dared to communicate with the fascists in Ukraine..."

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2363720

HOMOPHOBIA

KVIRIS QRONIKA, JUNE 23-29

NANA SULAVA, journalist: “What kind of government are we building? - a lawful government or the one, where we have to protect the rights of the pedophiles, pederasts and the sinners. It is ok to cure them, but we have to do it anonymously, without any publicity...”

ALIA, JUNE 25

BASIL MKALAVISHVILI, priest: “When entire Tbilisi was on Rustaveli Street on May 17, 2013, marching against 50 sinful, soulless, immoral gays and against their supporter Bokeria, this was the day when we proved that Georgian nation has saved Georgian values, its culture, its traditions, moral and the true faith.”

PIRVELI, JUNE 25

SOPO TOROSHELIDZE, singer: “you! Homosexuals, how come there are so many of you suddenly! You are disclosing everything... Well, they do no harm to me at all, but I am just surprised, they suddenly don't give a darn on anything, they don't hide anything anymore. What's going on, maybe there is something I don't know.”

http://pia.ge/show_internet_dajest_news.php?id=4255&lang=geo

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, JUNE 16-22

IRINA SARISHVILI, Imedi party: “...I cannot limit the rights of anybody's existence or living, but the rights of homosexuals or vegetarians should never prevail my rights.”

ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAW

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, JUNE 16-22

BASIL MKALAVISHVILI, priest: “Jehovah supporters have paved the way for this debauchery that was legalized by the government [Anti-Discrimination Law] ...they can commit any sin in the frame of this law.”

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, JUNE 23-29

TENGIZ KITOVANI, former defense minister: “...This time the destabilization will be caused not by Kitovani, but by this anti-national politics, unpunished

offenders and the legalization of pederasts...”

REPORTIORI, JUNE 29 TAMAZ TSIVTSIVADZE, writer:

“Soon or later Anti Discrimination, will protect not only the gays, but it will soon allow unisex marriage!”

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, JUNE 23-29

ELIZBAR DIAKONIDZE, deacon: “...Nobody was able to confront, so they have managed to impose those

made up laws for protection of pederasts!”

GIORGI GIGAURI, journalist:

“I think it should be a bit awkward for the representatives of the leading political power to speak publicly about turning us navy blue (meaning the EU blue flag), as they were the ones, who just recently celebrated the adoption of the Anti-Discrimination law for turning us “blue”! (gays are called “blue” in Georgian slang).”