

1. 26
2. male
3. 25 years old
4. Gakh, Azerbaijan
5. Baku, Azerbaijan
6. Master's degree, University of Tourism, Azerbaijan
7. No party membership
8. Hotel
9. Social Media
10. Once a year
11. Azerbaijani speaking

## **Summary**

### **Part I**

Freedom and protection of fundamental rights Is more important. The most important one is freedom. A person should be free to make sure all the other components.

Government should not take care of cleaning of the town. The Municipalities should work on this. There is a wrong perception that a member of parliament should maintain the construction of the roads. The Neither MP, nor ministry, no ExCom should construct a road. This is the work of municipalities, they should not only sell land.

Women should have right of abortion. No one should interfere, the women should decide it. Or with her partner she should decide

Azerbaijan can accept immigrants only after improving the life standards of it own people. It should firstly ensure the needs of its own population.

Ethnic groups of course should have a right to study in their own language. For instance, I am from Qakh region and we have Georgian minorities. Even though they are in few villages, they bring diversity, modernization to our town. The visitors admit that Qakh is closer to Europe and I assume that it is because of Georgian culture.

Ethnic and cultural diversity is absolutely enrichments of once community. They can only be threat if 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, foreign powers like Iran and Russia triggers the minorities. However, it will never happen if their life standards will be high.

Society and people comes first for me. If society and people lives better, if the human is valued, all other things will get better eventually.

### **Part II**

I have mono identity. I do not like emphasizing any specially regarding my identity. Perhaps my profession is important for me. I am proud of my country, but I am not a nationalistic person or being ethnically Turkish does not make me any advantageous person.

Right now religion is used for bad. Though it is for up to person's personal moral values. I am Muslim, but I do not practice religion and no one call feel that I am Muslim. I do not think you should show it up your religion anyhow. Religion has been a tool for ruling people, throughout the history the political powers has used name of religion to rule the people.

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Nation is unity of group with same language, culture and values. Same language connects people. You feel more close to the person speaking your language. There are ethnic minorities speaking different languages. So the ones that speaks your language is a part of your nation.

In fact, I would not want to have borders. Nevertheless, not all regions can leave in peace like Europe. I also would like to travel, just like in Europe, without any document, passport, and check in. However, current situations, conflicts makes borders to remain in order to maintain security.

It is of course good that, internet and social networks eliminate these borders.

The restoration of historical borders is not real. It will bring war and bloodshed. In Azerbaijan, we also claim about historical lands like Darband. However, it is not real. It is not ours any more. It is gone. Therefore, it will definitely bring war and bloodshed. If we claim Borchali, South Azerbaijan no one will welcome us and allow us to take it. It requires war. All countries may need territories and all of them somehow may claim the restoration of their historical borders. Then it may bring many clashes. The best way is to develop economically and eliminate borders. In Europe, for instance, countries also had this kind of claim. However, after developing economically, now no one wants any territory from each other. I cannot imagine same situation in Caucasus now. Perhaps in the future it is possible, but not now.

### **Part III**

It is because of Russia's role in the conflict. If Russia ever withdraws its "hands" from the region, it will be solved. Russia is the one to blame. If the conflict is solved, Russia's role will be eliminated in the region and he does not want that. In order to eliminate the Russia's role in the region, political system in Russia should be changed. Even though Russia demonstrated itself as a great power, it has a lot of socio-political, economic problems within its state. Alternatively, we (Azerbaijan) and Armenia may stop our relations with Russia and turn to West, the conflict perhaps can be solved. Even if we turn to West, I do not think Armenia will even do that, because they have Russian military base, are depend on Russia. Regarding the short-term causalities in the border, it is also not a way to solve the conflict. Lots of human lost from both sides. Gain of few meters from this or that side does not make any sense.

I see the solution of the conflict in long-term future with peaceful ways. If you remember, in our textbooks at school, all we see was devil enemy image of Armenians. The children growing up and reading these books live with a trauma. In Armenia, it also goes the same way. The children growing up with these images can never imagine peace. In contrary to young generation, older generation says that we used to live together in peace, we were cooperating etc. However, current generation grows up with hatred. Even if the conflict is solved today, I do not think we will be able to live together. There will be conflicts every day. So perhaps in the future, though some years the hatred can be eliminated and people can be ready to live together. The best case scenario for the solution of the conflict would be the autonomy for the Armenians, just like in Soviet times. Or ideally Azerbaijan can be so much developed state that Armenians themselves voluntarily would join us. It is very hard to satisfy both sides, so compromise will be hard. The last escalation in April proved how much hatred exists in both sides. The hatred and trauma can be eliminated by having clear policy of diminishing the hate in textbooks, in media from both sides.

The biggest enemy of Azerbaijan is Russia.

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Historically as turks we come later to this region from Central Asia. So people already lived in Nagorno Kharabakh before us. But taking last centuries it belongs to Azerbaijanis. Because the Armenians mainly settle in the east of Turkey. They were not more than Azerbaijanis in Azerbaijan.

Without foreign parties' involvement, only by participation of two states the conflict can be solved. It can be solved through people-to-people diplomacy or among governments.

There are few conflicts like Kosova, for instance, which is not suitable for us, because it mean losing the conflict.