

# NO TO PHOBIA!

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## Civil Society Platform *No to Phobia* is Launched

On 7 May thirteen non-governmental organizations launched the civil society platform - *No to Phobia!* at Frontline Georgia Club. The joint declaration aimed at uniting civil society sector under the idea of struggle against xenophobia and discrimination was signed.



Following organizations are involved in the platform: Media Development Foundation-MDF, Georgian Democracy Initiative-GDI, Transparency International-TI, Tolerance and Diversity Institute-TDI, Identoba, International Society for Free and Fair Elections and Democracy - ISFED, European Center for Minority Issues -ECMI, Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center -EMC, Georgian

Young Lawyers Association, Open Society Georgia Foundation - OSGF, Article 42, Safari and Georgia's Reforms Association -GRASS.

## # 12, 5-11 MAY



## REACTION

10 May

### Charter of Journalistic Ethics Upheld Complaint of MDF and TDI vs. *Rezonansi* Newspaper

Charter of Journalistic Ethics upheld complaint of Media Development Foundation (MDF) and Tolerance and Discrimination Institute (TDI) vs. *Rezonansi* newspaper on the meeting held on 10 May.

The Charter shared opinion of MDF and TDI that the article "Hollywood stars who hate homosexuals" published by *Rezonansi* newspaper on 12 March was in breach of clause 1 (accuracy) and 7 (discrimination).

According to the clause 1 of the charter, a journalists must have respect the right of the public to receive accurate information; while clause 7 states that "the journalist shall be aware of the danger of discrimination being furthered by the media, and shall do the utmost to avoid facilitating such discrimination based on, among other things, race, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinions, and national or social origins".

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**MAIN OBSERVATIONS OF THE WEEK**

The following tendencies have been observed over the period from May 5 to 11:

- Speculative publications concerning the Richard G Lugar laboratory issued by internet portal *Sakinformi* pursued incitement of hatred towards Americans;
- The news about detention of Iraq citizens, accused for attempting juvenile sexual assault, was covered in xenophobic context by print media. While encouraging hatred towards foreigners in general, unconfirmed information about the release of suspects was attributed to the U.S. Embassy in Georgia (*Asaval-Dasavali*). Meanwhile (*Kviris Palitra*) tried to justify the fact of violence;
- Hate speech was used towards LGBT groups (Reso Amashukeli, Poet)
- The topic of Adoption of Anti-discrimination Law remains current in the news, that has sparked dissatisfaction towards the ruling political group. Articles also incite discontent towards the West, as it was considered as the power forcing Georgian Government to adopt the law. Similar discriminatory statements were used towards the members of LGBT society. Anti-discriminatory activities of the Government are perceived to be granting the rights solely to one particular group only. Similar sentiments were shared mostly by the non-Parliamentary opposition (Nino Burjanadze, Jondi Baghaturia, Nino Burjanadze – United Coalition, Kakha Kukava and Tbilisi Mayoral Candidate from New Rights party) Orthodox groups, Media outlets (*Asaval-Dasavali*, *Alia*, *Obiectivi*, *Sakinformi*, *Geworld.ge*) and other respondents;
- Homophobic statements were made from ruling political group (Nukri Kantaria, Georgian Dream) as well as from media (*Asaval-Dasavali*, *Kviris Kronika*, *Sakinformi*, *Geworld.ge*); Orthodox groups and other respondents.

## INCITEMENT OF HATRED

SAKINFORMI, 5 MAY

Online portal re-publishes the speculative article of Arno Khidirbegishvili - editor in chief of *Sakinformi*, titled: "Take-off phase and Richard G Lugar death factory" (August 13, 2012). Apart from spreading incorrect facts, the article incites hatred towards Americans:

**ARNO KHIDIRBEGISHVILI:** "During the USSR several factories and manufacturing plants were being built, but since 2004, Georgia's #1 ally has been providing only arms and military sites on our territory..."

Initially the victims of US-Georgia partnership were Georgian soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. But now, any subversive activity, terroristic act, even a small emergency situation on the manufacturing plant will harm not only population of Georgia, but all countries of the region: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Turkey, Iran and Russia."

[http://sakinform.ge/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=18745:2014-05-05-08-29-42&catid=99:actual1&Itemid=419#ixzz32O08BPcC](http://sakinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18745:2014-05-05-08-29-42&catid=99:actual1&Itemid=419#ixzz32O08BPcC)



**ARNO KHIDIRBEGISHVILI,**  
editor in chief of  
**Sakinformi:**

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## LANGUAGE OF VIOLENCE

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5-11 MAY

**MATE TSIKHESASHVILI, representative of unrecognized government of Inchkeria:**

„The dead do not rise. In this case, the only justice for us can be blood revenge... The process has already started... Those who had to fulfill the instructions of Saakashvili and Merabisvhili, will now hold them responsible for letting them be part of those assassinations."

## HATE SPEECH

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5-11 MAY

**REZO AMASHUKELI, poet:**

"Hereby, I would like restate my faith and my devotion towards Irakli [Gharibashvili] and remind him about the law adopted by his namesake, the great king of Georgia also named "Little Kakhi": "homosexuals, those who are rebellions of lord, unforgivable, loathsome, to be burned in eternal fire. Roosters but still the hens should be punished publicly and die in torture!"

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>



## COVERING CRIMINAL FACTS IN XENOPHOBIC CONTEXT

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5-11 MAY

Title: "Punish Severely!"

**GIORGI GIGAURI, Journalist:**

"Three citizens of Iraq attempted to sexually assault 15 year old boy!..I believe it was a coincidence that, this pedophilic, gay orgy followed the adoption of Antidiscrimination Law. This was the warning from god, saying not to legalize the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah. According to some information, offenders are leaving Georgia without even being punished, since they are protected by the US Embassy... Georgian society should request severe punishment of those pederasts and pedophiles! Government should strictly control every foreigner who crosses the Georgian border, (especially from the Islamic countries) obviously the pederasts and the pedophiles are mostly among them...

And what's most important, this horrible fact proves that, we have to deal with the most impudent and horrid type of creatures, who are already being called as "sexual minority" after requested by the civilized west to be called so.

Moreover, special laws are being introduced for their protection!"

**SOSO JACHVLIANI, Georgian Dream:**

"By the way, the moment we were passionately adopting this law three citizens of Iraq attempted to sexually assault 15 year old boy. My question to the society is – why thousands of people were not gathered to protest this fact that day?"

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

KVIRIS PALITRA, 5-11 MAY

**UTA BITSADZE, Journalist:** (refers to the Indians living in Georgia, who were physically assaulted by local population): "There was an attempt to sexually abuse a child, don't you think it is enough reason for people to be furious?"

**GIORGI IMASASHVILI, residing at #2, Zandukeli str:** „It stinks all around here because of them... nobody dears to say anything, people are afraid that police may catch them and demand to show respect towards the foreigners. Who do you think should I respect? Those, who does not let me sleep at nights, or those who chase children to rape them?"

## ETHNIC SEGREGATION

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5-11 MAY

**TAMAR GAGNIDZE, former employee of The National Archive:** "Their each action [meaning: termination of archive documents] aimed at destroying the documentation related to the collective farm lands, pasture lands and community owned lands. Due to nonexistence of those documents, the lands are now in the hands of Indians, Iranians and Chinese."

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

KAVKASIA, SPEKTRI, 6 May

**GIA MAISASHVILI:** "...those dirty, bare feet people walking around here"[meaning: immigrants in Georgia]

[https://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2328266](https://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2328266)

## RELIGIOUS SEGREGATION

### ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5-11 MAY

**REZO AMASHUKELI, poet:** “Everyone should know that Orthodoxy is the integral part of the Georgian nation and it is the only way to survive biologically. Whenever this shameless Zurabishvili proves that any Georgian can be a Jehovah’s Witness, this will be my answer to her: Let them be, but Orthodoxy is my way of salvation! “

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

### GEWORLD.GE, 7 MAY

**BONDO MDZINARASHVILI, journalist:** “Throughout the hearing process [of the Antidiscrimination Law] There has not been a single comment from the traditional religious minorities such as Muslim, Catholic, Judaist, or Gregorian minorities. I imagine it must be unacceptable for them to be considered in the same context as sexual minorities. Are they more tolerant than we are? I do not think so. It has to be emphasized that Georgia should be protected by Georgians, and it can be protected exclusively by Orthodoxy”

<http://geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5867>

## ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAW: CRITICIZING THE RULING POLITICAL TEAM



### RESONANSI, 7 MAY

**NINO BURJANADZE, Nino Burjanadze – United Opposition:** “As concerned to the propaganda of something unacceptable for us, Georgian people and the country itself should not allow anyone to advocate it.”

[http://www.resonancedaily.com/index.php?id\\_rub=7&id\\_artc=20180](http://www.resonancedaily.com/index.php?id_rub=7&id_artc=20180)

### PRIMETIME, 5 MAY

#### **TENGIZ KITOVANI, former defense minister:**

“I will not allow to adopt the law that will bring disgrace upon Georgia! I will be the first to combat this law; we will enter the Parliament, will beat them all up and will boot them out of the parliament. Nothing can stop me to do it!”

[http://ptpress.ge/index.php?](http://ptpress.ge/index.php?year=2014&magazine_id=381&topic_id=9068#.U3PXX_mSxp4)

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### ALIA, 7 MAY

#### **MIKHEIL ANDGHULADZE, Coalition**

**“Unanimity”:** “This is my fifth child, who aspires to be a Georgian, so how should I treat him? should I say that he does not have a right to protect his nationalism, due to uprising LGBT governance? And the parliament is adopting the law to protect their rights?”

### RESONANSI, 9 MAY

#### **MAMUKA KATSITADZE, New Rights party:**

“The Antidiscrimination Law should not encourage discrimination. While protecting minorities, you have to make sure, that one day they don’t discriminate the majority.”

### OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 10 MAY

#### **BEKA PETRIASHVILI, Burjanadze -**

**United Opposition:** “In that law, the word “sex” was replaced by the word “gender”... which I think may have regrettable outcome. Even the Patriarch said in his preaching, that our Government will badly regret because it has legalized the unlawful.”

[http://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2334072](http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2334072)

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## ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAW: CRITICIZING THE RULING POLITICAL TEAM

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SAKINFORM, 8 MAY

**IOBI AKIASHVILI, Archbishop:** “We will deserve punishment from god if we protect those people with this law... Especially if the sinner is the President, Chairman of the Parliament, Prime Minister or even the church servant (We have seen similar examples in US and Europe, there are gay mayors in big and small cities and they even don't tend to hide it).”

[http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=18805:2014-05-08-09-16-13&catid=109:arno&Itemid=538#ixzz31aDt49PP](http://saqinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18805:2014-05-08-09-16-13&catid=109:arno&Itemid=538#ixzz31aDt49PP)

ALIA, 9-21 MAY

**SPIRIDON ABULADZE, Archbishop:** “What are they thinking about when they come and propagate homosexuality and the sin of Sodom? Are not they even worse than Rukhnaddin or group of demons?.. They come here; they finance Georgia and then force people to become homosexuals. In case you don't turn into a shameless and sinful homosexual, they threaten not to give any more grants. Are we the offenders after all?”

ALIA, 6 MAY

The photo - combination of three fingers is placed on the cover page of the newspaper with the following description: Election promise of the “Georgian Dream” was: “To revive justice Together”; Georgian Dream has lied to you!” The text refers to the adoption process of antidiscrimination law.

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**DITO CHUBINIDZE, Journalist:** „If Georgian land is still on sale, if a peasant from Kakheti is crying again and if we have to sing welcoming chants to LGBT genderless society, what was the point of changing the government at all? “

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

KVIRIS KRONIKA, 5 – 11 MAY

**GIORGI POPKHADZE, Journalist:** „It was Soso Jachvliani [GD MP] who introduced the term -“back givers”. Wasn't he the one, who fought tirelessly against the pederasts?! Is not discriminated Georgia entering Europe with its ass? I am asking the political majority: don't you remember yourselves lecturing us about Misha Saakashvili and accusing him of gathering “back givers” and homosexuals around us!”

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**JABA KHUBUA, journalist:** “Yes, Georgian people elected “Georgian Dream” for

saving their national identity, but not for legalizing gender identities!”

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**TITLE** “How can Irakli Gharibashvili calm down the public, which is furious about his government, or what can he do to ease the tension connected to the adoption of pro-homosexual law?”

**JABA KHUBUA, journalist:**

„All the big figures of Saakashvili rule, such as Giga Bokeria, Giorgi Baramidze and Givi Targamadze should be arrested... May be this way Georgian people will forget for a while, that Georgian Government has condemned the will of the church and the Patriarch. They have imposed the law praising sins of Sodom and Gomorrah to the country that was chosen by Mother of God!”

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

## ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAW: CRITICIZING THE RULING POLITICAL TEAM

KAVKASIA TV, TODAY, 5 MAY

**KAKHA KUKAVA, Tbilisi Mayoral Candidate from New Rights party:** “If the Parliament proceeds with the same discourse, and no changes are made to the law, I am sure that this 16% [from the NDI research] will grow farther. Especially, given the senseless rhetoric of Gharibashvili and Tsulukiani saying that Europe requests legalization of homosexuals.”

[http://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2330833](http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2330833)

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**DITO CHUBINIDZE, Journalist:** “Every day, every moment and in every second Georgia is loosing the God-given lands!.. Meantime, we hold foolishly harsh discussions in Georgian Parliament concerning the so-called Antidiscrimination Law. Our dear Parliamentarians, under the influence of European colleagues, are cooking up various terms and contexts for the sake of saving the dirty backs of the pederasts, lesbians and transsexuals...”

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<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

ASAVAL-DASAVALI,  
5 – 11 MAY

**NONA BENDELIANI, Journalist:** “Mr. Tengiz [referring to Tengiz Kitovani] do you think Zviad Gamsakhurdia would ever legalize such depravity?”

**TENGIZ KITOVANI, Former Defense minister:** „If Zviad was around, no one would have dared to even speak of homosexuality, not to mention to legalize it!“

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

GEWORLD.GE 7 MAY

**BONDO MDZINARASHVILI, Journalist at “Obieqtivi”:** “Georgian officials stand against the ocean breath of Washington with their heated foreheads (and not only!) and they don’t listen

to the shepherd of the nation!“

<http://geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5867>

GEWORLD.GE, 8 MAY

**VAJA OTARASHVILI, Alliance of Patriots:** “If he needs it so badly, let Usupashvili give us an example publicly by marrying his boy to a boy and marrying his daughter to a girl. All 112 members of parliament, who vote for the law, could do the same. This parliament has betrayed us and I am ashamed of it.”

<http://geworld.net/View.php?ArtId=5870&lang=ge&Title=vaja+oTaraSvili++%C2%ABdidma+reJisorma%C2%BB+biZina+ivaniSvilma+xalxs+pirSi+Cala+gamoavlo!>

KVIRIS PALITRA, 5-11 MAY

**KAKHI KAKHISHVILI, experts:**

“In those countries where unisex marriage is already legalized it was generated

exactly by adoption of anti-discrimination law. If they keep on propagating their style of life, most probably it will provoke with violence from certain parts of the society. “

OBIEQTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 7 MAY

**DAVID TARKHAN-MOURAVI, Alliance of Patriots:**

“Those people, groups and organizations go to every country with the mask of the victim, they complain about how oppressed they are by us and demand to adopt certain laws... this is the most large-scale psychological attack in the history of the mankind.”

<http://obieqtivi.net/tv1.php?id=16850>



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## ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAW: ANTI WESTERN SENTIMENTS

OBIEKTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 5 MAY

**SOSO MANJAVIDZE, Alliance of Patriots:** “There is a very strong lobby from the West that forces Georgian law makers to make the most unpopular decisions.”

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**NIKOLOZ CHKHIKVADZE, priest:** “We allow some Füle to deceive our Patriarch. Apparently, his words have stronger authority on our parliamentarians than the wish of the Patriarch“

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**QRISTEPHORE TSAMALADZE, Archbishop:** “...What do you think you are doing, you brainwashed Georgians? You betray your Lord, in order to treat the West.”

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**GIORGI GIGAURI, Journalist:** “Why Georgian “Liberast” Republicans and their supporters from National movement hide behind the back of the European Union? Association agreement has been signed by nearly 90 countries already, but none of them were requested to legalize the pederasts.”

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**Title:** “The Pederasts are coming!”

**DIMITRY CHUBINIDZE, journalist:**

“This God-given land is attacked by tanks from furious Russia and by bottoms from the disgraceful West, pardon me for this expression!”

Georgia is stuck between two disasters today; one has the smell of fire and gunpowder, another smells like stinking transsexuals, homosexual and transvestites.”

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

KVIRIS KRONIKA, 5-11 MAY

**GIORGI POPHKHADZE, Journalist:** “...we have opened the gate to Europe with our bottom; we have even succeeded greatly and have gone too far, we are almost there! We go with our bottom and in backward motion.”

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**TENGIZ KITOVANI, Former Defense Minister:** „If we have a choice, we should choose the Russian orientation, rather than nontraditional orientation!... we have been striving towards them for ten years and only thing we get is depravity, wickedness and abuse of our religion and traditions.”

<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

ALIA, 8 MAY

**JONDI BAGHATURIA, Georgian Troupe:** “They are puppets, they are instructed from abroad. They are more accountable to their foreign partners, than to people who have elected them and harshly protest the adoption of this law.“

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## ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAW: ANTI WESTERN SENTIMENTS

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GEWORLD.GE, 8 MAY

**VAJA OTARASHVILI, Alliance of partners:** “We don’t need Europe that promotes the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah. I prefer to let the country be destroyed to the ground zero, rather than hand it to lesbians and pederasts.”

<http://geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5870>

GEWORLD.GE, 8 MAY

**GIA KORKOTASHVILI, Radio host:** “... It is fine for me to be part of Russia if I may be sure, that they do not legalize incest and normal citizens are not oppressed by gays. They are trying to frighten us with this message - If you do not want to be part of Russia, you will have to stick to the pedophiles, pederasts and incest propagators. Who is going to fall for that?!”

<http://www.geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5871>

## ANTIDISCRIMINATIVE LAW: HOMOPHOBIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

OBIJEKTIVI, NIGHTS STUDIO, 5 MAY

**NUKRI KANTARIA, Georgian Dream:** “For me, personally, this is obviously abnormal. It is definitely a sin from religious point of view, but it is also against the nature...”

**NINO RATISHVILI, TV host:** “This group is also divided into two categories: anomalies and the immoral people...”



**NUKRI KANTARIA, Member of Parliament:** “Let me state one more time, certainly it is abnormal, but I am not afraid at all, that it may develop the way some of us think. There were fears that unisex marriage will be legalized. Nothing like that will ever happen... none of us will allow this to happen...”

[https://www.myvideo.ge/?video\\_id=2328210](https://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2328210)

SAKINFORMI, 7 MAY

“This is to remind our readers, that this new law implies exclusive protection of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender. From now on they will have a legal right to propagate their evil sexual orientation”.

[http://sakinform.ge/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=18783:2014-05-07-09-06-54&catid=102:samartali&Itemid=473#ixzz31UwpOHi2](http://sakinform.ge/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=18783:2014-05-07-09-06-54&catid=102:samartali&Itemid=473#ixzz31UwpOHi2)

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GEWORLD.GE, 7 MAY

**BONDO MDZINARASHVILI, *OBIEKTIVI* journalist:** “Another danger that can be predicted is the clashes in the streets between “emotional romantics” –who think that they belong to a certain gender and the rest of the normal people. There might be clashes in the public spaces and later in the courts too.

Legalization of “sexual identity” or “sexual orientation” will cause much more problems later, when this abnormality settles in and little by little becomes a natural occurrence. There is no-body running after them in the streets with stones now.”

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**ZAZA DAVITAIA, journalist:** “Mrs. Nana, the line between minority rights and the immorality is fading away...”  
<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

KVIRIS QRONIKA, 5-11 MAY

**GIORGI SHENGELAIA, movie director:** “Here we are, dealing with homosexuals and people with anomalies. Man and women can have this kind of disease... I think members of LGBT society are ill, nature creates healthy and ill human beings.”

**GELA ZEDELASHVILI, journalist:** “Mr. Giorgi, none of the laws imply that they are ill, or in need of our protection. It is already accepted as a normal phenomenon and is even being propagated... Whatever you have underlined in your speech, exactly the same is written in the decree of Ruis-Urbnisi church assembly – they are ill...”

ALIA, 9-12 MAY

**GIORGI RAZMADZE, deacon:** “... when a men calls himself a woman, we have to medicate him, rather than protect his rights.”

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**CHRISTEPHORE TSAMALAI DZE, Metropolitan bishop:** “This is what Holly Bible says about homosexuals: they are full of evil, injustice, malice, arrogance, envy and death, hostility and immorality, they are evil-speaking and godless...they all know about the justice of god - that they deserve death...”

They want to be in majority, as it was in Sodom, is that what they want? Do you know what happens after they are in majority? – they start raping others.”  
<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

REPORTIORI, 5 MAY

**ARCHIL CHKHIDZE, The Eurasian choice:** “We request to punish each propagator of homosexuality under the criminal law. It is going to rotten our youth. Homosexuality and its advocacy is even bigger sin than drug addict is.”  
<http://www.reportiori.ge/?menuid=3&id=25369>

KAVKASIA, TODAY, 6 May

**GULBAAT RTSKHLADZE, head of Eurazia Institute:** “We are not financing anything, who can we finance. I don't understand. I know that the priesthood protests this evil phenomenon...Georgia without LGBTs. We normally support their actions, but we are not involved, we are busy with other matters. “

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## ANTIDISCRIMINATIVE LAW: HOMOPHOBIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEWORLD.GE, 8 MAY

**GIA KORKOTASHVILI, Radio host:** “They can open a gay school, If they want, and it will be lustrated. Why should we allow one dirty pig infect thousands others. How can we allow a person obsessed with immoral thoughts, work in the society, were we nourish new and healthy generation?.. People, we can let those ill people live in our country, but we cannot set them in an equal position to other normal people. Leave them alone and let them be in their circle. Whenever we notice that they propagate their lifestyle, we have to intervene immediately. Any promotion of their lifestyle should be treated in the frames of criminal justice.

... We don't want a civilized country, for which we have to pay with our own bottom!”

<http://www.geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=5871>

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 5 – 11 MAY

**VALERI GELBAKHIANI, former member of the parliament:** “If someone is a homosexual, does it mean he can have more advantages then I have?”

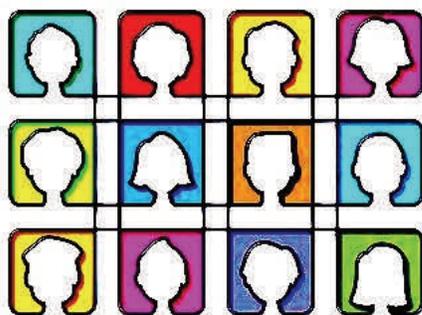
<http://www.asavali.ge/archive/asdas/2014/1019.html>

ALIA, 7 MAY

**MIKHEIL ANDGULADZE, Coalition Unanimity:** “Those miserable people have always been around us. We have been tolerant towards them, but they have never dared to show up, come out and manifest.”

## GENDER STEREOTYPES

RESONANSI, 9 MAY



**GIORGI LAZASHVILI, respondent:**

“A girl should look after herself, but is not mandatory for a boy...”

...I want to have a slim and beautiful woman beside me. It is not nice when a woman is overweight. Woman are created to be jewels of this world, but men do not share this responsibility.”