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2. female
3. 1975
4. Baku , Azerbaijan
5. Moscow
6. No party membership
7. Works ...
8. Internet;
9. Two times a year
10. Russian speaking

Summary

Part I

The protection of fundamental rights are the most important. The society and elites, which does not accept the rule of law, cannot be free.

Government should take care of it. Mostly municipalities should take care of it.

Women should have a right to abort.

Azerbaijan should accept refugees if the resources allows us to accept them. The refugees should be checked before entering the country.

Ethnic groups should have a right to study in t their own language. Ethnic and cultural diversity is enrichment of the society. If there is a multiculturalism, if the rights of these ethnic groups are protected in the society, there is no threat from any ethnic groups.

I totally disagree with this statement. Humans should come first. Government works for people and is choose by people.

Government should control strategic parts of economy. The economy should be free and competition.

Part II

I have mono identity. Being the citizen of Azerbaijan is the most important part of my identity. It is my professionalism, my national mindset and it combines all my characters.

If religion does not have extreme radicalism, it can be used for good. Religion should be inside your mind. Showing off your religion does not mean the purity and truth of that person. Religion can play positive role in formulating morals of people.

Nation can be territory, language and geographic symbols.

Today borders are important. In an ideal scenario, it is better not to have borders. Europe tried to maintain it. However, today Europe is facing crisis. In Caucasus today borders are important for security. In the future, the borders should be eliminated and globalization will take all around the world.

Eliminating these borders though internet is very good. It is a miracle. It is a revolution.

If you mean Restoration of historical borders in case of Azerbaijan, yes Karabakh should be a part of Azerbaijan. I do not support the Russia's idea of restoring Crimea to its borders. Of

course, we would prefer to restore Karabakh with peace. However, today if we try it is going to happen though war.

Part III

The creator of the conflict is Russia and Russia is the actor who is not allowing conflict to solve. Russia is a mediator and the party who sells weapons to both states. If Russia will be weakened and lose control of the region, there will be an opportunity solve the conflict. On addition, Armenian aggression is also the reason that does not allow the conflict to be solved. Our power is much stronger than Armenians are.

Armenia is the guilty, and Russia is guilty. As a historian, I know how many times, Armenians claimed those territories in Soviet times and failed. However, after soviet collapse it happened.

I see the resolution of conflict with returning of seven regions. Nagorno Karabakh will be given an autonomy and protection of all citizens will be ensured. In seems that recently Russia is trying to convince Armenia to come to compromise. In the ideal scenario, I think that both states can integrate to Europe and though elimination of borders, and then the conflict will automatically be solved and each state will take care of its own internal business and problems.

I think if the conflict will be solved; there will be no problems in terms of living together. After some time the memories will be faded. In 1905 the fights happen and in 1918 genocide happen, but Armenians were represented in the parliament the same year and then we started living together again during soviet times. It will take some time to forget bad memories, after the solution and after eliminating the hatred discourse.

The government of Armenia and Russia is our threat. In fact, the enemy of Azerbaijan is Azerbaijanis. If Azerbaijanis acted consciously, we would not face such problems today.

Historically Karabakh belongs to Azerbaijan. There were some Armenians living in those territories, but not many. Then there were immigration of Armenian to these territories at some stages of the history.

The states can solve this conflict. If OSCE Minsk group comes together with one platform, the conflict will be solved. As a Karabakh Council, we got a chance to meet the co-chairs of Minsk group from three countries, but only we could not met with Russian representative until now. Russian representative does not shows any interest, he is very passive and dependent on his government. OSCE Minsk group new co-chairs does not meet with civil society any more. Before the civil society had an important role in this process before and the initiatives like temporary status was given by the civil society. The representatives of Nagorno Karabakh Armenian community are usually very aggressive. Civil society peace-building processes have started since 1990th and always Armenian Nagorno Karabakh community is represented.

We have taken the representatives of Nagorno Karabakh to Aland Island. I have been to Southern Tyrol as well. These two models can be president. While we were proposing the Aland Islands model to them, Armenians were responding that, if you were Finland, we would accept it. We also responded that if you were Sweden, we would agree as well. In Southern Tyrol case, it is slightly different. Italians have more temperament. Perhaps Karabaghians will also act like Tyrolian. Still it does not means that it should not be our territory.