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2. female
3. 26 years old
4. Sumgayit, Azerbaijan
5. Baku, Azerbaijan
6. Master's degree Azerbaijan, distance education on media, Turkey
7. No party membership
8. NGO
9. Internet, online media, social networks
10. Mostly for events, trainings
11. Azerbaijani speaking and Russian speaking

Summary

Part I

Freedom and protection of fundamental rights is the most important for me. It will be hard to choose between these two concepts. They are inter connected. Violation of fundamental rights is threat to the freedoms as well.

It is the responsibility of the government. There must be guidelines by the government and people should follow it. There must be fines to prevent people to pollute the city.

Women should have a right to abort. It is basic freedom for women. It is her body and no one can interfere to her decision. Male and female genital mutilation, piercing the ear of the girl child is also violation of child rights. No one has a right to interfere to decision another human being on his/her body.

Azerbaijan is not developed enough to accept refugees. We can only welcome refugees if we will be as developed as Europe. In current situation, I do not think we are capable of accepting them, giving them social and humanitarian assistance. It is unfair to help immigrants while, your own citizens are in need of that help first.

If there are enough teachers who can teach in that particular language, ethnic groups can study in their own language. It is difficult to maintain all the resources. Even if they claim these rights from the government, government still might say no, because of some reasons. The main reason or justification might be the lack of resources. Honestly, I have not thought about it before, so it is hard for to give exact opinion about it.

If they live together in peace, ethnic group should not be a threat. If people do not discriminate anyone based on their ethnicity, religion and accept everyone as a human being, then there will be no problems. It is about the values society accepts. I think diversity is beautiful.

I do not agree. I think nothing is more valuable than humans. All living beings are more valuable for me than any other unloving being. For me humans are more important than state, economy or government.

Part II

I am a feminist, a vegetarian and a citizen.

I am a human and a citizen of Azerbaijan. I do not like emphasizing my region. Therefore, I always mention my citizenship.

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I do not believe in religion. I do not think the things that are based on religion are absolute truth. I think religion has been serving for developing conflicts, has resulted with death of many people.

Nation is a living thing. It is not geography, or territory. It is the population of one state. It also somehow means geography maybe. However, it is humans, not geography.

I wished physical borders were not important, but in reality, they are important. In the ideal world, the borders should be open to everyone. Considering the fact that, the lifestyle, values, approaches are quite different in every country, the borders become essential. There are some people in some societies that, it is better if they do not cross borders. Given them free relocation right, will be problematic. For instance, the issues with immigrants. I think the societies that are less developed should not be allowed to easily cross the borders of the societies that are well developed. They face cultural shock, and living becomes difficult.

It is good to eliminate these borders through internet. Because it is mostly exchange of information. You do not intervene or influence other states through internet. You have opportunities to choose in the internet.

Restoration of historical borders depends on the policy of the state and how it will restore it. I would not prefer to have war and human lost. Territories are not more important than human lives. If there is an opportunity for peace, this should be through peaceful ways. If a state does not value its own citizens, then it will not value that territory either. For instance, if I am a teacher who is earning 200 manat a month, my salary and welfare will not change after I will move to those restored territories.

Part III

There is a recognized territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, which is under control of Armenia. Therefore, the conflict is resolved for me. Several actors have interests in the conflict, so it is not solved yet. I am not much aware of the conflict. There is not access to the true information about the conflict. I do not trust in the given visible information about the conflict.

It is the fundamental rights of IDPs to return to those territories. They have been displaced and I do not assume the conflict to be solved unless the IDPs return to those territories.

I do not think ordinary people will benefit from the resolution of the conflict. Perhaps some IDPs, refugees will be happy to return to their home, to see those forests, rivers. Moreover, it might be interesting to visit Karabakh, and Armenia as a tourist. My mother is a refugee, deported from Ijevan, Armenia. She sometimes asked me to show her the pictures of Ijevan. After the conflict is resolved, I would be glad to take my mother to those places.

Our biggest enemy is we. We have done more to ourselves more than any other groups, states. Moreover, I have a fear of religious radicalism, which might develop in Azerbaijan. Because of illiteracy, people might join to these radical groups.

By law, Nagorno Karabakh belongs to Azerbaijan. I have doubts about the historical facts, and to whom historically it belongs.

Super powers like Russia and USA might solve this conflict, if they will be willing to solve it.

I do not have more information about conflicts, so it is hard for me to respond to this question about conflict models.