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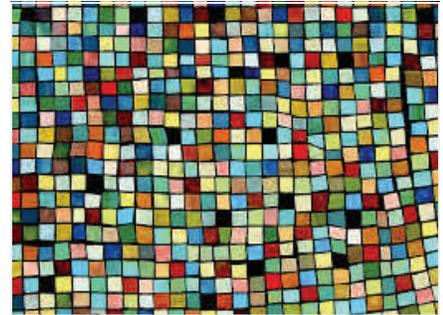
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OBSERVATIONS OF THE WEEK

The following tendencies have been noted during the period of 5-12 October:

- A protest rally by the eco-migrants in Tsalka was reported in the context of social grievances against the government by the Public Broadcaster and Rustavi 2. At the same time, taking into consideration that the respondents in the story were mentioning the Tsalka Greeks, at whose homes they had been temporarily settled, it was necessary for the media to seek their comments too in order to bring more clarity by presenting the background of this controversial issue;
- Numerous instances of Turkophobic sentiments have been noted again;
- Religious discrimination was expressed by both the respondent (Rezo Amashukeli, poet), and media (Obiektivi), with the journalist asking a respondent to speak about his religious beliefs publicly and unfoundedly using the term “sectarian” towards him;
- Anti-Western sentiments were mostly connected to the Council of Europe resolution and the issues it highlighted – people arrested due to political motives and ratification of the regional languages charter.
- Hate speech and calls for violence have been directed against the National Movement again;

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HATE SPEECH

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 6-12 OCTOBER

GIORGI RAZMADZE, priest: "They [the Nationals] are not people, they are a sect, a grouping which serves the Satan directly."

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 6-12 OCTOBER

REZO AMASHUKELI, poet: "... He [Giga Bokeria] must be crushed like a snake's head!.. Before you [Roland Akhalaia] saw anything I had been grown in the street, I have seen everything, and I will shoot the head off your family!"

When I saw a pig's head attached to the door of a mosque in Kobuleti, I thought they must had butchered Nugzar Tsiklauri [MP from UNM]!"

DITO CHUBINIDZE, journalist: "How long must it take for the state to deal with this dangerous political sect?"



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CALL FOR VIOLENCE

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 6-12 OCTOBER

LIA KRIALASHVILI, sister of Gia Krialashvili: "One must tear not just an ear but the whole face of these bastards [the National Movement]. The people will not rest until each and every National goes to jail!"

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 6-12 OCTOBER

GIA KORKOTASHVILI, TV and radio anchor: "Put an end to this abomination, if we don't show their place to all of them [the Nationals], the situation will turn into uncontrolled processes and we, the people, will lynch the criminals!"

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 6-12 OCTOBER

SOSO MAISASHVILI, reader of *Asaval-Dasavali* newspaper: "...if the revelry of the National continues, the people are so angry that they will launch the process of restoring justice themselves! By lynching! "

GEWORLD.GE , 8 OCTOBER

EIIZBAR JAVELIDZE, People's Assembly: "They should be careful, otherwise the people are so angry they will rush into the Parliament and kick them out with broomsticks and twigs. What criminals [the Nationals] are doing in the Parliament?!"

<http://www.geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=6205>

XENOPHOBIA

GEWORLD.GE, 8 OCTOBER

KETI KRIALASHVILI, Economic Policy Experts Center: "If the state is afraid that the foreigners will buy the lands, if we face the threat of Turkization in Adjara, then let us give agricultural lands to the Georgian citizens for free and let the peasants work on them. Thus no land will be left to sell to the foreigners .“

<http://www.geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=6206>

GEWORLD.GE, 8 OCTOBER

BERTA KHAPAVA, actor: "They [the Turks] have overrun us! I was in Batumi this summer and it was crazy – when I went to the beach I thought I were in Turkey... If we don't solve this problem timely, Wahhabism is unavoidable! When I go to Marjanishvili theater, I think myself in an Istanbul street, so many Turks there are. The-

have bought and acquired all of that district.“

<http://www.geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=6208&>

PUBLIC BROADCASTER, THE FIRST STUDIO, 10 OCTOBER

AIDOENCE MEMBER : "Is not Turkey an occupier?.. There are kilometers of former Georgia. So what if it was 300 years ago?"

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2429090

KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 6-12 OCTOBER

GIORGI JIKIASHVILI, journalist:

"Let's imagine what may separatists like Vahagan Chakhalian, the enemies of the Georgian state, do, when they see this text [in the Council of Europe resolution, regarding the status of regional languages]?! Or what kind of motivation this will be for the Adjara Muslims, for whom more than 300 mosques is not enough and who demand construction of new ones?!"

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UNFOUNDED REFERENCES REGARDING ETHNICITY

INTERPRESSNEWS, 8 OCTOBER

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<http://bit.ly/1EcVCki>

PIRVELI, 8 OCTOBER

"An ethnic Azeri minor was kidnapped by her relative with the goal of marrying her."

RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

ASAVAL-DASAVALI, 6-12 OCTOBER

REZO AMASHUKELI, poet: "Yes, they prepared Bokerias, Ramishvilis and Tevzadzes as their landing troops, they sent them here, after which Baptists, Jehovah Witnesses, Pentecostals appeared here... Once the idiot father of this squint Giga Bokeria told me – “why cannot a Georgian be Jehovah’s Witness?” He cannot, because Orthodox Christianity saved us!"

OBIEQTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 12 OCTOBER

During the interview the journalist violates the respondent’s private space and the respondent to indicate religious identity.

BONDO MDZINARASHVILI, anchor: "...To which church do you belong? Are you an Orthodox? A Catholic? A Gregorian? A Muslim? A Judaist? A Baptist? An Evangelist? I don’t know, are you a Pentecostal? An Adventist? A Jehovah’s Witness? Who are you?"

TV VIEWER: "I am a Christian..."
[after the end of the viewer’s call]

BONDO MDZINARASHVILI, anchor: "Mr. Zurab, known for his theological exploits, is a representative of a well-known sect. I wanted him to say this. I am not sure, he is a Baptist or an Evangelist..."

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2428049

ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENTS

OBIEQTIVI, NIGHT STUDIO, 6 OCTOBER

JONDI BAGHATURIA, Burjanadze – United Opposition: „What if an American congressman tells something to an American court... That’s it, the elder-brother recommendations and so on, this is very irritating.“ [about the Council of Europe resolution].

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2423806

KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 6-12 OCTOBER

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ASAVAL-DASAVALI,
6-12 OCTOBER

GIGLA BARAMIDZE,
Burjanadze – United Op-
position: "They are laughing at us [about the Council of Europe] and name as a fifth-rate country. They made us adopt anti-discrimination law and still criticize our tolerance... Now they will probably demand that we change the name of Georgia!"

ALIA, 7 OCTOBER

ZHANA ASANIDZE,
journalist: "[about concerns in the Council of Europe resolution regarding the LGBT issues] You once told me in an interview that there is one step from the anti-discrimination law to the demands for the same-sex marriage. What do you think about this text?"

GIORGI RAZMADZE,
deacon: Europe will not stop at this, it was their initiative to do everything to please the Europeans... That is how Europe is, the more you yield, the more they want from you.

ZHANA ASANIDZE,
journalist: The homeland is divided, they took our territories, we know what they did with the religion by equalizing all the faiths with the Orthodox Christianity, now the language is threatened too, since the Council of Europe demands to give the status to the regional languages.

GIORGI RAZMADZE,
deacon: "Now they will give status to the regional languages, they will linguistically equalize Armenian and Azeri. This is totally unacceptable..."

We must not agree with the Europeans on everything, on the contrary, we must enter the European family without mixing our values...

They made us sell a lot of land to Armenians.

I see the danger that the time will come in Georgia when even talking in Georgian will be prohibited or limited. Your remember, there was a time when preaching in Georgian was prohibited, probably the same kind of

time will come again, and English or Singaporean will be the language of preaching...

Who will oppose it, since our father Europe demands this, they must adopt this law, otherwise they will threaten them with putting the nationals back to government. "

ALIA, 7 OCTOBER

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sition: "I am sure, such initiatives of the Council of Europe and the West [ratification of the regional languages charter] are directed to the disintegration of our country... I believe this law is treacherous. What is going on in Ukraine? There is discussion in the regional context and there is the disintegration process."

KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 6-
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ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENTS

Georgia and the Georgian people this is the common plan by the occultists, antichrists sitting in the European parliament, and their Georgian allies - the "Nationals sect". This plan aims at the degradation and destruction of Georgia. The main thing is that the leaders of this plan are tolerated by the government today..."

ASAVAL-DASAVALI,
6-12 OCTOBER

REZO AMASHUKELI, poet: "They [the Nationals] have a half of the European Parliament in their pockets!.. Nobody can persuade me that 80% of the Council of Europe members are not corrupt and stained by money!"

ASAVAL-DASAVALI,
6-12 OCTOBER

GIA KORKOTASHVILI, TV and radio anchor: "I have bad opinion about Europe lately. They need slaves and globalists."

PIRVELI, 8 OCTOBER

ROBERT STURUA, director: „The tape with men being raped in prison has been multiplied by the Europe’s emissaries, who watch it at night delightfully before falling asleep.“

<http://bit.ly/1pgNEnj>

KVIRIS CHRONIKA,
6-12 OCTOBER

LEVAN CHACHUA, Georgian Idea: "... These organization [Free Zone, NGO affiliated with UNM] are 100% financed from America and they tell us all the time what is being dictated from there... The West has encouraged these people, who just want for the unrest to begin in the country and what we see now is he direct result of this."

GEWORLD.GE, 8 OCTOBER

YAKOB LEZHAVA, journalist: „When America and EU called atrocity a democracy, and now they are defending the criminals, rudely intervening in Georgia’s internal affairs – they tell us by surnames, who to arrest and who to set free.“

<http://www.geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=6209>

ASAVAL-DASAVALI,
6-12 OCTOBER

HAMLET CHIPASHVILI, political observer: "US caused great chaos and conflict in Ukraine, and not only, by resurging Ukrainian fascism. This chaos (fascism) will move to Europe and after 70 years since the victory over fascism, dishonorable Europe castrated by the Americans will see the resurgence of fascism."

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ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENTS

GEWORLD.GE, 9 OCTOBER

HEADLINE: „The Western crusade against the Orthodox civilization continues“

GULBAAT RTSKHILADZE, Eurasia Institute: „From the beginning Maidan had an obvious anti-Russian character, while in its core were residents of the Western provinces of Ukraine, mostly not Orthodox people...

Universal weapons of the Western “democracy”: slander and lies...

We should see the Malaysian airplane, which fell in the Eastern Ukraine on 17 July, in the area of military conflict, killing 298 people, in the context of the Western false and slanderous propaganda.“

<http://www.geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=6214>

PUBLIC BROADCASTER, THE FIRST STUDIO, 10 OCTOBER

AUDIENCE MEMBER: "After the August War happened and the Georgian people saw what is the cost of NATO... those who still had any hope have now seen in Ukraine how NATO, EU and US helped the disintegration of the country."

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2429085

PUBLIC BROADCASTER, THE FIRST STUDIO, 10 OCTOBER

AUDIENCE MEMBER: "NATO will never make Georgia its member state, because it is manipulating Georgia, just like it is manipulating Ukraine... Not only Russia is an empire and the one wanting the small countries to be slaves. United States is also like this, let's recall the recent history."

http://www.myvideo.ge/?video_id=2429104

GEWORLD.GE, 8 OCTOBER

ALEXANDER CHACHIA, political observer living in Russia: "In America the capital turns clowns into presidents..."

Degradation of leaders causes degradation on political elites. The Americans themselves called President Bush, Defense Secretary Rumsfeld Vice President Cheney the stupidest persons in the country... Look at the terrible disgusting women representing the present foreign policy of the US... Look, what an intellectual poverty. But all this is dangerous rather than funny. The present leadership of the US is just like a monkey with a grenade in his hands.“

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ANTI-WESTERN SENTIMENTS

GEWORLD.GE, 9 OCTOBER

ARMAZ SANEBLIDZE, journalist: „Under the cover of defending human rights they kill the human and turn him into a sexless creature - antihuman...
Against the God's home – the Church they are building antichurch, which unites the community of pervert ones...

America is currently demanding legalization of 30 types of marriages ...

The new document of the gender inquisition is prepared by the European Parliament committee for the women's rights and gender equality. Besides prohibiting popularization of traditional family in the children's books, the European feminists demand changes in the EU legislation in order to correct women's face."

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KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 6-12 OCTOBER

GIORGI JIKIASHVILI, journalist: "This Europe is not just a hole, from which shit and bad smell come, this is a tunnel, in the end of which we will never see light!"

GEWORLD.GE, 9 OCTOBER

NIKA GELASHVILI, journalist: "European Themis, it seems, has memory problems, to say nothing about problems with hearing and seeing.

How otherwise can be explained that besides the “Serb criminals” don't sit those who have murdered millions of people? And these people are the highest leaders of NATO who have started several bloody conflicts during the last 20 years, calling these conflicts “peacekeeping operations”.

<http://geworld.ge/View.php?ArtId=6215&lang=ge>

HOMOPHOBIA

GEWORLD.GE 9, OCTOBER

ARMAZ SANEBLIDZE, journalist: "The sodomite mafia gives its activities divine character and is forming a religious community. It is acting by Satanic logic and is consistently secretly changing the principles of the essence of truth and the understanding of values...

But, the more “tolerant” society becomes towards the sodomites, the more aggressive they become towards it. They are violent."

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KVIRIS CHRONIKA, 6-12 OCTOBER

GELA ZEDELASHVILI, journalist: "Are you a rat and a pederast? Call another person a rat and a pederast!"