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Summary

Part I

I feel more closer freedom and fundamental rights. Protection of fundamental rights ensures freedoms. In a large context, freedom is the most important.

Governments should take care of cleaning. In the world experience municipalities are responsible for that. It should be also like this in Azerbaijan.

Women should have right to abortion. It should be up to them whether to abort or not.

Considering economic crisis, unemployment in Azerbaijan and considering the low welfare of refugees, their inclusion will develop a social explosion. It is better that they do not come to Azerbaijan nowadays.

Ethnic groups should have a right. Again, it depends on the income. When I was in England, all ethnic groups were studying together without discriminating each other. It depends on the policy of the state to ensure equality and accessibility. In England, I saw how people did not pay attention to women with burka or women with short dresses.

Diversity of cultures, thoughts, discussions ensures the development of society.

I totally disagree with this statement. The main reason is humans. It will not make any change if rich persons get richer, have more bank accounts and ordinary people live in poverty. Ordinary people will not benefit from it.

Part II

I am a person, who tries to do well for her society and face many challenges, who has lost her idealistic approach. I am becoming more realist now. I am facing psychological stagnation because of the injustices, corruption in our society. I am feeling powerless to go against the majority. Recently during elections, I spoke up seeing all injustices and fraud, facing with backlash and accusation by the teachers in the poll station. I lost this fight for justice.

I have poly identities. I am not only a mother at home; I am also working women, trying to do something to my society, to people in need.

Being the citizen of the world is the main part of my identity. Since being a schoolchild I was having this approach. For instance, talking on Armenians and conflict, I was always supporting peace, and was a minority in my class. I was saying that if an Armenian child will be grown up in Azerbaijan family, he/she will absorb the values of this society. However, they were saying

that genetic plays a role and Armenian is always Armenian. I feel sad about all the disaster happening around the world, all the human lost. I cannot be limited with only Baku or Azerbaijan.

For Azerbaijan, religion is diving people. Religion needs to be reformed. There is a need for the society to be ruled in all stages of the history and religion is useful for that. In Muslim societies, women are relaxed. They are secure and tenderer. In Europe, women are tired; they are becoming masculine and lose their tenderness. It is because of their religion and capitalism. I think Islam is taking some rights of women by securing and protecting her.

Nation is thinking about others. It is caring about not only you and your family, but also people in your community and society. Nation is a feeling, union that you belong together; it does not depend on the territory. As a military power, we can be stronger than Armenians, but as a nation we are weaker than them. Because they are united around one idea. We only have fake, unconfident ideas around our nation.

Eventually physical borders will eliminate. Through development of internet, the global united world will be established. In social network, definition of time is changing. We are able to communicate 24 hours with anyone from around the world. The world is shaping differently and borders will eliminate. I do not evaluate it neither as good or bad, I only accept it. I don't think it has any bad impacts. It is an interesting process and will bring interesting outcomes in the future.

Restoration of historical borders will lead to war and bloodshed. Even Elchibey mentioned about union of South and North Azerbaijan. But it is not in the interest of supreme power states.

Part III

The first fact is that IDPs has not returned to their homes. Karabakh is not governed by Armenians. Another ethnic group (Armenians) are living their life there, building infrastructure and reproducing. Azerbaijan is only able to observe it. Azerbaijaners are unable to go to Karabakh. Karabakh Armenians are represented in the conflict-transformation projects, let's say in Georgia. It means that they are recognized. If you look at google map majority of the village in Karabakh do not have Azerbaijani names, it is only in Armenian language. These small issues are actually serious. It shows that Azerbaijan has lost ideological war. We are speaking up about Khojaly among ourselves. But they are using different strategy. Armenian celebrities use genocide, Karabakh words in their discourses in the international environment, in media, in films and gives message to US and Europe people. They do it subconsciously.

Russia should be blamed for the conflict. If Russia stays away, both countries are able to solve the conflict. Both nations are willing to solve it. Journalists from both sides are willing to solve it. I had an Armenian groupmate and he/she was telling me that, our presidents give contradicting statements. It means that we are not aware that what is happening. I assume that even if Karabakh will be given we will not know about it. Government is oppressing on people and not letting them to react.

I think neither humans, nor their memory is perpetual. Government is capable to manipulate the approaches of people. If tomorrow they say that we are friends, we will be friends with Armenians. I believe that Azerbaijanis and Armenians will live together. For instance in Tbilisi, Azerbaijani and Armenian community live together. I had an Armenian neighbor in Tbilisi, and she was always protecting me.

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The biggest enemy of Azerbaijan is Azerbaijan itself. Not having national ideology, union, having oil resources is our enemy. Illiteracy is the enemy of Azerbaijan. Moreover, current political regime is the enemy of Azerbaijan.

Karabakh belongs to Azerbaijanis. This territory belongs to Azerbaijan.

If there is a political will, and agreement with Russia, Azerbaijan is able to solve this conflict. I think, if Azerbaijan had a smart president like Heydar Aliyev, then the conflict could be solved. In addition, humans and media plays important role. If there will be qualified smart leader in Azerbaijan, offering social assistance and opportunities for Armenians conflict will be solved.

Before northern Ireland model was recommending. I do not think current government is willing to solve the conflict. I somehow assume that conflict is solved behind curtains. Nagorno Karabakh have been given to Armenians and seven regions around has been returned. I assume that something is happening which is not public.