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## MAIN FINDINGS OF THE MONITORING

During the period from 24 February to 2 March the following tendencies were revealed:

- Hate speech was related to the Ukrainian events and support of the Stalin-style methods of fight against globalization, also to alleged mobilization of the congregations by the Georgian Church against "Liberast-Globalist International" - the general term created and established in the context of hate speech (*Asaval-Dasavali*). Hate speech by the respondents (Elizbar Javelidze People's Council, Sandro Bre-
- gadze, the Nationals) was mostly directed against members and certain supporters of the National Movement;
- The only case when the anchor reacted on an aired SMS that contained hate speech was the *Kavkasia* TV talk show *Spektri*. However, the editors did not take necessary measures to prevent such message from being aired, as it is prescribed by the Article 31 of the Broadcaster's Code of Conduct;

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## HATE SPEECH

ASAVAL\_DASAVALI, 24 February -2 March

**GIORGI GIGAURI, journalist:** "I will explain for the especially dumb Nationals and National-oriented liberasts: this bloody Kiev cutlet was ordered by the Euromaidan cannibals who have in their hearts the sick plan of dividing Ukraine in two parts and taking ownership of one part!..

Stalin saved the mankind not just from the Nazi plague, but he also postponed for the long time this disgusting human-hating globalist cancer, which is as bad evil as Hitler's Nazism for the Adam's offspring."

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## Main Findings of the Monitoring

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- Anti-Western attitudes were mostly related to the events in Ukraine by respondents (Elizbar Javelidze; People's Council; Soso Jachvliani, Georgian Dream), journalists (*Geworld.ge*, *Saqinform*, *Asaval-Dasavali*) and viewers (*Obiektivi*). There were ungrounded media statements that disintegration of Ukraine and Georgia was a result of the U.S. activity;
- In the context of the events in Ukraine several media outlets (newspaper *Qronika*, web-portals *Saqinform* and *geworld.ge*) made unjustified reference to ethnic, religious and sexual identity of the former President of Georgia and the present leaders of Ukraine. Such speculation was made to "illustrate" that the West is controlling the processes using individuals who are alien and unacceptable for the local population;
- A media-union *Obiektivi* talk-show positively presenting the Jews living in Georgia can be considered an exception in the general editorial policy of this media outlet concerning minorities;
- When talking about the state funding assigned for 4 religious congregations besides Georgian Orthodox Church, *Obiektivi* anchors referring to them such unjustified terms as "sects" and "Satanists" in a negative context. Definition of "sect" offered by a respondent (Nukri Kantaria, Georgian Dream) towards religious groups also was controversial;
- The idea that the Georgian people would not let the 17 May rally happen concerning the upcoming 17 May rally (International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia) mainly were expressed by the representatives of clergy (Christephore Tsamalaidze, bishop; Nodar Katamadze, dean). Homophobic expressions and use of offensive language against LGBT took place by both respondents (Irina Sarishvili, Imedi Party; Lina Baratashvili, writer; Vakhtang Rcheulishvili, former Parliament member; Gia Burjanadze, People's Assembly; Ilia Vashakidze, monk), and media (*Asaval-Dasavali*);
- There was an occasion of expressing gender stereotypes by a representative of media (*Obiektivi*);
- Following themes were topical in terms of prejudices: ID cards, fulfilled prophecy of Father Gabriel and unfounded claims that in EU member countries placing micro-chips under the skin of newborn babies was becoming obligatory.

## HATE SPEECH

ASAVAL\_DASAVALI,  
24 February -2 March

**GIORGI GIGAURI, journalist:** "I have no doubts that Georgian Church is mobilizing with the hallows of the holy fathers all of Georgia against the most cruel and ruthless liberast-globalist international and its local servants, to repel the general attack!.. Their goal is clear and was written in the Allen Dalles doctrine! It is total infidelity and turning of human beings into animals!"

**ELIZBAR JAVELIDZE , People's Assembly:** "Vano Merabishvili must be

punished as a cannibal for 26 May."

**SANDRO BREGADZE, the Nationals:** "Gia Nodia – an animal resembling human being, who hates Georgian Church and shows open aggression towards it. The enemy of our Mother Church Gia Nodia is now one of the leaders and ideologues of the National Gang... Pay attention to these words by the ideologue of the National Gang full of hate to the Georgian Orthodox Church and you will believe that this gang is

no political opposition. This is the enemy of Georgia and Georgians. The force that must be removed from the political arena as quickly as possible "...

**DITO CHUBINIDZE, journalist:** "When Kists from Pankisi slaughtered the roosters and spilled their blood on the graves of their killed compatriots, it really means they will have their revenge, doesn' it? And why is Chechen vendetta so late against Saakashvili and his officials who staged the bloody provocation of Lapankuri?"



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ASAVAL\_DASAVALI, 24 February -2 March

**KETEVAN ZARNADZE, former prisoner:** "massively cut out the women's ovaries and uteruses. No one knows why they needed it, which dragon they were feeding... There were suspicions that they were using the cut out organs of the prisoners to produce certain medical drugs. Also, the prisoners were used as test animals to try foreign methods and drugs on alive human beings!..

...There was a systemic work of a crime syndicate headed by Sandra Roelofs. It was a certain kind of genocide of the Georgian society, conducted by Sandra as cruelly as by her evil husband!"

## HATE SPEECH

KAVKASIA, SPECTRI, 24 February

**Aired SMS message:** "Nationals and Georgian Dream, government, parliament and lawyers, lead by [Tea] Tutberidze – all to the gas chamber."

It is positive that the show anchor reacted on the content of this SMS message and said that such fascist ideas are unacceptable towards people with different opinions. However, it would be more appropriate for the editors to filter the messages containing hate speech in advance and, in accordance with Article 31 of the Broadcasters' Code of Conduct, "not publish materials inciting hatred or intolerance on the basis of race, language, sex, religion, political opinion, ethnic, geographic or social identity."

**DAVID AKUBARDIA, anchor:** "Why must we put this girl to a gas chamber?.. Where do you bring these fascist comparisons from? This person has freedom of expression... These Nationals are human beings too... I advise you not to... whatever dark thought you have in your head, don't spread them here by SMS. It is shame for us, years will pass, and you cannot kill people in gas chambers, the world has condemned this".

## ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENTS

ASAVAL\_DASAVALI,  
24 February -2 March

**ELIZBAR JAVELI-DZE, People's Assembly:** "Absolute majority of the Ukrainian people don't want to get into this perverted and depraved European family!"

**PRIME TIME,**  
24 February  
**SOSO JACHVLIANI, Georgian Dream:**  
"There [in Ukraine] great interests have

Russia, also Europe and America... When you go there and clearly take sides, it should point that you are not right."

**MIRIAN BOKOLISHVILI, journalist:** "Whom do you mean?"

**SOSO JACHVLIANI:**  
"That American diplomats who go there and give out biscuits and something. If someone supports me in such a way, I will overthrow any government".

Geworld, 26 February

**DAVID MKHEIDZE, journalist:** "In August 2008, during the Beijing Olympics, Saakashvili started the bloody adventure of Tskhinvali, which caused disintegration of Georgia, and on the final stage of the Sochi Olympics, also with American incitement and leadership, the activity of Maidan in Kiev reached its peak, which brought Ukraine before

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## ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENTS

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the real danger of disintegration! And all of this is because of America!..

Taking into consideration the first Russophobic steps of the new government, there certainly will be escalation of tensions, oppression of the Russian-language population, repression in the regions which don't share Maidan's ideology, just like they did in Georgia – attacked Samegrelo, started stupid adventures and broke the country into half. In such a situation involvement of Russia will mean that America has managed to involve it in that adventure...

"For years we Georgians complain – who and why selects for leading the local 5<sup>th</sup> column people with mental deviations, queers, sectarians, people of foreign tribes, agents?! But we all know the answer: that is how America works."

<http://geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5667>

Geworld, 26 February

**DAVID MINDIASHVILI, journalist:** "...So what if we have another 17 May ahead?! So what if Stefan Fule has taken part in the LGBT activists rally in Ukraine?!.. They also know that this man [George Soros] fights against national values... He does not hide that he is ready to sponsor liberal movements, help people with lost orientation and lead them to Europe."

<http://geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5675>



SAQINFORM, 24 February

**ARNO KHIDIRBEGISHVILI, Editor-in-chief of Saqinform:** "The homosexual Europe, just like in the 1940s, will wag its ass to let fascists hurt Russia!"

[http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=17908:2014-02-24-10-14-43&catid=115:redakciisagan&Itemid=530#ixzz2uMHXbFvx](http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=17908:2014-02-24-10-14-43&catid=115:redakciisagan&Itemid=530#ixzz2uMHXbFvx)

OBIEKTIVI, Night Studio, 1 March

**Viewer [phoning-in]:** ...“Why do America and EU love Saakashvili and hate Putin?.. Maybe because Putin is not a member of a Masonic organization? A smart person will understand why EU and America fight against Russia, an Orthodox country... Can't we see that the Orthodox religion is dying?! “.

## UNJUSTIFIED REFERENCE TO THE ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS AND SEXUAL IDENTITY



**Geworld:** "In fact, government in Ukraine was violently overthrown by a Jewish-Armenian and Baptist-Catholic group, which freed one Armenian prisoner right after coming to power, and appointed an Armenian pederast as a minister."

Geworld, 26 February

**DAVID MKHEIDZE, journalist:**

"They [leaders of Maidan] are mostly Greco-Catholics; acting president Turchinov is a Baptist. Arseniy Yatseniuk and Vladimir Klichko are Jews.

Klichko is listed among great Jewish sportsmen in Israel, mother of Yatseniuk a Talmud interpreter from one of the well-known families, his spouse is also Jewish, from the Khasidic sect. Yulia Timoshenko is Armenian (Grigyan)... The new Minister of Internal Affairs is also Armenian – Arsen Avakov. Who cares about Armenians, besides this Ukrainian media spread a video footage showing that Arsen Avakov and politician Alexander Kirsh are gays... In fact, government in Ukraine was violently overthrown by a Jewish-Armenian and Baptist-Catholic group, which freed one Armenian prisoner right after coming to power, and appointed an Armenian pederast as a minister."

<http://geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5667>

ASAVAL\_DASAVALI,  
24 February -2 March

**ARNO KHIDIRBEGISHVILI, Editor-in-chief of Saqinform:**

"Yes, they split Ukraine in two parts and after freeing Grigyan-Timoshenko from prison Saakyan will come back to Tbilisi from New York."

SAQINFORM, 26 February

**"The Maidan leaders, among whom there are no Ukrainians or Orthodox, offered Saakashvili high posts in the government of Ukraine!" [headline]**

"In both cases the West chose as provocateurs the leaders among whom there were no Georgians or Ukrainians: Saakashvili-Saakyan, former MIA minister Merabishvili - Sekhniev, just like many others are for example ethnic Armenians, like Timoshenko – Grigyan and new Ukrainian MIA minister Avakov – Avakyan, while Klichko and Yatseniuk, however strange it is, are ethnic Jews.

However, criminals have no ethnicity – today for the Armenians of Georgia calling Saakashvili an Armenian is like offending them, just like mentioning Hitler is for Germans."

[http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=17949:2014-02-26-13-15-31&catid=100:sazogadoeba&Itemid=396#ixzz2uS265AVE](http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=17949:2014-02-26-13-15-31&catid=100:sazogadoeba&Itemid=396#ixzz2uS265AVE)

QRONIKA, 24 February

**SOSO TSINTSADZE, political scientist:**

„Yulia Timoshenko is just as Ukrainian as I am a Chukchi. She is ethnically Armenian on her father's side“.

## ETHNIC MINORITIES

### REZONANSI, 24 February

*Rezonansi* newspaper made a report from Saingilo, about ethnic Georgians living in Azerbaijan and their problems. The author mostly follows the respondents' descriptions, but in some cases the journalist offers his own unfounded terms: i.e., "Christian Heri Georgians community", "Muslimized Ingiloiian Georgians".

### OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 25 February

An example of a positive report is the one about Georgian Jews community by Obiektivi, which is an exception in the general editorial policy of this media outlet towards minorities.

**JAMLET KHUKHASHVILI, sports commentator:** "I am a happy man, because I am a Jews born in Georgia... This is because general tolerance of Georgia, not just towards the Jews, but to all ethnicities... During the rule of no government there was any oppression of the Jews."



**OBIEKTIVI:** "Then there was a serious warning from the liberal NGOs that here are other religions too and we could finance the sectarians also."

## ANTI-TURKISH ATTITUDES

### KAVKASIA, SPECTRI, 24 February

**David Akubardia, anchor:** "We prevail over them [Turks], or they will "eat" us."

## DISCRIMINATION ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

### OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 24 February

The anchors openly express their discontent about the state's decision to finance 4 additional religious congregations besides the Georgian Orthodox Church.

**NINO RATISHVILI, anchor:** "Now imagine that Orthodox and Muslim religions are equally financed in Turkey?! We

are a minority there, or where are we at all, right? And in the small Georgia this must be decided according to the congregation, right? And now such a sacrifice, bowing our heads before the West" ...

**NUKRI KANTARIA, Georgian Dream:** "But at the same time, we are tolerant".

**NINO RATISHVILI:** "...Then there was a seri-

ous warning from the liberal NGOs that here are other religions too and we could finance the sectarians also."

**ILIA CHACHIBAIA, anchor:** "Let us finance the Satanists too then "...

**NUKRI KANTARIA:** „Well, they may create a sect out of ten people and demand something..."

## DISCRIMINATION ON SEXUAL GROUNDS

ASAVAL\_DASAVALI, 24 February -2 March

**CHRISTEPHORE TSAMALIDZE, bishop:** "I believe that people will not let a gay parade happen."



**NODAR KATAMADZE, dean:** "Nothing will happen [on 17 May]!.. The Georgian people will not let this perverts and Sodom-Gomorra to prevail".

**IRINA SARISHVILI, Imedi Party:** "Who is Matthew Bryza? The first experimental example of LGBT in Georgia."

**DITO CHUBINIDZE, journalist:** "When there is a boom of "lipstick boys" in politics, matters of soul, art and generally in societal life"...

**LINA BARATASH-VILI, writer:** "Propagandists of homosexuality warm up their hands on protecting them and corrupt the youth. It is disgusting to talk about relationship of people of the same sex... I will not let a homosexual couple touch my book, how can I let unholy people touch a book that has 10 commandments in its

introduction"...

**ZAZA DAVITAIA, journalist:** "If we fight against the criminal mentality as an anti-state one, it would be good to spread this battle on other anti-state mentalities too and stop, for instance, LGBT mentality propaganda, because it opposes our traditions and values!"

**GIORGI GIGAURI, journalist:** "If the pederasts have a right to donate blood, why those ordinary people don't have a right to know that they are getting the pederasts' blood? "

**PRIME TIME, 24 February**  
**ILIA VASHAKIDZE, monk:** "It seems, laymen

legal pederasts must be publicly banished from the Church... The Carthage of gays and pedophiles must be destroyed!"

**KAVKASIA, SPECTRI, 26 February**

**VAKHTANG RCHEULISHVILI, former parliament member:** "This provincial sort of talk – America is pederasts' country and Russia... Come on, it Russia that is really pederasts' country. One deputy, I don't want to mention his name, told me that in the Russian Duma all issues are decided by man's ass... They have many of them there too, and did not we have them in Georgia, or what?"

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## DISCRIMINATION ON SEXUAL GROUNDS

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**DAVID AKUBARDIA, anchor:** "6 percent"...

### VAKHTANG RCHEULISHVILI:

"There they just say, let's not kill them, they have their own right... if you don't want to let homosexuals have their way here, let's do like they did in Slovenia, they made a choice, we won't let you marry, but in a civilized way, not by running with stools and not by the priests beating those poor pederasts."

**OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO,**  
28 February

### GIA BURJANADZE, People's Assembly:

"You, NGOs, fight for their [LGBT] rights, saying they cannot express themselves. When there are 950 000 people who lost their right to exist, for years, and you say nothing about them, while talking about them [LGBT], I don't believe you, because you take money for this".

<http://www.obieqtivi.net/tv1.php?id=15944>

## GENDER STEREOTYPES

**OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO,**  
24 February

**ILIA CHACHIBAIA, anchor:** "... And let's give the right of the first question to Nino [Ratishvili], as a lady".

<http://obieqtivi.net/tv1.php?id=15889>



## PREJUDICES

**IMEDI, REAKTSIA, 28**  
February

### KAKHABER KAKABADZE:

"It is written 'I prefer death to taking this ID card' on this T-shirt. When I suggested about my Giorgi that I would bring a picture and we would make his identity card, they refused. Be careful, there is a barcode on the picture on the robot-apparatus!"

**ZAUR NACHKEBIA:** "I have a logical question: in August 2014 Georgia is

signing Association Agreement with EU. Unfortunately, we don't know the commitments Georgia is taking upon itself... Will it be necessary tomorrow to make same-sex marriages legal? Will it be necessary to install micro-chips into newborn babies? Two days ago I read in the Internet that since May 2015 it becomes obligatory in the EU member countries to install micro-chips into newborn babies.."

### FATHER BASIL AKHVLEDIANI:

"Three 6s was never mentioned by anyone. The Patriarch spoke about it very clearly: let's say tomorrow an individual with anti-state intentions comes (to power), and we are giving him database of all the information, can it be used against a person then, if he participates in political protest against specific anti-state actions?"

<http://www.imedi.ge/index.php?pg=news&id=25274&ct=15>

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## PREJUDICES

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### KVIRIS PALITRA, 24 February - 2 March

Journalist Kakhaber Kenkebashvili suggests to the readers that realization of Father Gabriel's prophecy is an actual fact.

### PIRVELI, 26 February and Geworld.ge, 28 February

Based in Italian outlet „Corriere di Roma”, news agency *Pirveli* and internet portal *geworld.ge* publish the information that putting micro-chips under the skin of every newborn is becoming obligatory in the EU member countries. This information is not supported by the relevant regulation of the EU, that would corroborate it.

[http://pia.ge/show\\_news.php?id=5598&lang=geo](http://pia.ge/show_news.php?id=5598&lang=geo)

<http://geworld.net/ViewGE.php?G=7988&lang=ge>

## POLITICAL SPECULATIONS

### ASAVAL\_DASAVALI, 24 February -2 March

**DITO CHUBINIDZE, journalist:** "Giga Bokeria said in the narrow circle of the Nazist gang [the National Movement] that they would publish compromising materials against the clergymen who would hinder a gay-parade on 17 May."

### QRONIKA, 24 February

**KHATUNA ELBAKIDZE, journalist:** "Vano Merabishvili was fighting against Georgian Orthodox Church using people's money, budget money, discrediting it, increasing number of agents within it. He was using the money we paid to the budget to weaken our own Church!... We must forgive Merabishvili for humiliating

the feelings of millions of Georgian and non-Georgian Orthodox people, and the prosecutors must argue with Merabishvili about some tenth-rate offence?... Why is the Prosecutors Office so merciful to the devilish Vano Merabishvili and other Nationals, that is really interesting?"

### PIRVELI, 25 February

"According to the member of Parliament Zviad Kvachantiradze, Australian deputy Haidemaria Giurer asked whether Georgian Church support the Russian interests."

"I got an impression that Ms Giurer and our other foreign colleagues were given incorrect information about the role and functions of the Georgian Church... There were new negative statements from then opposition to attack the Georgian Church with some strange accusations".

## MISCELLANEOUS

The Human Rights Report of U.S. State Department for 2013, which showed to be problematic the events of 17 May and religious minorities issues, was reported on in the main news by Public Broadcaster, Rustavi-2, Imedi and Kavkasia among the TV media. Tabula TV highlighted it in the *Focus* talk show.

The Prime Minister's statement in Columbia University, claiming that no one was hurt during the LGBT rally on 17 May of the last year, was not reported on in either prime time evening TV news, or the print and online media, except internet portal *Netgazeti*.

### NETGAZETI, 28 February

**IRAKLI GARIBASHVILI, Prime Minister:** "I would also like to tell you that each year, for instance in 2011, 2010, 2009 there were LGBT rallies, they were becoming victims of violence, getting beaten by other people and police could not protect them. This time it was the only case, when no one was hurt or challenged, I was personally involved in protecting these people."

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