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2. male
3. 34 years old
4. Shamakhi, Azerbaijan
5. Baku, Azerbaijan
6. University degree Azerbaijan
7. Musavat party
8. Mostly internet, social network, online media
9. In every two month
10. Azerbaijani speaking

Summary

Part I

All four concepts are inter connected. Fundamental rights must be protected first. Without it freedom, security and stability comes along it. Because if a person is facing injustices, torture and humiliation and his rights are not protected, then all other concepts does not work.

Government should not work on cleaning of the town. It is the duty of the municipality. The duty of government is to ensure the welfare, freedoms and security of its citizens. By giving duty of this small local issues like cleaning to the government they might manipulate on it. Apparently, there are municipalities who should work on such issues.

Right to abortion is not fundamental. I think of the humanity and I think it is not acceptable to have abortion, to kill a living being. It is difficult for me to give exact response about this topic.

Considering the fact that our health, social welfare, education system is not strong enough, in addition to the refugees, IDPs and emigrants that we already have, Azerbaijan is unable to welcome new refugees. Nevertheless, if in neighborhood countries a disasters happen and people start to relocate, it is our responsibility to help refugees.

Of course, ethnic groups should have a right to speak to study in their preferred language. But it is not for their own benefit, I think. Let us assume Lezgiz, Talishs or Armenians study in their own language and isolate themselves. They will face the same outcome Azerbaijanis faced in Georgia. If Azerbaijanis studied in Georgian language, they would have more participation in the decision making process in Georgia.

I do not see any threat in cultural and ethnic diversity. The country can benefit from this diversity. Diversity, various cultures must be well respected. It can also be catchy for the tourism. Multiculturalism should not be a show off policy of the state, which our government is doing now. It must be a sincere policy ensuring protection of all cultures. In our Musavat party we have a lot of ethnic groups represented.

Humans stand in the center of all my social and political activities. Firstly, we should help humans. Government should also help humans. While helping humans government and economy also benefits from it. Therefore, I totally disagree that we should help economy and government first.

Part II

I am 34 years old person, a citizen of Azerbaijan who tries to help people. I have different identities. At home with my family, I behave differently than I behave at my work in the political

party. Also in social media as a representative of the political party, I try to act accordingly to my socio-political status.

I am a citizen of Azerbaijan who wants Azerbaijan integrate to the civil world. I believe that integrating to West, to western values will help us to develop.

Overall, religion is used for bad actions more than for peaceful actions.

I think nation is not an old understanding of it. I am far too away to assume that we Turks, we are dominant nation. For me nation is a geography.

Borders are there for ensuring security and restricting freedoms. When I was in Europe, the visibility of the freedoms was elimination of borders. In Azerbaijan when I am travelling from Lankaran to Baku, I see many police post offices and usually at least once I am stopped by them. In Europe it does not even happen among states. This is because of strong security policy of EU. In 1918th leader of our party Rasulzadah proposed the idea of South Caucasus House, which mean elimination of borders among Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. In 2006 our party, a part from Georgia leaded by Supashvili, Audol party from Armenia signed a common declaration in Potsdam, Germany. The aim of the declaration was to reconnect the people of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia under one roof as soon as the parties signing the declaration will come to political power in three respective countries. This might seem difficult to imagine now, but the idea, intention itself is a century old, and it is intention by all three participating parties. I also understand why Bulgaria and Hungary closed their borders after refugee crisis. However, I do not understand why the states which have strong security systems and spends a lot of money it close their borders. This is not acceptable for me. Borders must be opened for humanity.

The idea of Common Caucasus is on the agenda of our party, but it is not very easy to make all the ordinary people understand and support this idea. In our party, we have members from 17 regions of Karabakh and borderline. Not all of them support this idea collectively. However, if I talk to them individually about it I can convince them to understand the importance of this issue.

World has dramatically positively changed. I have even written an article about whether the internet or wheel is the greatest invention. Internet is a great tool to be transparent, visible and without borders.

There are some people who are just using this term of historical border to get attention. However I know some people who strongly believe that they will restore the borders of Ottoman Empire. Claiming a restoration of historical borders is like playing a child game called "*Evcik-evcik*"¹. We are currently discussing important issues here. Now imagine, we are playing outside this evcik-evcik game. It is very similar. It is ridiculous. The world is changing, so the thoughts and approaches should also change. We should globally think about eliminating borders. We should think about prevention methods to any threat and understand that borders have no benefits. In Europe, where countries had long historical fights, now live without borders and are strong allies. Asking the same to happen in Caucasus is not easy. Firstly because in Europe religion went back to church. Secondly, Europe had renaissance development. It has one of the most developed education systems now. While talking about the integration to Europe, the first provocatively raises around the sensitive issues like LGBT rights. Because the society is not ready to talk about it and because people in generally are not well educated, have low awareness authoritarian government uses this to remain in power. Borders will eventually eliminate though the development process. I am sure that even in villages in Azerbaijan they are strong borders on

¹ A child game which involves house toys and moving from one home to another

divisions like Shia and Sunni. This is because of illiteracy. If people will be educated, those borders between villages will disappear, then the larger borders between Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia will be eliminated through socio-economic-educational development.

Part III

The conflict is not solved yet, because the war is not started by Armenian or Azerbaijan nation. This conflict is artificially developed by Russia. It is not solved yet, because Russia does not want, does not allow solving the conflict. Russia is interested in keeping the status quo of the conflict. Other supreme power states do not question the actions of Russia, the weaker powers have no courage to question Russia.

Russia, particularly Putin is the one to blame. I had strong hopes in Nemtsov, his liberal approach. I was assuming that if he will come to power in Russia, the conflict will be solved. Imagine now, they have not only killed him, but also killing everyone who is supporting and continuing his ideas.

The chain will be opened if the current regime in Russia is changed. If economy or politics of Russia will slightly become liberal, it will affect the whole region, both politically and economically. Russia's affect in everyday life of people is visible. Russia is always here. We have strong fear from Russia as a society. Europe and West does not react effectively in order to eliminate the hegemony of Russia. For instance, in Ukraine they did not respond effectively, they betrayed their own values. After Georgia broke this chain in Caucasus, the other Caucasian countries are now hungry for this democracy.

I see the solution of the conflict through territorial integrity of Azerbaijan by returning of all refugees and IDPs from both sides to the home places they were living before the war and by granting the highest cultural autonomy status to Nagorno Karabakh. In order to have sustainable peace assuring the protection of people and socio-economic assistance is a must action. People living there must have many opportunities to use their land, to build their businesses, to have maximum privileges. Through working together, the traumatic past will be forgotten and reconciliation process will work. Armenians groups will be Azerbaijan citizens.

The enemies of the world is also the enemy of Azerbaijan. I love Russian people. However, I think the current Russian political regime is the biggest enemy of the Azerbaijan. Russia is also the guilty of triggering this conflict. The biggest threat is the occupation of Russia, not Armenians.

During the April escalation, I and some of our members were feeling in minority. Because we were trying to explain everyone that this is a game. During April escalation, I could not go against the whole nation who was ultra-nationalistic at that period. Going against them and asking for stopping war would be political suicide. I understand that was propaganda and it caused a lot human lost. There were many scenarios why this escalation happen. Was it because of Russia's failure in Syria or its show to the west that Caucasus is under control of Russia.

As long as Russia is in, it is absurd to expect victory. Perhaps even the Aliyev might want this victory and become a supreme hero. However obviously it does not depend on him, it depend on Russia. During our discussions with Armenians fellows, they confessed that Armenian government and nation is under the aggression of Russia.

Nagorno Karabkh belongs to Armenians and Azerbaijanis living there. The territory should be under control of Azerbaijan, by giving more and more privileges to Armenians.

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Currently Russia has an opportunity to solve the conflict. However, Russia has problems within itself. In 10 years, Russia will lose Crimea, because people will protest to the extreme poverty they will face. I do not think people to people's diplomacy will work now, because it is not allowed by government. If it will be allowed, people will claim that they absolutely do not want war. Azerbaijan should be so much developed, democratic that, Armenians themselves would willingly join Azerbaijan.

Nagorno Karabakh has specific competent, not allowing other models fully be applied. There was a territorial dispute between England and French, where as a solution the England financially supported French Army to secure those territories. As soon as conflict will be solved, people will start living 10 times better.