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7. No party membership
8. Internet, online media
9. Once a year
10. Azerbaijani speaking

## **Summary**

### **Part I**

The protection of fundamental rights is the most important one. Because the other three concepts contains in the fundamental rights.

There is an understanding in our society that everything must be done by the government. I believe this is not right. Government should not control or take care of everything. If private company takes care of cleaning, it is better.

I have two thoughts contradicting each other. Firstly, it is better not to have abortion. But it is not good to have unplanned child, or to have it threat to your health. At the same time, abortion is taking away the life right of an infant, which is also not good.

Azerbaijan firstly need to take care of its own refugees and IDPs and then it can welcome new immigrants and refugees. We are not capable of welcoming them, both economically and mentally. We found it hard even to welcome, to accept the IDPs from Nagorno Karabakh. I remember in my childhood, I used to have fights with them; I used to call them "refugees". Of course, years passing and we are assimilating. Overall, it is a difficult process.

Ethnic groups should have a right to study in their own language unless it will not lead to the separation of this ethnic group. If we raise up the rights of our ethnic azeri minorities in Iran or Georgia, we should also respect the rights of ethnic minorities within our state.

We have a lot of ethnic minorities and we live together in peace. I do not think they are threat. For instance, in Chine Uyghurs are threat; in Turkey Kurds are threat to their state, but in Azerbaijan we live together peacefully.

For me society and human comes first. Because humans builds up economy and government.

### **Part II**

In terms of my profession, I am barista. In life, I am a good friend. Also maybe a young father, although the fatherhood feelings came to me long after the birth of my child. I am also friends with my child. I am not sure about my ethnic identity, because my grandfather comes from the Vedibasir village of Armenia, which use to be the village of kurds. Perhaps I am half-Kurdish. The best part of the ones identity would be citizen of the world. For instance, perhaps today I live in Azerbaijan but then I will live somewhere else. Or perhaps today I am Muslim, but

tomorrow I will change to be Cristian. Anyways, all we are doing is for the world, for the common good of the life on earth.

Currently, religion is used for bad. Nevertheless, religion is good, historically it has brought the development to the societies. At the same time, it has been used as a tool for politics. For instance, in Ottoman Empire there was clashes being religious leaders and government. It still goes on in many states. Fundamentally, religion itself is good.

Nation is humans for me. For instance Azerbaijani nation is not only limited to Azerbaijan territory.

In Europe, for instance there are no borders. Nevertheless, it is not easy. There are different humans, different cultures, different religions, which might lead to clashes. It would be better not to have borders. However, it is essential to have borders. Without it, there will be chaos. Elimination of borders through internet and social media is good. Because, I can contact my friends around the world very easily. Although it also eliminates the social bonds between humans, it is still good.

For instance, England, Ottoman Empire and other empires used to have large territories. Imagine, all of them are claiming for their historical borders. This would not work anyhow. Therefore, it is better to protect the current territories that you have now. I like the current map of the world. It is better to remain like this.

### **Part III**

I always ask this question to experts around me. Because it is interesting for me why this conflict is not solved yet. There are two options there: territorial integrity and self-determination. They say, territorial integrity comes first, although I do not understand why. Perhaps it is written firstly or perhaps it is false. This is what we are told in order to protect our arguments on conflict. I believe that the best option for Azerbaijan is war. Otherwise, status quo will remain. Blocking Armenia is not real. Because our neighbors are, their neighbors and they will not stop their economic relations. As far as I know there is a village in Qazakh village of Azerbaijan, where Azerbaijanis, Armenians and Georgians are still trading together. I assume that there are even some Azerbaijani businessmen who are investing in Armenia. Both Armenians and Azerbaijanis are ones to blame.

I see the resolution of conflict through war. Nevertheless, war is terrible. As a child, I remember how awful those memories were. We also experienced during last escalation in April. War is painful. I do not consider that ongoing negotiations are effective. Therefore, war can bring the solution. Azerbaijan is claiming that it will give highest status to Nagorno Karabakh. The question is can Azeris and Armenians live together? Perhaps they can live together, because we are forgetting past easily. Another point is, Armenia has invested a lot in those territories. They have lost lots of people, spend a lot of money on military. In such case, would they be willing to give back the territories they have invested so much? Perhaps, the best-case scenario is to buy the territories, we have a lot of money. We can buy those lands, like Jewish people bought their current territories.

As far as I know, those territories are beautiful. It would be good to go back and live there. But let's look at the regions of Azerbaijan. People are very poor; their life standards are very low. It will be the same in Nagorno Karabakh. When I was in the military service in Tovuz town of Azerbaijan, I was on the borderline with Armenia. I could see how similar the situation in

bordering villages are. The same schools, same traditions, same wedding. We are Caucasians; our living conditions are very similar. Even if we come back to Nagorno Karabakh, it still will be a poor village.

There is a saying that, biggest enemy of human is himself/herself. The government should see itself as an enemy. We choose government in order to maintain our security and increase our life standards. Government should fulfill this task; it must understand its responsibility.

Nagorno Karabakh belonged to Albanians. Later Turks moved here. At the last moment, Armenians and Azerbaijanis lived there. Therefore, it 49 % belongs to Armenians, 51% belongs to Azerbaijanis.

There are super powers who have interest in this conflict. Most of those super powers controlled the position of Armenia throughout the history. It still continues. The main point is whether we will be able to live together.

The president can be Cyprus. Because they have borders, but they can trade, travel to each other. There is a long way for reaching the resolution of the conflict.