

1. 34
2. female
3. 27 years old
4. Aghdam, Azerbaijan
5. Baku, Azerbaijan
6. Master's degree, Azerbaijan
7. No party membership
8. Teacher
9. Online media, social media
10. not often
11. Azerbaijani speaking

Summary

Part I

I think if the protection of fundamental rights is maintained, all other concepts will be ensured as well. If you know your right, if you can experience your right and those rights are protected the freedom will come along. You will already be aware of your right and rights of others within all freedoms or democracy. Change starts with small actions.

Comparing the pollution and policies regarding it in my childhood and nowadays, the policies are more, the legislations are stricter, and fines are more. Somehow, this does not help. The pollution has also increased. Every citizen should think about the cleaning of its town. We should keep the streets as clean as our houses. We should not expect everything from the government. It is already visible that old women are cleaning the streets and we all are polluting the street at the same time. There will be no development if people keep polluting, despite of all the efforts by government, even by spending millions on it.

I am against abortion. I feel happy with more kids. However, of course there are cases where abortion is must. If the child will be sick or the health of mother is under danger, women should be able to abort it. If there is no problem in terms of health, then women should not abort it.

We need to replace our own refugees first. It is better if our people do not migrate to other countries. We cannot accept new immigrants due to our own economic situation.

I think ethnic groups should not have a right to study in their own language. Because the state language is Azerbaijani language. In order to maintain security and stability they should not study in their own language. Through history, we know that, in 90th when these ethnic groups were given some freedoms, they started separating from us.

Ethnic and cultural diversity is enrichment, but they should not show it off. Moreover, the language should be one common language. For instance, I do not enjoy when some Talishs speak in their own language. I know some Talish people who believes that they are nation and they will have state. After some time, when there will be an opportunity, they will start separating from us. We are anyways a small country, why should we be separated.

I agree that we should help economy and government, but not in Azerbaijan. Let us assume that, I am having my own private business. If I will be sure that the taxes I am paying to government will come back to my citizens, I will do it with great pleasure. However, in reality I know that it

will go to the pockets of some people. Therefore, I think that it is better to directly help people in need. Because there is no trust among people and government, I would choose to help people and society first. In the countries where the laws and regulations works, first concept (helping economy and government) works well. Because in this case, everyone will benefit from it equally.

Part II

I am a person who tries to go against the stream. My profession is the most important part of my identity. I love teaching, helping pupils to learn. I believe that teaching will save the society. I would always bring books with me to my classes in order to encourage my pupils to read books.

I always run away from conversations about religion. I believe that, religion is very individual, it is something within you and you should not show it off. Religion is morals, you do not share with anyone else, and you do not need to share it. For instance, I have a friend who is Zoroastrian and he believes in fire. He says that whatever you ask from Allah, I ask from fire and it becomes true. So it is very individual. You should not convince others to believe in what you believe.

Nation is a larger form of family. Whatever connects a family connects the nation. The appearance, language, culture within the family shapes the nation in larger context. Nations should be as strong as families for ensuring development. Unfortunately, our nation is cold, like some cold families. I do not think nation in term of language, territory or geographic symbols. Nation is a big family, with common traditions, common vision and values.

It would be better not to have borders. However, humans are not so developed enough to live without borders. In Europe, people are used to live without borders. This does not work the same in the East. Even in the streets, people try to gain some more borders, build the borders of their houses more with taller walls. Meanwhile, there will be many clashes without borders. People should eliminate the borders in their minds first. Then we can eliminate the physical borders.

In social networks, there is no borders, but coming back to real life people still have these borders in their minds. If through using internet and social media you learn something, if it brings development, certainly it is good.

Historical borders in each historical stage were different. It was different in 13th century; it was more different in the prehistoric times. The borders and territories have been changing since the begging of the life of Earth. In each century even in Azerbaijan the borders and states have been different. I am from Aghdam and I remember our house , streets in Aghdam. But I can not come back here. Few centuries ago we had some territories in current Georgia, which we cannot claim now. My biggest fear is that in 100 year the same will happen with Kahrabakh. We will not be able to claim it back, because it will be under control of Armenia for long time. I am concerned that my grandchildren will never be able to say that their grandmother was from Karabakh. Claiming them will bring more wars and bloodsheds. Overall, I believe that peace is the best choice.

Part III

When the territories were gone, I was a child. However, I still remember the processes and conversations about it. The territories were not lost by war. It was absolutely political matter. There are all clashing interests. If the political powers in Azerbaijan changes, conflict would be solved. It is the same people, same ideology, same interests, which will not solve the conflict. Both parties have its own interests. Not only both parties, but also third parties like Russia and

USA have interests in this conflict. In terms of powers, it is known that the interest of the government of Azerbaijan was to come to power and withdraw Elchibey from the power. Economically we depend on Russia and USA, so we cannot decide independently. If the price of the bread in Azerbaijan depends on the USD currency change, it means we are not free economically. Politically we are also not free, because we depend on Russia. People will die on the borders and Russia will start or stop it. If we go with Russia, USA will make us economically more dependent. For instance, let us look at poor Georgia, who is economically more developed now. We look at them and feel jealous about their development.

We are the once to blame. In Georgia, during Saakashvili time, the bigger changes happened and country started developing. Of course, time came and people understand that it is enough with his power and he will not bring anything new. Therefore, they changed him. However, we are still waiting, being satisfied with what we have now.

If USA and Russia will be out of the conflict, if only governments of Armenia and Azerbaijan discusses it, more compromised solution will be made. Meaning that, ordinary people in Armenia and Azerbaijan do not want war. USA or Russia wants war to bring clashes, or political powers wants war to show their supremacy. Apparently, ordinary people dies. As a person affected by this conflict, living through the war situation I understand these disasters better. I have seen a mother with her child on her back, who came from Khojali. She was shoot on her back. You can only see those scenes in the movies. I have seen it with my eyes. During the Novruz holiday in March, harsh war was going near us. As a child, we were pretending or assuming that it was a holiday shoots by our own people. However, that was war shootings. The big grenade has been exploded next to my room, close to my brother. I have seen these disasters and I do not want it to happen with my niece or nephews. I do not want any Azerbaijani children to see those disasters. We see pictures of children, soldiers who died in April war. What does April was given to us?! Only pretentious status updates in Facebook?!

I do not see the solution of the conflict nowadays. We should be economically developed in order to be able to solve it.

My mother studied in Stepanakert. She was saying me that, we were living together in peace. However, they were calling us (Azeri's) Turks and they had huge hatred on Turks. Once in the neighborhood, a close Armenian neighbor of my mother was making a handgun. My mother asked him why he is making it. In response, he said that he was making this gun in order to kill you Turks. In fact, Armenians had clashes with us because they assumed us as Turks. They always have this fear and hatred of Turks. Even if we live together in the future, they still will have some hatred against Turks. I do not think we have as much hatred of Armenians as they have of Turks.

All of those groups have some part in being our enemy. However, I think that religious radicalism is the biggest threat.

Nagorno Karabakh belongs to the people who is born there. I saw a picture of house of one Armenian young person in social network, who said that he is unable to go to his house because of the war. (the house is on the borderline). Then another Azerbaijani person reacted on the picture that, he is also born in that house and he cannot live in that house either. A person should have a right to live in the place he is born. Looking nationalistically, Nagorno Karabakh belongs to Azerbaijanis. Nevertheless, looking universally it belongs to everyone who is born and raised there.

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I do not see solution through war. At the same time, there is still no solution with peace. I do not see any specific actor who can solve the conflict now.

I am not sure that there is any successful conflict resolution model. It is not easy to satisfy both parties. Compromise is not easy. If we want all territories back, Armenians will not be satisfied with it. If we take Aghdam and do not take Lachin, then Lachin IDPs will not be satisfied. Fair solution is not possible for both parties.