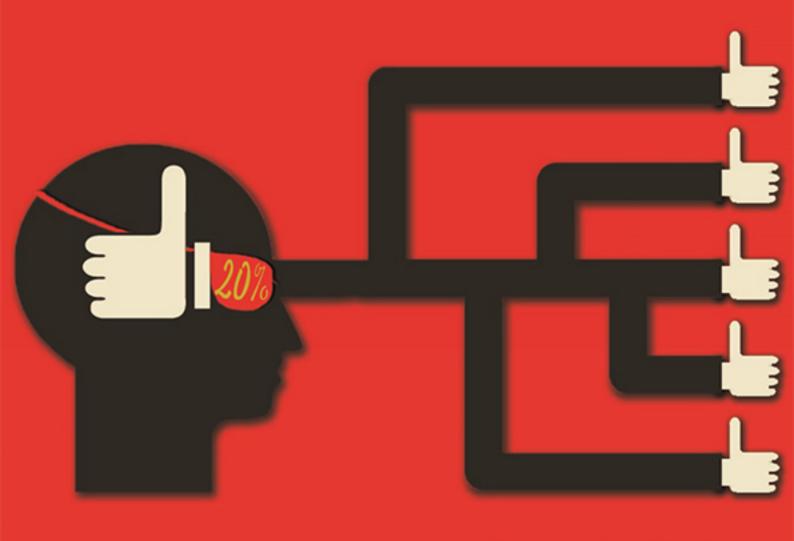
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### INTRODUCTION

The appearance of Russian State Duma MP from the Communist Party, Sergei Gavrilov in the Georgian Parliament Speaker's seat during the session of the Inter-parliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (IAO) on June 20, 2019 sparked protest among the parliamentary opposition and Georgian citizens, who started gathering outside the Parliament building. The anti-occupation rally dubbed "It's a Shame!" has acquired a permanent nature after police violently dispersed the protesters on the first day of protest. The protesters are now demanding resignation of Interior Minister Giorgi Gakharia citing violent dispersal of the June 20 rally as the reason.

A campaign discrediting the protest rallies has been unleashed in social networks with an active involvement of pro-government, as well as pro-Russian and hate group trolls and Facebook pages.

The present report identifies government, pro-Russian and hate group trolls and focuses on the compliance of their messages and different tactics. In its future report (Part II), the Media Development Foundation will review the results of monitoring of the same groups' Facebook pages.

Monitoring of Facebook trolls was conducted in a period between June 20 and July 15 and it also covered other developments related to the anti-occupation protests during the same period.

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### **KEY FINDINGS**

### The monitoring has revealed the following tendency:

- The monitoring has revealed a total of 39 trolls with 32 being government trolls and 7 representing pro-Russian and hate groups.
- 18 out of 32 government trolls are stealing the identities of others, and 14 are hiding their own identities. The majority of trolls are using the profiles from Russian social network VKontakte. Moreover, besides Russia, authentic profiles belong to the residents of Israel, Poland, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Belarus and Egypt. In some cases, trolls are publishing their posts using the identities of actors and singers.
- 16 out of 32 trolls have liked the Facebook pages of various election precincts in Khulo and Zugdidi.
   Amateur videos recorded in the election precincts and on adjacent territories during the May 19, 2019 by-elections in Khulo and Zugdidi have been uploaded on these pages. It is stated in some videos that they have been recorded by Imedi TV stringers.
- Besides the election-related pages, government trolls have mainly liked Facebook pages supporting the ruling Georgian Dream party, as well as the pages created to discredit the opposition United National Movement, such as "ერთიანი პროვოკაციული მოძრაობა" (United Provocation Movement), "ამხილე" (Disclose), "ნაცი კლავას" (Natsi [referring to a member of the National Movement] Kills), "ტერენტი გლდანელი" (Terenti of Gldani), "ზუგდიდს ნაცების არ სჯერა" (Zugdidi does not believe in Natsis), etc.
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  by the GD government, especially the Interior Minister, or leaving supportive comments on the news
  and posts related to them.
- Government trolls, as well as pro-Russian and hate group trolls were trying to portray anti-occupation
  protest as a pride parade and a gay revolution, associating it with the National Movement and liberal
  groups, along with LGBT community, in a negative context.
- Trolls from the both groups have similar positions in terms of sowing fear of war with Russia and imposing economic sanctions against Georgia that have further aggravated after Rustavi 2 TV host, Giorgi Gabunia insulted the Russian President using swear words.
- Government trolls were mainly focusing on portrayal of the anti-occupation protest as a coup attempt, a revolution, as well as on the comments supporting Minister Giorgi Gakharia through manipulating with Christianity (you, who are Christians, support him) and creating a homophobic context (liberals do not like Gakharia, because he protects us against depravity).
- Besides Rustavi 2 TV, government trolls were also targeting TV Pirveli and Radio Liberty.
- As of July 15, 29 out of 31 government trolls identified by the Media Development Foundation in connection with the TBC Bank case, Pankisi developments and a campaign against nongovernmental organizations and critical media have be deactivated.

### I. TROLLS

A troll is a person who acts online without revealing a true identity in order to obstruct healthy discussions between users on various websites, forums and social networks. Concealing a true identity is the main and most important characteristic of a troll. Trolls create fake online profiles, providing either no information about themselves, or false information, involving fake photos, contact information, information about education or workplace, hobbies and interests.

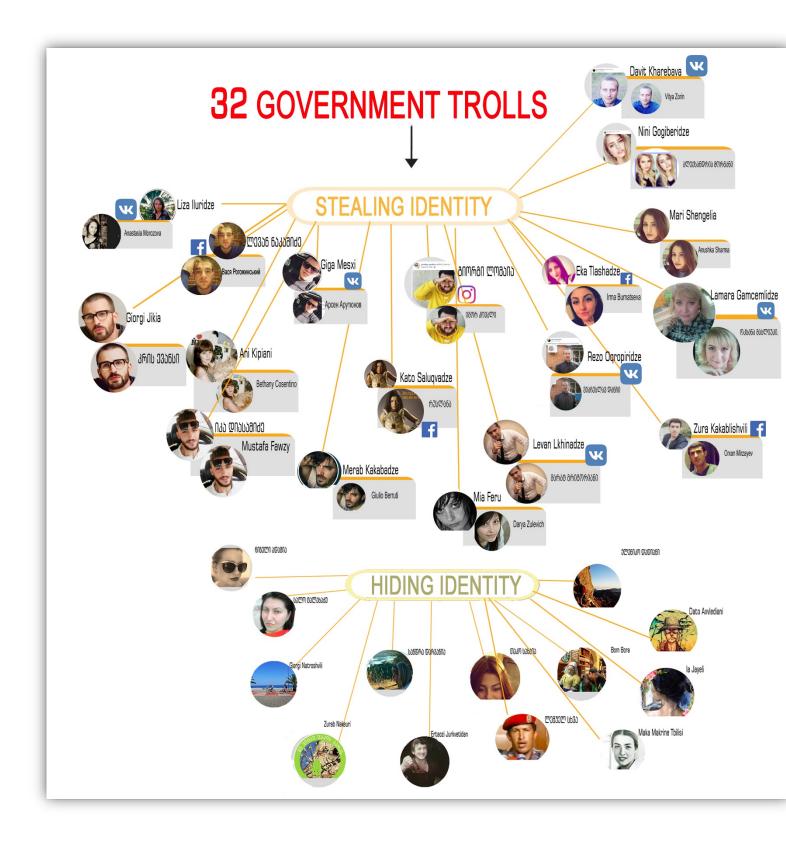
Facebook monitoring in connection with the anti-occupation rallies has revealed government trolls, on the one hand, and pro-Russian and hate group trolls, on the other.

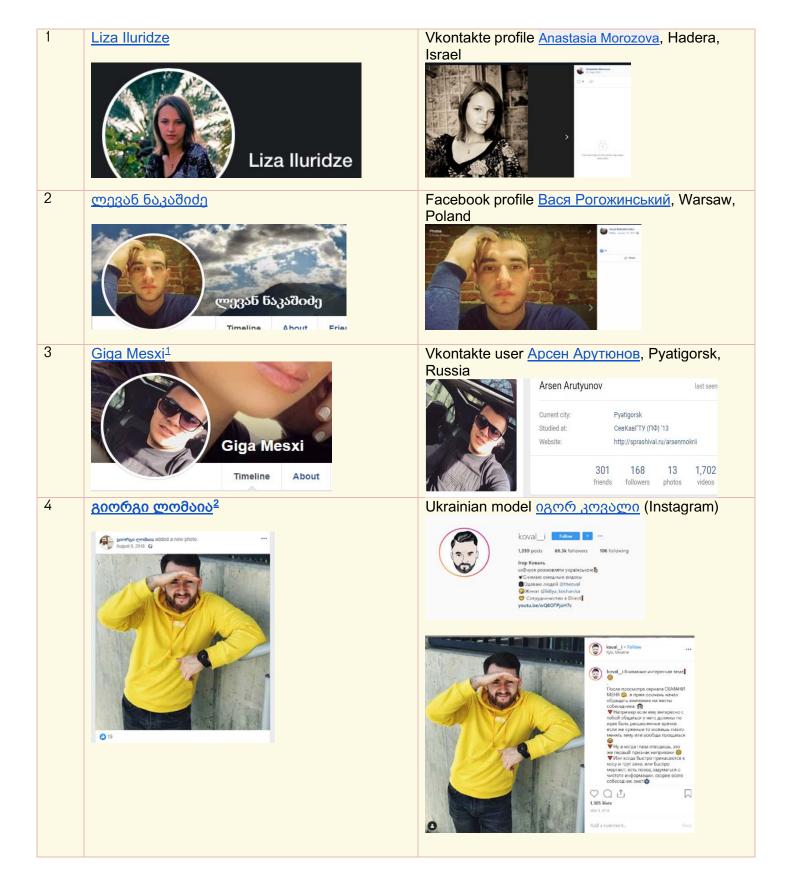
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### 1.1. GOVERNMENT TROLLS

18 out of 32 government trolls are stealing others' identities and 14 are hiding their own identities. Moreover, a great part of trolls are very active, writing aggressive posts on Facebook; others are passive and only leave pro-governmental comments on separate posts.

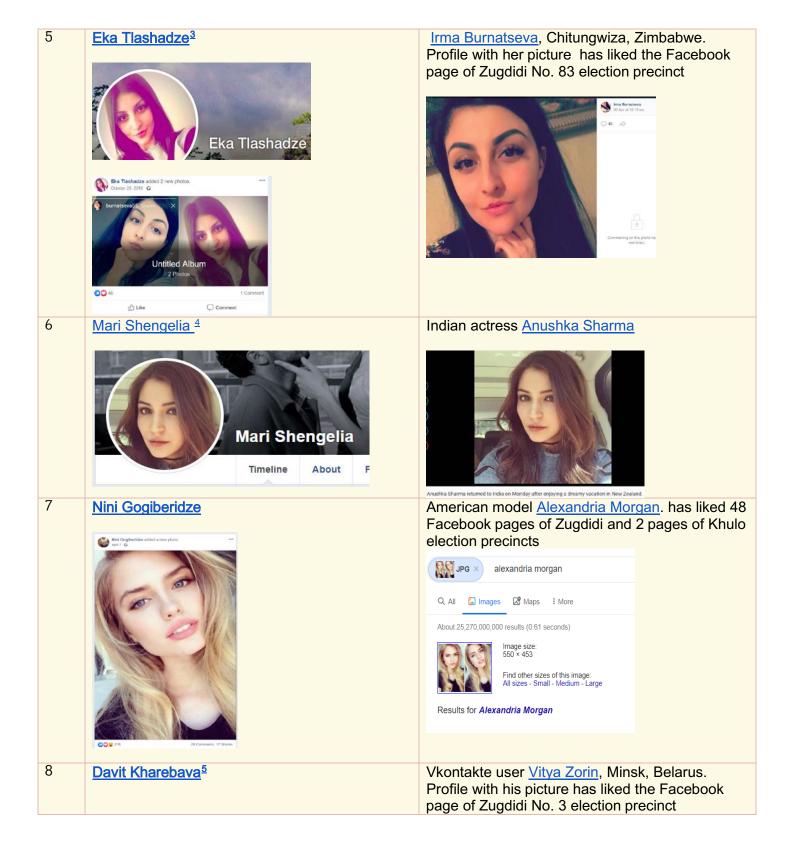
**Note**: After publishing Georgian version of the report on July 15, 16 out 32 government trolls deactivated their profiles as for July 17.





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9 Giorgi Jikia



American actor Chris Evans. Profile with his picture has liked the pages supporting Bera, Bidzina Ivanishvili, as well as 20 Facebook pages of Zugdidi election precincts.



10 იკა დიასამიძე



Facebook user <u>Mustafa Fawzy</u> from Egypt. Profile with his picture has liked 37 pages of Zugdidi election precincts, as well as the pages supporting the Georgian Dream party and discrediting the National Movement (Zugdidi does not believe in Natsis, I Remember and others).







Rezo Ogropiridze<sup>7</sup>

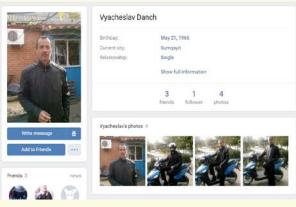


Ukrainian singer Ruslana; Profile with her picture has liked 29 Facebook pages of Zugdidi and 2 pages of Khulo election precincts



Vkontakte user <u>ვიაჩესლავ დანჩი</u>, Sumqayit, Azerbaijan; Profile with his picture has liked 13 Facebook pages of Zugdidi election precincts





13 Ani Kipiani<sup>8</sup>

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Member of an American band <u>Best Coast</u> Bethany Cosentino



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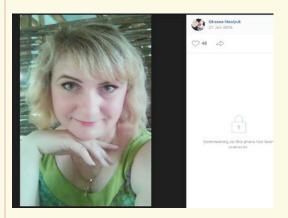
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\_Vkontakte user <u>Oksana Maslyuk</u>. Profile with her photo has liked 27 Facebook pages of Zugdidi election precincts



15 Levan Lkhinadze<sup>10</sup>



Vkontakte user Marat Grigorya, Kapan, Armenia. Profile with his picture has liked 2 Facebook pages of Khulo election precincts



16 Merab Kakabadze



Italian actor <u>Giulio Berruti</u>. Profile with his picture has liked 48 Facebook pages of Zugdidi and 2 pages of Khulo election precincts

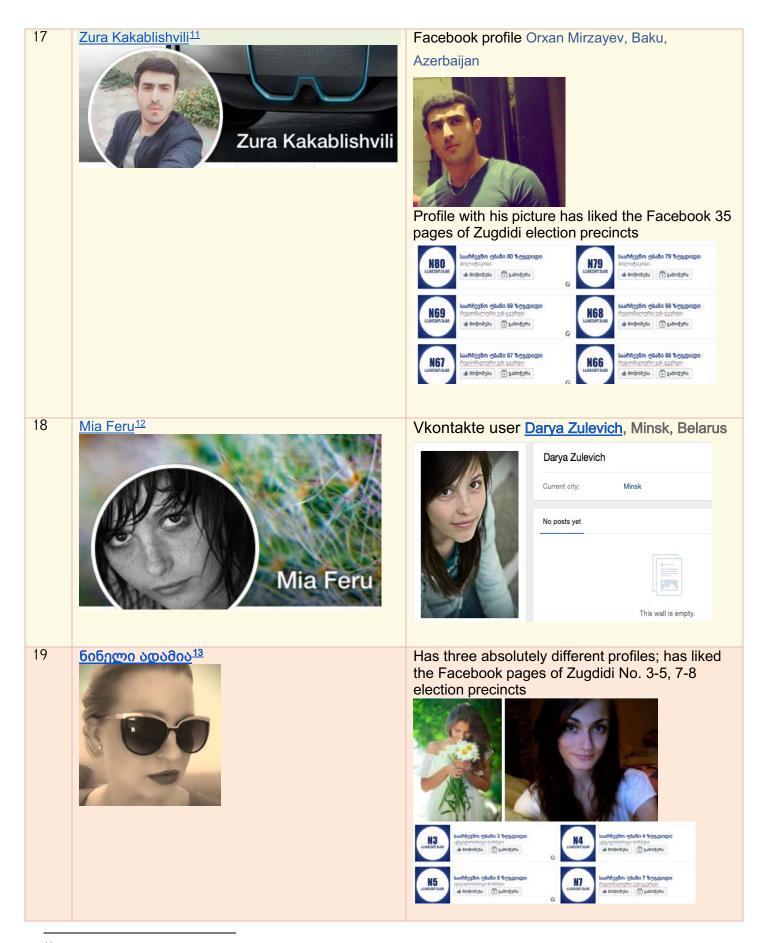






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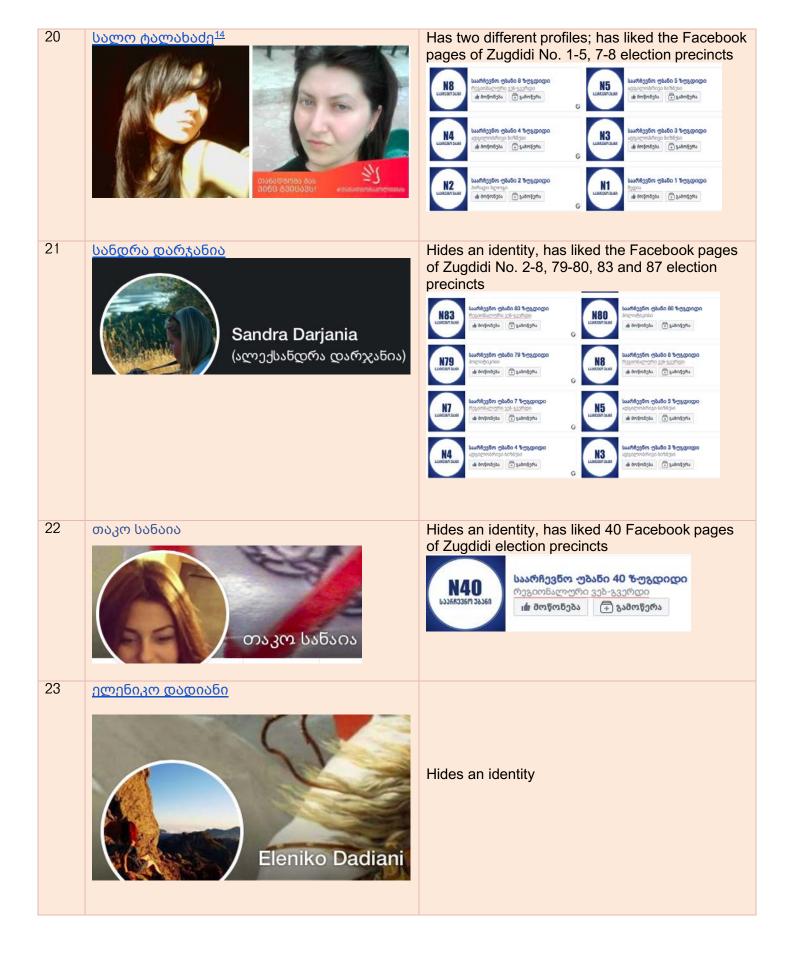
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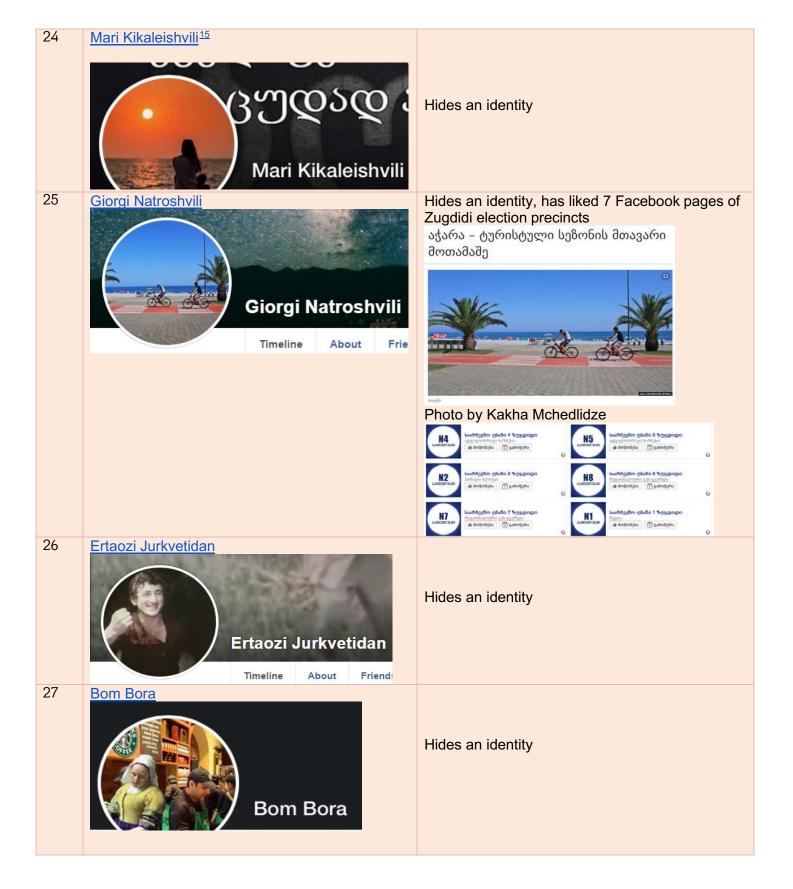
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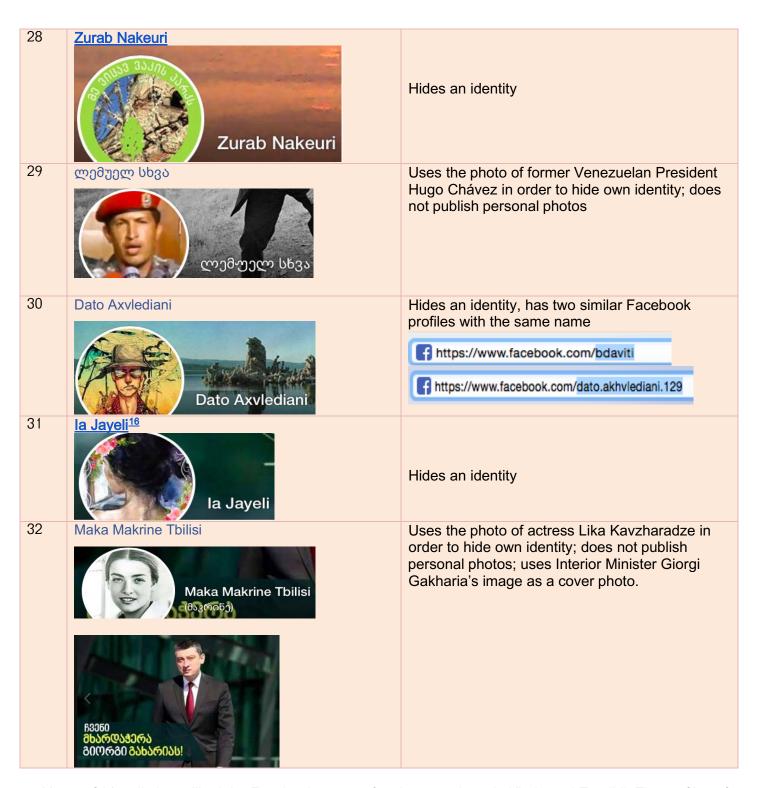
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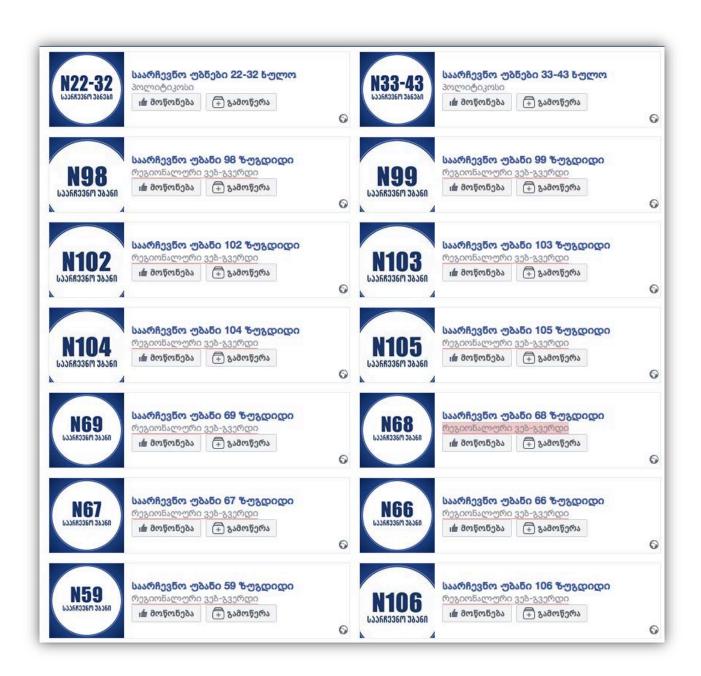


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16 out of 32 trolls have liked the Facebook pages of various precincts in Khulo and Zugdidi. The profiles of Merab Kakabadze and Nini Gogiberidze have liked most of such pages (48).

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Mainly amateur videos recorded in the election precincts and on adjacent territories during the May 19, 2019 by-elections in Khulo and Zugdidi have been uploaded on these pages. It is stated in some videos that they have been recorded by Imedi TV stringers. It is worth noting that Georgian election observation organizations have revealed the facts of presence of Imedi TV stringers at several precincts during the by-elections without accreditation<sup>17</sup>. The image below is a screengrab<sup>18</sup> from the video posted on the Facebook page of Khulo No. 22-32 precinct, where the author presents himself as Mukhran Gorgadze, Imedi TV stringer.

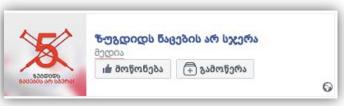
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED): At Zugdidi electoral precincts no.1, no.10, no.16, no.44, and no.78, individuals without accreditation were present taking photos and recording videos. Apparently these were representatives of Imedi TV. May 19, 2019, <a href="https://bit.ly/2LjvtgT">https://bit.ly/2LjvtgT</a>

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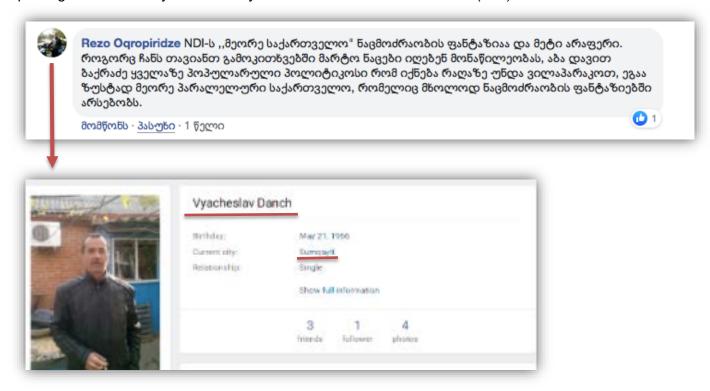




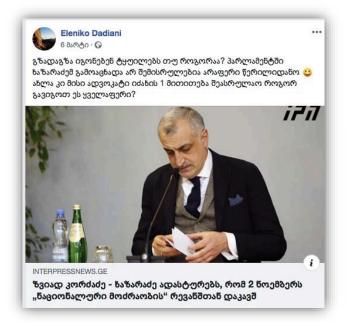
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Facebook user Rezo Oqropiridze is stealing the identity of <u>Vyacheslav Danch</u> from Sumqayit when publishing a post against the surveys released by the National Democratic Institute (NDI).



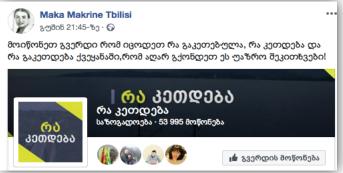
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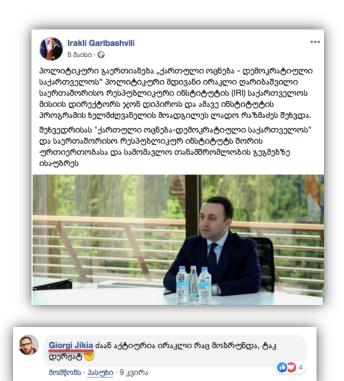




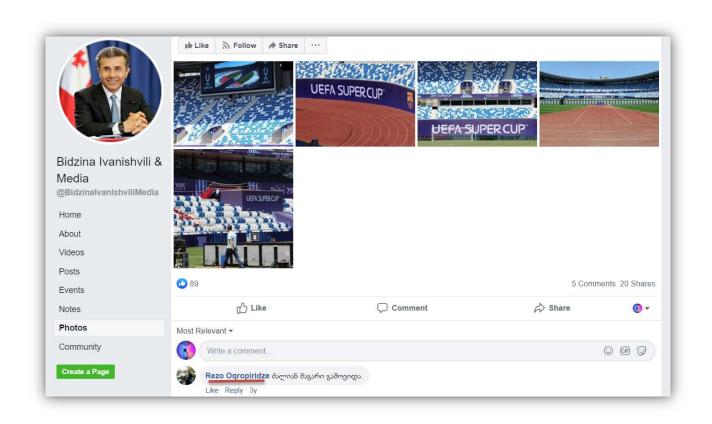
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Government trolls were spreading the following messages to discredit the rallies:

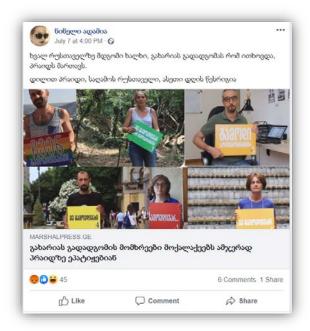
Linking the rally to the pride parade, LGBT community. Government trolls were deliberately trying to portray anti-occupation protest as a pride parade and a gay revolution, associating it with the National Movement and LGBT community. Moreover, homophobic comments were made in respect of protest rallies, as well as Rustavi 2 management and its host, Giorgi Gabunia, who insulted Russian President Vladimir Putin during live broadcast, using swear words.

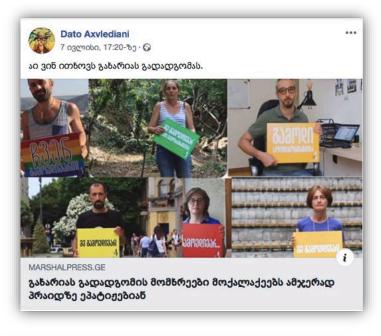






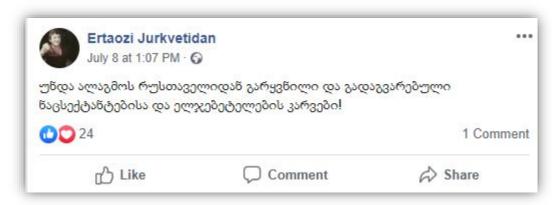




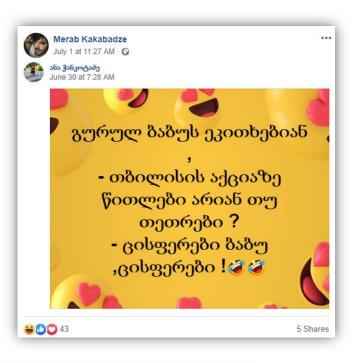




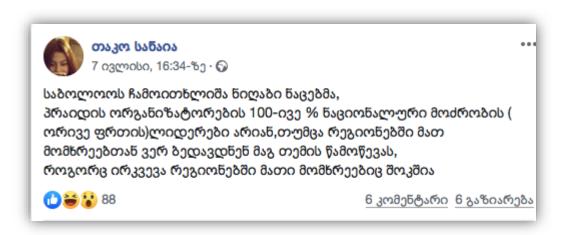


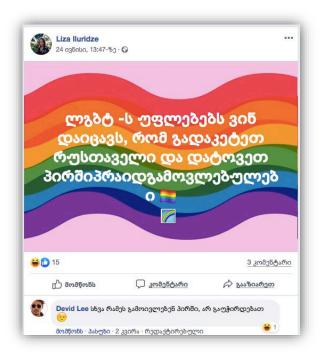








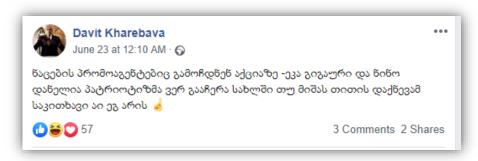




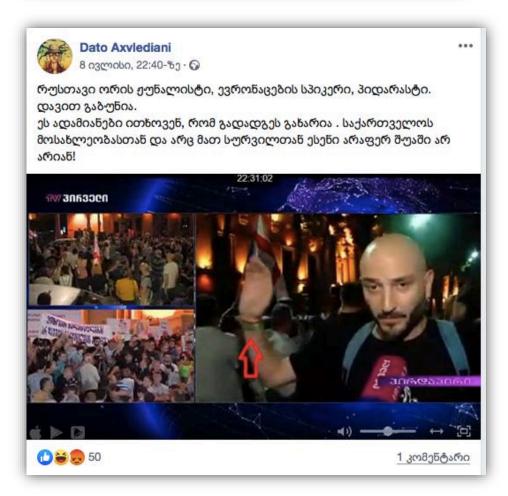


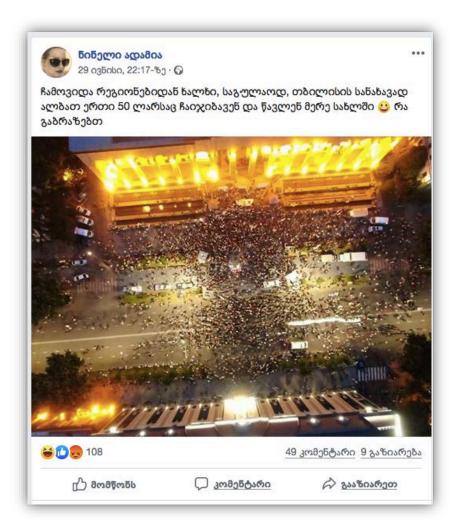


Linking the rallies to the opposition. Government trolls are linking organizers and activists of protest rallies as well as some representatives of civil society organizations to the opposition, mainly to the National Movement, portraying protesters as a group of people mobilized for the sake of money.

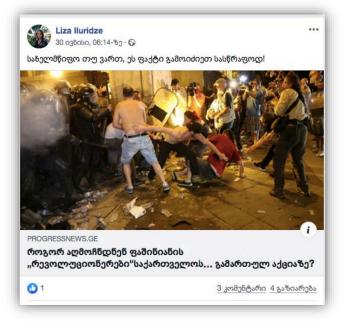


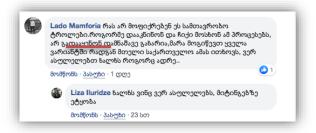




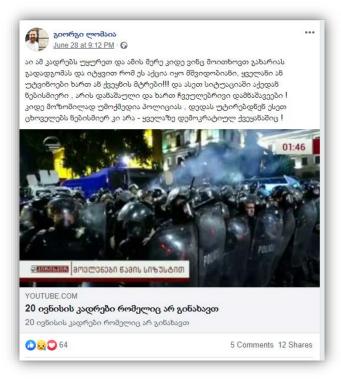


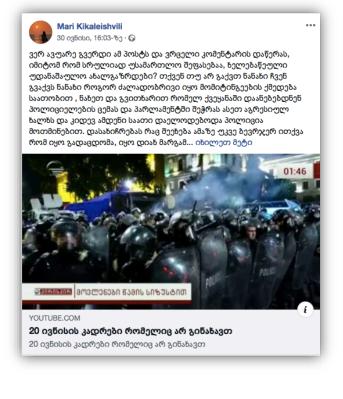
Portraying protest rallies as a revolution, an attempt to overthrow the government. Trolls were portraying protest rallies as a revolution and an attempt to overthrow the government, linking the presence of Armenian revolutionaries among the protesters to it. They were also justifying violent dispersal of the rally by police.



















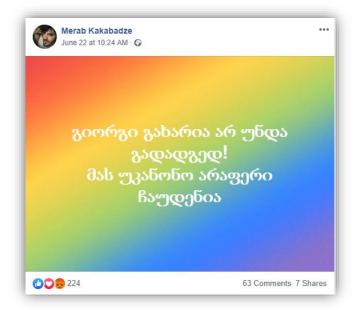


Supporting the Interior Minister, justifying the government's actions. After the protesters called for the Interior Minister's resignation as their third demand following violent dispersal of the June 20 protest rally during Gavrilov's Night, government trolls got mobilized in support of Giorgi Gakharia, justifying the use of force by the government. The support has further intensified following Gakharia's July 12 interview with Inga Grigolia, host of TV Pirveli's program Reaktsia (Reaction) with government trolls focusing on the Interior Minister's successful interview and slamming the journalist for lack of professionalism. Moreover, they manipulated with

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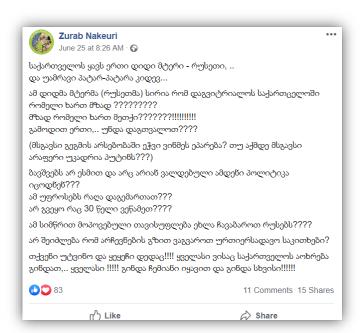




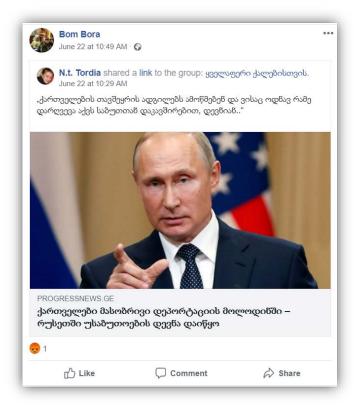


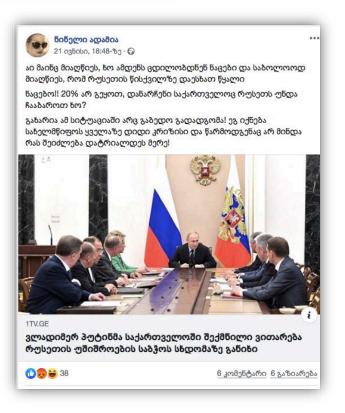
Fear of war with Russia and economic sanctions against Georgia. Giorgi Gabunia's insulting remarks against the Russian President prompted government trolls to sow fear. According to some allegations, the journalist's action aimed at provoking hostilities and economic sanctions from Russia. Moreover, Putin's revision of the State Duma decision and suspension of the initiative on imposing sanctions against Georgia was assessed positively. The Interior Ministry and the State Security Service were called to react to the fact of insulting President Putin; moreover, people were mobilized outside the Rustavi 2 TV building to express protest.





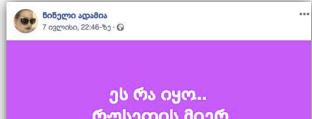








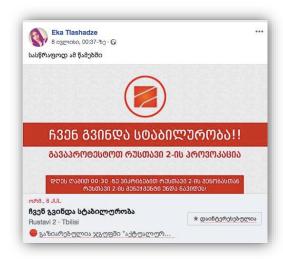




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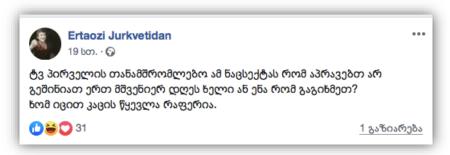








Against other media outlets. Besides Rustavi 2 TV, government trolls were also targeting TV Pirveli and Radio Liberty. In one instance, a government troll was mobilizing other Facebook users against Radio Liberty to protect the Alliance of Patriots, far right parliamentary party.







### 1.2. PRO-RUSSIAN AND HATE GROUP TROLLS

The monitoring has identified seven trolls, whose posts/comments were pro-Russian and/or contained hate speech. Unlike government trolls, who are stealing others' identities, pro-Russian and hate group trolls are hiding their own ones. One out of seven trolls has closed the Likes section. Analysis of liking various Facebook pages by six trolls shows that some trolls equally like the pages of pro-Kremlin media outlets and hate groups. Four out of six trolls have liked the pages Россия - Российская Федерация - Russia, World Congress of Families X, ალტ-ინფო (Alt-Info), ყბადაღებული საზოგადოება (Notorious Society), ანტილიბერალური კლუბი (Anti-liberal Club), ვერ დაბრუნდებიან (They will be unable to return).



## 1 <u>დაათ ცაბაძე (Daat Tsabadze)</u>



Hides an identity. The profile photo can be searched in open sources on various websites, including on "<u>russian soldiers</u>" profile at odnoklassniki.ru.



The cover photo is featuring Elena Deligioz, a resident of Russia, who posts her photos in a military uniform.



Has liked the pages of Kremlin-affiliated politicians and media outlets, as well as media outlets and Facebook pages inciting hatred, including Nino Burjanadze - ნინო ბურჯანაძე, Sputnik საქართველო, RT, BECTИ.ru, Россия - Российская Федерация - Russia, World Congress of Families X, Союз Советских Социалистических Республик საბჭოთა სოციალისტური რესპუბლიკები (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Politicano, Asaval-Dasavali, Marshalpress. Among the pages inciting hatred, it has liked Resistance/წინაალმდეგობა, კარდჰუ (Kardhu),

ანტილიბერალური გვერდი (Anti-liberal page), ლიბერალების დასაცინი page (Liberal mocking page), ყბადაღებული საზოგადოება (Notorious Society), ანტილიბერალური კლუბი (Anti-liberal Club), Geo Pepe. It has also liked the page discrediting the opposition "ვერ დაბრუნდებიან" (They will be unable to return).

Hides an identity; indicates Saint Petersburg as a place of residence; has liked the pages of pro-Kremlin media, among them Sputnik Georgia and RT, as well as the pages Vladimir Putin and Россия - Российская Федерация - Russia. Also likes media outlets inciting hatred and Facebook pages: კარდჰუ (Kardhu), Alt-Info, პატრიოტული სულისკვეთება (Patriotic Spirit), ფსევდოლიბერალების მხილება (Disclosure of Pseudoliberals), თურქეთი ოკუპანტია (Turkey is an occupier), ყბადაღებული საზოგადოება (Notorious Society), ნუ გამოლიბერალდები იაზროვნე (Do not become liberal, just think), Geo Pepe. Among organizations, it has liked the page of

## 2 Ika Irakli



## 3 <u>გიორგი გურჯი გიაური</u>

Russian project World Congress of Families X, which was held in Tbilisi, as well as the page of Guram Palavandishvili's Society for Children's Rights and the page discrediting the opposition "ვერ დაბრუნდებიან" (They will be unable to return).

Hides an identity; indicates Kobuleti as a place of residence; a different name davit.davit.39750 is indicated in a profile link; publishes Stalin's photos and quotes.







Likes the page inciting nostalgia towards the Soviet Union - СССР. Прекрасная страна, в которой мы жили (USSR, a beautiful country, where we lived), also the pages Россия - Российская Федерация - Russia, Моя Москва (Му Моscow), Владимир Путин (Vladimir Putin), World Congress of Families X.

Among pro-Kremlin media outlets, it has liked the pages of NTV, Sputnik Georgia and RT. Among the Kremlin-affiliated Georgian media outlets, it has liked the pages of Georgia and World, Obieqtivi and Politicano. Among Georgian media outlets, it likes the page of Asaval-Dasavali, which pursues xenophobic and homophobic editorial policy.

Among the pages of hate groups, it has liked the pages of Notorious Society, Anti-Liberal Club, Society for Children's Rights, Batumi without Aziziye Mosque and Do not become liberal, just think.

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Hides an identity; uses a photo of Russian Metropolitan Anton as the profile picture.

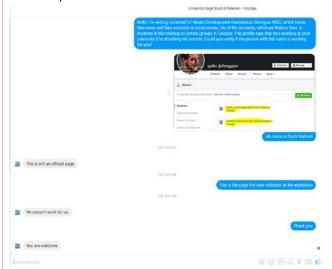
Likes the pages of Anti-liberal Club, Alt-Info, Patriotic Page, POS TV.

Hides an identity; has closed the Likes section; is not active in



respect of protest rallies on a personal wall, but leaves pro-Russian and anti-Western messages in the comments section; is especially active under the posts published by Radio Liberty.

Hides an identity and does not publish identifying photos; uses Che Guevara's photo as a profile picture; as a workplace, indicates the page, which is an unofficial page of the University of Palermo, concentrating on exchange programs, online learning and student life. The page admin told the Media Development Foundation that დაჩი ქართველი (Dachi Kartveli) does not work for them.

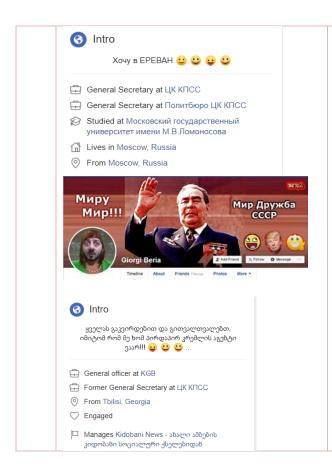


Has liked the pages of Lika Zakharova, director of the National Congress of Slav People of Georgia, RT, Новости Первого канала, Stalin, World Congress of Families X and Politicano; has also liked the pages of hate groups წინააღმდეგობა (Resistance). პატრიოტული გვერდი, (Patriotic Page), ლიბერასტული სენი (Liberast Disease), ალფა-დომინანტი (Alfa Dominant), Alt-Info, პატრიოტული სულისკვეთება (Patriotic Spirit), ფსევდოლიბერალების მხილება (Disclosure of pseudo-liberals), ანტილიბერალური გვერდი (Anti-liberal Club), ყბადაღებული საზოგადოება (Notorious Society), ანტილიბერალური კლუბი (Anti-liberal Club), რიტორიკა (Rhetoric), ნუ გამოლიბერალდები იაზროვნე (Do not become liberal, just think), ეროვნული ფრონტი (National Front). Among the pages discrediting the opposition, it likes бงเร-บาสดง (Natsi sect), ვერ დაბრუნდებიან (They will be unable to return), and ნაც სექტა education (Natsi sect education – referring to the opposition National Movement).

7 Giorgi Beria

News & Video Maker @ BERI

Has not published personal photos and information; uses Leonid Brezhnev's (General Secretary of the Central Committee of the governing Communist Party of the Soviet Union) photo as a profile picture and indicates "General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union" as a workplace. Also has another profile with the same name; manages Facebook page Kidobani News, which publishes materials from Geworld and Politicano.

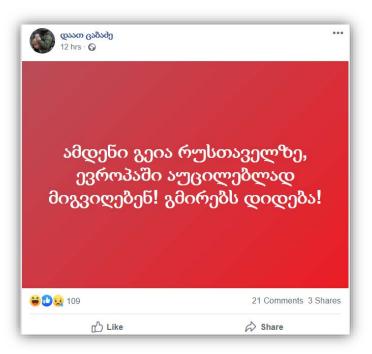


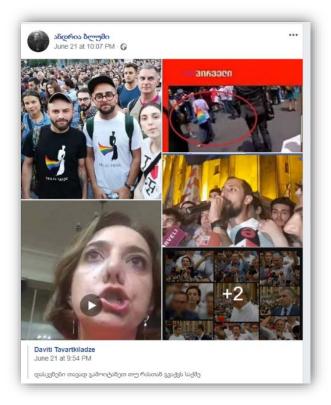
Has liked the pages of pro-Kremlin media outlets, including NTV, Sputnik Georgia and BECTИ.ru. Among Georgian media outlets, it has liked the pages of Asaval-Dasavali and the Primakov Center-affiliated Politicano. Also likes the pages Россия - Российская Федерация - Russia and Владимир Путин сегодня. Among the pages discrediting the opposition, it has liked the page "ვერ დაბრუნდებიან" (They will be unable to return).

In a period between June 20 and July 15, the identified trolls were spreading the following narratives on their personal timelines or in the comments under various posts:

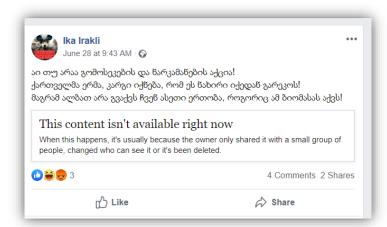
Linking the rally to the pride parade, LGBT community. In parallel with the rallies, pro-Russian and hate group trolls were trying to marginalize the organizers and participants of protest rallies through inciting various narratives. One of the strategies, like in case of government trolls, involved portrayal of protesters as members of the LGBT community.





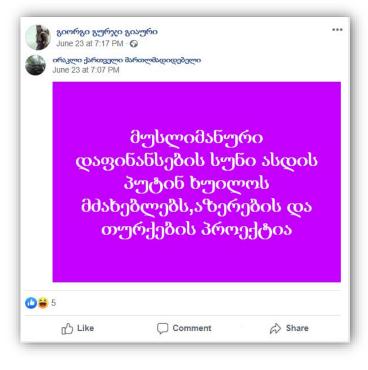




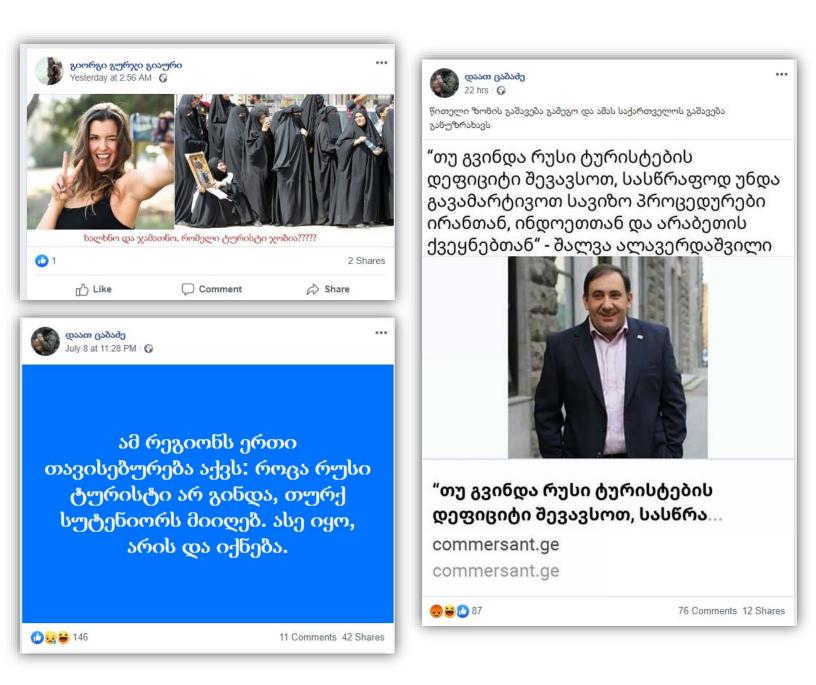




**Inciting a strife.** Trolls were trying to incite a strife on ethnic and religious grounds. On the one hand, anti-occupation rallies were being linked to Muslims/Armenian citizens and on the other, a strife was being incited in the context of economy and tourism; moreover, potential tourists were being singled out according to their origin.







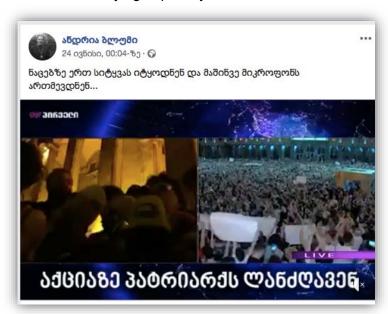
The same trolls were diverting attention from the demands of the rally through a popular xenophobic message, as if Batumi will turn into Turkey and Turkey and Azerbaijan are grabbing Georgia's territories.





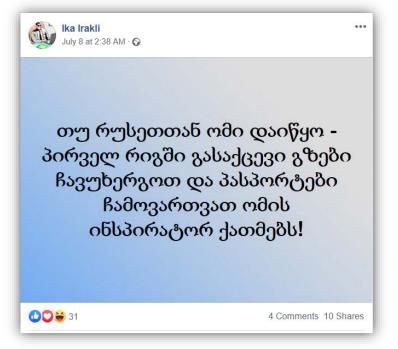


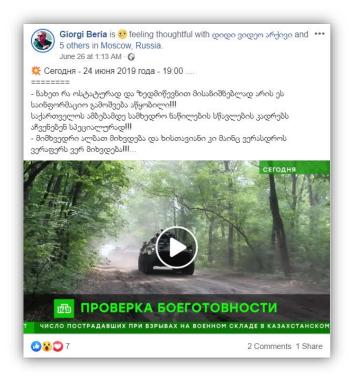
Trolls were also trying to portray the rallies as anti-Orthodox.



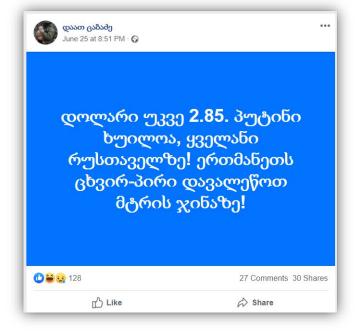
Fear of war with Russia and economic sanctions against Georgia. Approval of Putin's actions. In parallel with the anti-occupation rallies, trolls were sowing fear towards Russia. On the one hand, it concerned the war and security and on the other, citizens' economic welfare. The monitoring has revealed that pro-Russian trolls were publishing posts about Russian military armament, trying to reinforce the myth about Russia's invincibility. Lari depreciation, which began several years before the rallies as well as Putin's decision to ban direct flights to Georgia were attributed to the ongoing protests. At the same time, Putin's decision to suspend the State Duma's initiative to impose sanctions against Georgia was assessed positively.

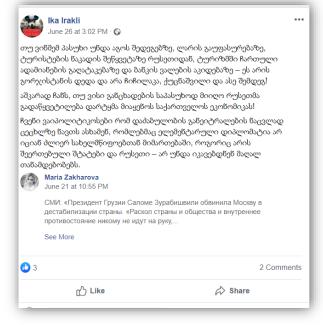


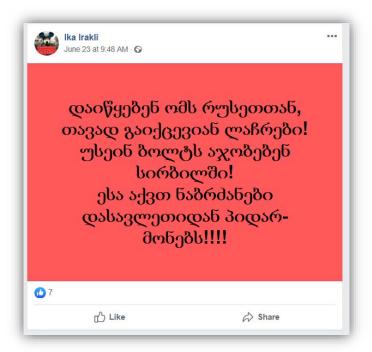


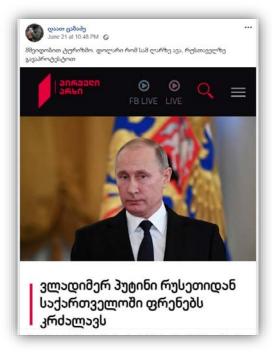






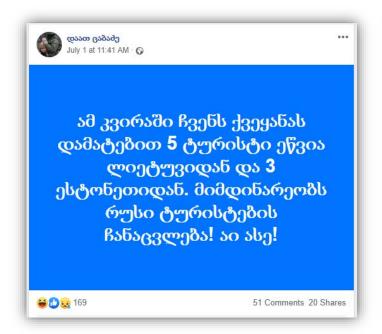










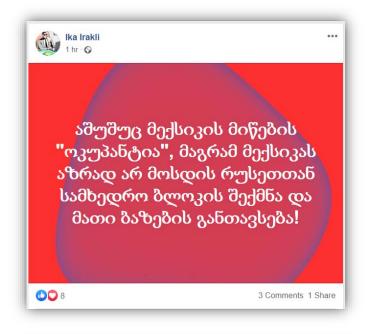


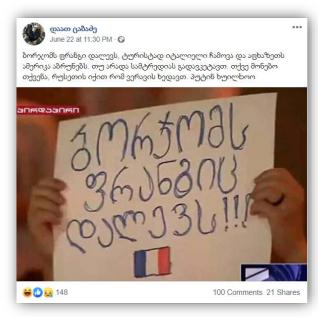


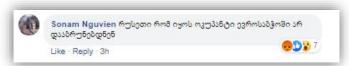
Besides Rustavi 2 TV, trolls have also targeted Imedi TV host Otar Tatishvili, who, like Giorgi Gabunia, also insulted Vladimir Putin using swear words.



Justification of occupation. During the monitoring period, the identified trolls were trying to justify Russia's occupation of Georgian territories through manipulative and irrelevant comparisons. One of the trolls was trying to deny Russia's guilt by the fact that the Council of Europe has restored Russia's voting right.







Discrediting protesters, supporting the Interior Minister. Pro-Russian trolls were publishing less discrediting posts against individual protesters, but in some cases, they were targeting politicians adhering to liberal ideology, separate representatives of NGOs, media or society.

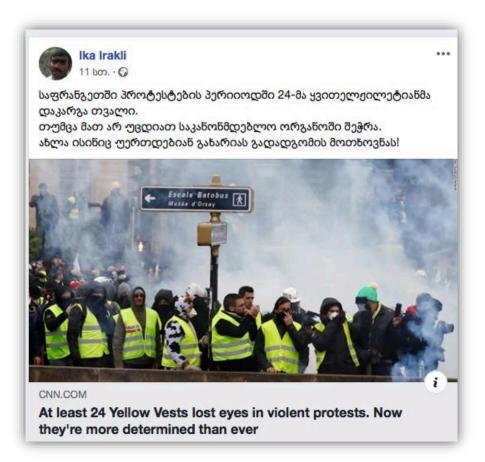




The case of supporting the Interior Minister was also identified.







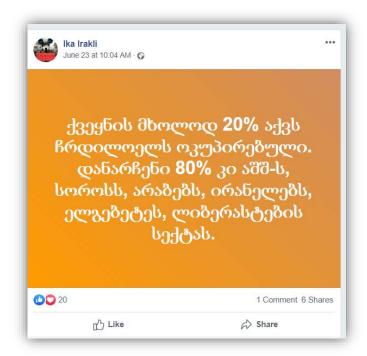
Anti-Western messages. Besides discrediting protesters or political opponents, pro-Russian trolls were spreading anti-Western messages on Facebook. These messages are in line with the Kremlin strategy and narratives, which were reflected in the 2018 Anti-Western Propaganda report released by the Media Development Foundation. During the monitoring period, pro-Russian trolls were spreading conspiracy theories about the Lugar Lab; they were also questioning the country's sovereignty, as if the ongoing developments in Georgia are under control of the U.S. Embassy. Moreover, they were inciting mistrust and nihilism towards the Western institutions.

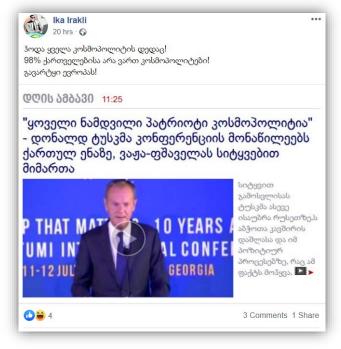










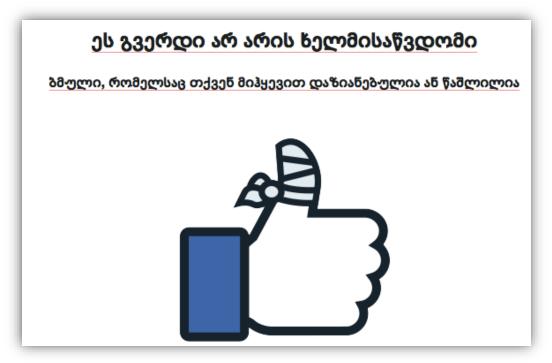


## II. DEACTIVATED GOVERNMENT TROLLS

In 2019, the Media Development Foundation released three reports regarding various targeted campaigns carried out by government trolls:

- 1. Government Trolls against Mamuka Khazaradze 19
- Troll Factory against TBC, NGOs and Media 20 2.
- 3. Government Trolls about Pankisi Developments, Against NGOs and Media 21

As of July 15, 29 out of 31 government trolls previously identified by the Media Development Foundation regarding the TBC Bank case, Pankisi developments and in the process of a campaign against NGOs and critical media, have been deactivated or are unavailable.





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ბმულს, რომელზეც თქვენ გადახვედით, სავარაუდოდ გაუვიდა მოქმედების ვადა, ან შესაძლოა გვერდის ნახვა შეუძლია მხოლოდ იმ აუდიტორიას, რომელშიც თქვენ არ ბრძანდებით.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> http://mdfgeorgia.ge/geo/view-library/103

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> http://mdfgeorgia.ge/geo/view-library/109

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> http://mdfgeorgia.ge/geo/view-library/115

Deactivated trolls, as of July 15		
Government Trolls against Mamuka Khazaradze	Avtandil Kereselidze	x
Troll Factory against TBC, NGOs and Media	Giorgadze Lekso	X
	Giorgi Baliashvili	X
	Ketevan Arabuli	Х
	Mariam Svanidze	X
	Marika Dgebuadze	X
	Marika Melikidze	X
	Marika Wveraidze	X
	Nana Ediberidze	X
	Nino Menabde	X
	Saba Giorgadze	Active
	Salome Koridze	X
	Salome Sixarulidze	X
	Tamro Todadze	Х
	ანი იორდანიშვილი	X
	გიორგი ტუღუში	X
Government Trolls about Pankisi Developments, Against NGOs and Media	ანასტასია ლევინსკი	Х
	გიორგი ჩადუნელი	X
	დანიელ კაკაბაძე	Active
	დემე მეტრეველი	X
	თამარი ქართველი	Х
	<u>თეონა ზედანია</u>	X
	ილიკო ძნელაძე	X
	ირინა მოსეშვილი	X
	მაია სივსივაძე	X
	მაინერ გენერალ	X
	<u>მიშა მიშა</u>	X
	ნატალია დევდარიანი	X
	ნინო დიდებაძე	X
	ქეთი ჯაფარიძე	X
	John Smith	X