

**Interview #21 Duration: 38mins 58sec**

1. 20
2. female
3. 33 years old
4. Julfa, Nakhchivan
5. Baku, Azerbaijan
6. Azerbaijan
7. Founder, Radio café ; journalist
8. Internet, online media: BBC, azadliq.org
9. Few times
10. Azerbaijani and Russian speaking

**Summary**

**Part I**

Protection of fundamental rights is the most important. Freedom is human itself. To reach freedom, there are phases that fundamental rights must be protected. Protection of civil rights, human rights is essential for us, citizens of Azerbaijan who are facing problems regarding it.

If it is a democratic state, government should take care of it.

I know a woman who wants to be a mother, without getting marriage. It is her right to be a mother. There are many problems regarding marriage and motherhood. There are many forced marriages. If a woman is forced into marriage, she has no opportunity to decide by herself to abort or not. If forced marriage will be eliminated firstly. No one can take away the rights of women to abort neither state, nor her partner. No one can dictate a woman to reproduce or to abort. It must be her own choice. Women in Azerbaijan face postpartum depression after giving a birth, because psychologically they are not ready to be a mother.

Azerbaijan do not have enough potentials to accept new immigrant. The rights of its own citizens are not protected yet.

I think ethnic groups should have their school and right to speak in their own language. I am not aware if they demand it or need it.

Ethnic and cultural diversity is a great advantage. It is enrichment and development of the society. I think there are no clashes among ethnic groups in Azerbaijan. I enjoy talking to ethnic groups from the northern regions of Azerbaijan

I am a communist, believing that state should lose its power. Economy and government should serve to people. Helping economy will result with benefits for people also. However, in Azerbaijan even during the oil boom period, citizens did not benefit from it. The aim of the government to develop economy is not related with welfare of citizens.

**Part II**

I am a human, a mother, a citizen. I have poly identities. I am a woman to some extend and a mother.

I do not feel belonging to my ethnic identity, religion or region. We do not choose our parents or country. I am a citizen of the world. I am a person working on the job I do not like in order to be able to work in the job I like.

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Religion in large sense is politics. I am grown up in a Shia religious community. I am against religion. However if your faith does not harm others, it should be inviable and respected.

Nation is a narrative absorbed to people in order to take away their freedoms and rule them in a good way. I think if people did not divided themselves by nations, the world would be a better place. I think nation is a narrative developed by nationalists in order to keep people in unity and govern them easily.

I am against having borders. I am not sure how people will decide on having or not having borders. People have been dictate on how to be and how to live. The narratives of political powers have shaped them and they blindly follow those narratives. I think physical borders are not important. Before eliminating these borders, we should eliminate borders among people. In order not to have cultural clashes, there should be policies that do not divide but help people to co-exist.

Social media assures information freedoms. However, I think, information is also biased sometimes, aims to brainwash people. This is the goal of capitalism.

It is a historical procedure. It does not depends on us. In Karabakh context, both Armenians and Azerbaijanis have lived there and the borders will be restored.

**Part III**

The solution of the conflict depends on super powers. Surely, the political elite tries to protect their regime and super powers try to demonstrate their hegemony. I do not think both nations have problems with each other or there is any threat.

The guilty party is the party who started the conflict. We are a puppet country and have no authority to solve the conflict. There is no political will to solve the conflict by both governments.

Governments should be interested in solving the conflict. Perhaps after the change of political regime those interests might be presented. I think if Armenians and Azerbaijanis will claim that they want to live together and eliminate borders, this is still not going to be solved. Because of hegemony and political powers.

There are many hate speech and aggression narratives in the education and media. This propaganda makes the healing process difficult. There must be awareness raising about the conflict and peace building. People should understand that if we have a past together, we are able to have future together. It is a made up conflict by states.

The biggest enemy of Azerbaijan is capitalism, is the current government of Azerbaijan. Religious radicalism, terrorists are developed by hegemony system. If government is, interested, religious groups might be radicalized to show off to the West that we have radicalism. In my home village in Nakhchivan, though time religion is dominating. Adolescents and young people are encouraged to participate in religious activities, which use not to be so. It means that the governance intentionally develops it. Perhaps that village will be next Nardaran.

Nagorno Karabakh belongs to Armenians and Azerbaijanis.

All the conflicts are similar. All conflicts end with compromise and results with living together.