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2. male
3. 1954
4. Baku, Azerbaijan
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6. Azerbaijan, Russia
7. No party membership
8. NGO
9. Television, internet, social media, newspaper
10. Once or twice a year
11. Russian speaking

Summary

Part I

Development, protection of human rights is the most important. In fact, security and stability are fundamental principles and basis of human rights. Freedom is above stability. I would prefer freedom and human rights to stability. Realizing human rights and freedoms do not result with Stalin stability, it results with some sparseness.

Self-governance should take care of cleaning of the town. Municipalities are not a part of government. There are the institutes developed by people.

Women should have abortion.

It depends on our situation and resources. The question is if we will be able to provide them food, shelter and social assistance. If we have resources, we should accept refugees and immigrant.

By law, ethnic groups have a right to study in their own language in elementary school. I do not mind them to study in their languages in the university. However, it requires many resources. For instance, Elchibey gave an order about ethnic minorities, giving them lots of rights and opportunities. During that period, representatives of one ethnic group claimed to the ministry of education to open a faculty on their respective language in the universities. The Ministry asked them to think and decide if they will be able to find a job after graduating. They responded that they would not be able to find a job. Therefore, I think this fact should be taken into account.

For me humans comes first. Humans and society formulates the state. Government should limitly control the economy. Government should deal with projects that businesses are not able to manage.

Part II

I have a role in the family, in the society. I have friends. I love cultures, I love music. I am writing. I have poly identities.

I am an Azerbaijani citizen. I am democrat. I am Azerbaijani Turk.

Religion is used for many reasons. For some religion is very important morals, values. There are some, whose psychological situation is concerning me. They are sharing violence, intolerance.

Nation as a term is interpreted differently in our language. "Nation" in English language is the union of Azerbaijani citizens. Nation is understood in Azerbaijani language as ethnos, like

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Azerbaijani Turk. All of Azerbaijani citizens as a politonym are dear to me and I respect the rights of all citizens.

Borders are eventually eliminating. The states having same development rate should eliminate these borders, like in Europe. Moreover in America, USA also wants to eliminate borders with some Canada, Mexico, some islands. The states which have different development rates should keep their borders.

Eliminating these borders though internet is very good. The states closer to each other communicate more in the internet and are more accessible.

Restoration of historical borders will lead to war and bloodshed. The borders should not be violated and human rights should be protected.

Part III

Conflict is not solved because of Russia. Revengism by Armenia is also a reason for the conflict not to be solved. Russia is influencing on Azerbaijan and preventing Azerbaijan to solve the conflict.

Russia and Armenia should be blamed.

When Armenia will be independent from Russia, and Azerbaijan will be democratic state, the conflict will be solved. In order to solve the conflict though peaceful ways, Azerbaijan should be democratic. Not a single Armenian would enjoy being a part of state with current regime of Azerbaijan. The state, which has lots of injustices, torture, corruption.

If Azerbaijan will remain authoritarian, I absolutely do not imagine the life after the resolution of the conflict. If Azerbaijan will be democratic, Karabakh will be back and will have high status of governance. People will live together as they used to live before in the past. There will be interethnic marriages, trade.

The biggest enemy of Azerbaijan is Azerbaijan nation. Azerbaijan nation is tolerant to all nations in the world, except for themselves. Azerbaijanis hinder each other.

Nagorno Karabakh belongs to Azerbaijan Republic. It belongs to everyone who has a house there.

Firstly, Armenia should stop depending on Russia. Moreover, West should defeat Russia. Azerbaijan should build democratic state. In this process, international democrats will assist us. However, it will all start with defeating dictatorship in Russia.

Yugoslavia conflict is similar to ours. External powers intervened. Somehow there is solution there now. We could recommend Aland Island. However, Aland was in the Scandinavia, surrounded by culturally, politically, economically developed states, and was solved without any external intervention.