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2. male
3. 1983
4. Baku, Azerbaijan
5. Azerbaijan,
6. Civil Solidarity Party
7. Television, internet, social media, newspaper
8. Once or twice a year
9. Azerbaijani speaking

Summary

Part I

All of them are equally important and crucial issues in our society.

Municipalities should work on cleaning the towns. Unfortunately, government tries to control everything and prevent other bodies to lead or manage these issues.

I think women should not have abortion. Because if we are emphasizing and protecting human rights, we should prevent abortion, because that fetus will be a human one day.

Our state does not have resources to accept refugees. We are economically facing challenges, socially politically facing problems. Moreover, we have more than 1 million refugees and IDPs.

We have various ethnic groups, which is the unicity of our state. Ethnic groups should study in their own language by law. I am not sure how much this law is implemented. I assume that ethnic minorities study in their language in elementary school. In our party ethnic diversity is very important for us. We involve them to the activities of the party, Kurdish, lazgiz, ingloys are very active in decision making process in our party.

Ethnic and cultural diversity is enrichment. It is not threat. Our cultures, cuisines are similar because of assimilating, living together for a long time.

We do not have transparent government or transparent budget allocation. I question the accountability and transparency within the government. Therefore, I do not think we should help such government, which does not help people.

Part II

I am a citizen doing political activism. My ranking of my identities depends on where I am asked the question about it. While I am abroad, I say citizen of Azerbaijan.

I have a faith in God, I believe in religion. Religions are used for some reasons. Islam have different sects, which is dividing societies. We do not have these radical sects, but they are rapidly increasing. Each group uses religion for their own interests. It results with terror, clashes.

Nation is my ethnic identity. I belong to ethnic Turk nation. Nation is not territory or language or geographic symbols.

Borders in Europe is eliminated and they live normally. In our region, there is not such opportunity. If there is no borders in this region, Russia and Iran will intervene to this region easily. However, it is on the agenda of our party. We believe that if you can be free in your state, you can move freely around the world. Borders should not barrier this movement.

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There should be awareness raising in the internet as well. There are many opportunities in the internet. People should understand that there is no need for the borders.

Azerbaijan has been divided. 35 million Azerbaijanis live in Iran. Darband, Armenian and Georgian territories have belonged to us. We have lived there. We can claim our historical borders territories. Armenians are claiming that Akhalkalaki and Karabakh belongs to them. Akhalkalaki has been Georgian territory and Karabakh has been Azerbaijan territory. Unlike Armenia, we do not claim our real territories like Borchali, Darband. We have a right to claim South Azerbaijan.

Part III

Conflict is not resolved because firstly, Russia is aiming to keep controlling the region. Secondly, governments in Armenia and Azerbaijan are authoritarian. As long as these governments remain in power, and Russia's hegemony remain in the region, the solution of the conflict is impossible. Of course, Karabakh Armenians will be our citizens.

We should blame Russia and authoritarian governments.

From nationalistic point of view and in terms of justice, Karabakh should be a part of Azerbaijan. If Russia's hegemony weakens and Russia's role in the conflict is eliminated, Karabakh Armenians themselves would desire to be a part of Azerbaijan. After the nations will live together and decide their fate, Karabakh Armenians will prefer to be a part of Azerbaijan and Azerbaijan should guarantee their living and security. Armenians should receive all the rights and privileges that other ethnic groups have in Azerbaijan.

Despite the fact that religion and language of two nations (Armenians and Azerbaijanis) is different, their culture, traditions, mindset is very similar. We have lived in the same geography and have absorbed each other's culture. These two nations have never been enemies to each other. They have become enemies due to the interests of Russia. After the resolution, two nations will live and co-exist together. Two nations can never hate each other; it is because of the propaganda and the role of Russia in the conflict.

Nation cannot be enemy to another nation. The enemies of Azerbaijan are terrorists, religious radicalism, current authoritarian governments of Armenia, and Russia.

Nagorno Karabakh is the territory of Azerbaijan. After ensuring the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, It will belong to both Armenians and Azerbaijanis.

If Russia eliminates her interests in the conflict, Russia is able to solve the conflict. USA and Europe is also able to solve it. Nations can also solve this conflict. Two governments if they are willing, they can also solve it. International organization can also solve this conflict.

After ensuring the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan government can listen to the needs of Armenians living there and ensure these needs.