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Summary

Part I

Freedom is the most important. All other concepts are also important. Freedom comes first for me.

Government should not use its energy, time on such issues like cleaning. Self-governing, the community itself can manage it or any private company can take care of it.

Women should be able to have abortion. I would like to compare it with the Shias, who hurt themselves during their rituals. If women says it is her body and takes control over her own body, then Shias also assume the same concept and says I want to harm my own body, because I have control over my own body. Of course, they are two different actions and two different consequences. Overall, if it have no social impact, if it is about women and her body, she should be able to do it and we should respect it.

Around the world, it is a difficult procedure to accept refugees. In Azerbaijan, we had refugees from Karabakh, and people find it hard to welcome them. It was because of lack of communication and information, which caused misunderstandings. Therefore, I do not blame the refugee crisis in Europe and the people who find it hard to accept them. Looking at Azerbaijan example and considering the fact that, even we were speaking the same language, there were lots of misunderstandings and clashes. It would be able acceptable if Azerbaijan accepts new immigrants and refugees, in parallel of raising awareness among population.

Ethnic groups absolutely should have a right to study in their own language. It is a fundamental issue. Not only studying in their language, but also they should be able to experience the language in media, in newspaper, in community activities. In Azerbaijan, Talishs, Lazgis, has several problems regarding expressing their language and culture fully. Government should support them and ensure their fundamental freedoms and rights.

I believe that, ethnic and cultural diversity is enrichment of the society. It must be preserved, protected, appreciated by understanding them and giving them opportunities to express themselves. If religion, ethnic and other groups are welcomed in the Constitution, there is no other way to back them or discriminate them. Government should maintain the realization of each point in the constitution. As a citizen, it hurts me to see the Talish minorities not to be able to express their culture or language.

I think the center of everything is a human. We can help government in order to utilize our human rights more efficiently in response. Overall, we should help society and humans first, not the economy of government.

Part II

I have poly identities. I try to raise the voices of all minorities: ethnic minorities, LGBT minorities.

For me being a citizen of Azerbaijan is a part of my identity. Other points like religion, gender, ethnicity is a reason for separating us, and we should not emphasize them. We should emphasize the point that connects us all, and it is our Azerbaijan citizenship.

I am not a religious person. I respect the religious opinions of everyone. It is a wide spectrum question; therefore, I am incapable of answering it.

I think the nation is people who are using the same language.

It is a difficult question. If globalization continues, soon the borders will eventually eliminate. In virtual life, there are no borders. Perhaps in real life borders will be eliminated very soon. I absolutely support the idea that internet and social media has eliminated these borders. Perhaps virtual life will have a large impact on real life in terms of eliminating borders.

Restoration of historical borders will bring war and bloodshed. For instance, in Russia, today people do not have a food to eat, life standards are too low, but they still want to restore their historical borders, take Crimea, or Finland. For instance, in Armenia, people try to talk about the genocide all the time, knowing that it does not brings any development. Time has passed. It is not possible to maintain historical justice. The same applies to the historical borders. It will bring war and bloodshed. It neither will affect daily life of people, nor will increase their life standards.

Part III

Nagorno Karabakh conflict is not solved because; political powers in both countries are not sincere. Both political powers do not maintain the political freedoms within their states and no one is able to see the real situations and outcomes. Because of not being democratic and oppressing the freedom of speech, two communities are not able to meet and express their needs to each other. Two communities are represented by the persons appointed by government, with no relation to the real communities in both sides. For instance, Bayram Safarov, who is violent, illiterate, and unwilling for the solution of the conflict, presents the Azerbaijani community. Meanwhile, the 3rd parties like, Russia is also not willing to solve the conflict, which is another reason why the conflict is not solved yet.

The conflict was escalated by Azerbaijani government, by Haydar Aliyev. I recently researched about it and found out that, the ethnic clashes, raise of nationalism was a policy developed by Azerbaijan Soviet government, and it resulted with war. I think, the people who developed this conflict already knew that it is going to be long-term unsolved conflict and by using this conflict they will be able to remain in power for long time. Obviously the Russia's role, back in Soviets and nowadays, they are still main actors who triggered the conflict and still triggers it to continue and not to be solved.

I see the solution of the conflict, within territorial integrity of Azerbaijan. Meanwhile, Azerbaijan should be a democratic state, should protect the rights of its population. Azerbaijan should protect its ethnic groups and give an opportunity to all ethnic groups, including Armenians to express their freedoms, their culture, their rights. In the early 90th, Armenians were

not the only ethnic groups who have poor life conditions. The whole country had low living standards. However, ethnic groups see it as threat and discrimination, because they believe that it happens to them because of their ethnic identity. Today as an Azerbaijani I do not have protected freedoms, neither do Talishs have, nor will Armenians have. Azerbaijan should ensure that all Armenians will have political freedom, they will elect their parliamentary, they will have their university, they will have media. I think it is an absurd idea to have Nagorno Karabakh independent state. It is a part of Azerbaijan, of course there has been some ethnic clashes between Azerbaijanis and Armenians. We have lived together for a long time. Not only Armenians but also Azerbaijanis had social political problems.

Azerbaijanis are ethnically closer to Armenians, than Turks or Georgians. Azerbaijanis and Armenians culturally, behaviorally are closer with Armenians. We have lived together for a long time. I think, it would be better to have no Russia involved.

I think the biggest enemy of Azerbaijan is Russia. Russian government in Soviet times increased this nationalistic feeling in order to develop ethnic conflicts. Russia is not involved today; the conflict will be solved more easily.

Nagorno Karabakh belongs to Armenians and Azerbaijanis.

The conflict will be solved through initiatives of both societies. However, without ensuring political freedoms, without having freedom of speech it is impossible to imagine a solution.

Aland Islands can be a model for NK conflict. Once an Azerbaijani diplomat told that, neither Azerbaijanis are Swedish people, nor Armenians are Finish people. It is Caucasus and other models might not work well here. Communities should solve this conflict. They should think about their children and their future.