

GRASS Disinfo Brief

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Georgian Dream kicks off election campaign with "Global War Party" conspiracy, threatens opponents On July 16, the Georgian Dream leadership, most notably the Honorary Chairman and the party's founder, oligarch Bidzina Ivanishvili, <u>launched the</u> ruling party's election campaign, surrounded by its allies and a newly opened party headquarters. Reminiscent of the speech made by Ivanishvili on <u>April 29</u>, the rhetoric of the party's leadership mainly revolved around the ambiguous "Global War Party" group, desperate to drag Georgia into a war against Russia and its local "network of agents", rather than the issues concerning ordinary Georgian citizens. While the Prime Minister, the Chairperson of the Parliament, the Chairperson of the Georgian Dream, the General Secretary of the Georgian Dream, and the leader of the Parliamentary majority also took the stage, Bidzina Ivanishvili's speech best summed up the ruling party's plans and goals.

- The Georgian Dream was able to defeat the United National Movement's bloody regime with the Georgian people's unity, Ivanishvili claimed, stressing that he never thought the United National Movement would ever dare try returning to power [To note, Ivanishvili refers to every opponent of the ruling party as the United National Movement]. According to him, it was later found that "they had much deeper roots and were agents of the Global War Party," and it is because of the "Global War Party" that Georgia has to "fight this evil power to this day."
- Fight against evil has been non-stop since 2012, the oligarch continued, claiming that the Georgian Dream's victory in the 2016, 2020, and 2021 elections was a victory for Georgia's sovereignty because the United National Movement was supported by foreign powers which plotted to depose the Georgian Dream from power, but they ultimately had to accept the election results. Ivanishvili stated that Georgia faces the October 26 elections under the same circumstances. However, Georgia will once and for all defeat the power that has been intensively trying to create chaos in the country and drag it into war for the past four years.
- Despite massive pressure on Georgia to enter the war, the ruling party maintained freedom and acquired EU membership candidate status. Ivanishvili also credited the Georgian people, who, according to him, remained resilient in the face of numerous disinformation waves and **protected** Georgia from the same tragedy that unfortunately unfolded in Ukraine.
- Ivanishvili argued that in order to finally put an end to the war party, the network of agents, radicalism, polarization and liberal fascism in Georgia, it is necessary to hold the collective National Movement [all opponents of the ruling party] fully accountable to Georgian society and the law and grant the Georgian Dream the constitutional majority.
- Ivanishvili labeled the 2008 Russian invasion of Georgia as a crime committed by the United National Movement government on the orders of foreign powers, suggesting that Georgia, not Russia, initiated the war.





- Moreover, Ivanishvili stated, "It only takes one wrong step, and instead of the traditional New Year fireworks, we will get Lomjaria's fireworks" [Nino Lomjaria, former Public Defender, often portrayed as the face of the NGO foreign agent network wanting to drag Georgia into a war].
- Ivanishvili claimed that the "Global War Party" has considerable influence on American and European bureaucracies, which creates a misconception that Georgia is in conflict with the US and the EU. However, when the war in Ukraine ends, the interests will shift, and this impression will disappear. "We have just a maximum of one more year to survive," the founder of the Georgian Dream appealed to the crowd, asserting that the war in Ukraine will end next year, maybe as soon as January if the Republicans win the Presidential elections in the US, which will fundamentally change geopolitical interests towards Georgia, allowing it to continue developing peacefully and resetting relations with the US and the EU.
- The oligarch stated that in the October 26 parliamentary elections, Georgia will definitely **defeat** the power that has been intensively trying to create chaos in the country and drag it into war for the past four years. Georgian Dream will once again defeat the network of agents, and the party of peace will defeat the party of war.
- Apart from reiterating Ivanishvili's points, Prime Minister Kobakhidze <u>stated that</u> Georgia has been consistently and deliberately undermined by radicalism and polarization, artificially created by outside forces. He once again claimed that peaceful demonstrations held in 2021 and 2022 were attempts to start a revolution and that Georgia was initially not granted candidate status to cause destabilization. Moreover, he referred to the protests around the Russian-style foreign agents law as the "scam of the century", which declared accountability and transparency as anti-European.
- According to the Prime Minister, "the collective National Movement" 's ability to garner 30% of the votes is also a result of foreign interference and a tragedy. He added that 12 years after its founding, the ruling party has no plans of losing the elections for another 12 years.
- The Chairperson of the Georgian Dream and former Prime Minister, Irakli Gharibashvili, <u>argued that</u> when the war in Ukraine started, radical opposition members started to support war and aggressively oppose peace openly. They demanded the imposition of sanctions on Russia, which would destroy the Georgian economy, sending soldiers by government-authorized planes, and Georgia's entrance into the war.
- Gharibashvili added that "the collective National Movement" should not be allowed into politics, let alone back into power. "They have already destroyed the country once, and we will not allow them to destroy the country and destroy the people a second time!" he exclaimed.

Georgian Dream attributes Donald Trump's assassination attempt to the "Global War Party"

Days have gone past since a politically enigmatic loner, later identified by the FBI as Thomas Matthew Crooks, attempted to assassinate the 45th President of the US and the current Republican nominee for President, Donald Trump. Despite the FBI's ongoing comprehensive investigation of the shooter, the mystery of why he opened fire on Trump's rally Saturday, wounding the GOP nominee, remains <u>elusive</u>,





giving way to conspiracy theories and disinformation, including from mainstream politicians and media in Georgia. The ruling party was quick to attribute the attacks to the "Global War Party."

- After claiming that the assassination attempt on the Slovakian Prime Minister was carried out by the "Global War Party" and accusing European Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi of threatening him with sharing the same faith as Fico, Prime Minister Kobakhidze responded to Trump's attack with a Facebook post reading "The Global War Party is not changing its methods," and that liberal fascism, radicalism, polarization, and bloody attacks on politicians have become a usual occurrence in the US and Europe. "I don't even know what that [Global War Party] means." US State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller responded, adding that just as the President asked the American public to refrain from speculation and making irresponsible statements before knowing the facts, the same appeal should also extend to foreign countries.
- The ruling party seems to be placing its bets on Donald Trump's victory, with the Prime Minister repeating Bidzina Ivanishvili's narrative about how if Trump wins the elections, the war in Ukraine will end sooner and, accordingly, attitudes towards Georgia will change
- The Chairperson of the Parliament, Shalva Papuashvili, was also critical of the ruling party's opponents for suggesting that there is no connection between the assassination attempts on Robert Fico and Donald Trump. "If you ask them, everything is coincidental... in reality, we see that it is the same signature," said Papuashvili, adding that liberal fascism is being established in Georgia through foreign funding to incite the same types of attacks. He also compared Trump's shooter and Lazare Grigoriadis, arrested based on a police officer's statements for allegedly throwing a Molotov cocktail during the March 2023 protests. "They try to use young people for such radical actions," the Chairperson of the Parliament expressed, adding that Western politicians, donors, and diplomats will finally distance themselves from the violence and hate speech emanating from foreign-funded organizations in Georgia. In the context of Trump's assassination attempt, he mentioned GRASS's project manager and debunking editor of FactCheck Georgia, Mariam Tsitsikashvili, recalling her encounter with Viktor Japaridze, one of the MPs who voted for the law (see details in previous brief), basically drawing parallels between the two cases.
- Papuashvili also <u>claimed</u> that the dismissal of Trump's attack as coincidental by the ruling party's
 opponents shows that the upcoming elections will decide whether there will be war or peace in
 Georgia.
- Leader of the Parliamentary majority, Mamuka Mdinaradze, <u>stated</u> that political violence, <u>assassination attempts</u>, <u>propagating lies</u>, <u>war</u>, <u>and destruction are the signature of the "Global War Party" and liberal fascism</u>. He reprimanded the ruling party's opponents for portraying the "Global War Party" as a conspiracy theory made up by the Georgian Dream, suggesting that <u>the attempt on Donald Trump's life proves its existence</u>.
- Georgian Dream MP Irakli Zarkua <u>assessed</u> the attempt on Donald Trump's life as clear evidence of how the "Global War Party" attacks its opponents and people of different opinions. "We saw

the same with Fico, then with the threat on our Prime Minister," said Zarkua, adding that he will not accept criticism from a country that cannot even protect the rights of its own former President. "Unfortunately, in the period of this government [Biden administration], the US, as a beacon of democracy, has failed," he claimed.

- Another Georgian Dream MP, Irakli Kadagishvili, <u>stated</u> that "polarization, conflict, and unacceptable rhetoric, which we [the Georgian Dream] refer to as the "Global War Party" increases the chances of unfortunate events."
- Georgian Dream MP Nino Tsilosani <u>argued</u> that radical groups have unleashed unimaginable aggression and psychological terror in recent months because of the adoption of "the law on transparency," suggesting that Donald Trump's assassination attempts are the same as citizens publicly criticizing ruling party members for voting for the foreign agents law.
- The radical anti-Western wing of the ruling party, the "People's Power" movement, released a statement arguing that political assassinations carried out by the military-industrial complex and the US intelligence services are not new, pointing to how Robert F. Kennedy Jr, nephew of former President John F. Kennedy, has argued that his father and uncle were assassinated for wanting to pull out military forces from Vietnam. Since Donald Trump has openly called for the end of the war in Ukraine, it is no surprise that there was an attempt on his life. The statement continues arguing that apart from being against war, the reason why Donald Trump contradicts the agenda of "the US center of governance" [the People's Power's version of the "deep state"] is because he is against aggressive liberal ideology and thinks that there are only two sexes a man and a woman.
- The attack on Trump is reminiscent of the attack on Robert Fico, who was shot five times. Like Viktor Orbán, Fico's anti-liberal, anti-immigration, and anti-war policies have repeatedly been targeted by the current ruling elite in Washington and Brussels. "It seems that anyone who opposes liberal fascism may be putting their lives at risk," the statement argues.
- Finally, the "People's Power" movement argues that when there is an open hunting season for a Presidential candidate, it **questions the ability of the modern Western world to provide a fair electoral environment** in its own space. Due to this "deficiency" at home, People Power questioned the "moral right" of the US to monitor and evaluate elections in other countries.

Georgian Dream reprimands the EU's decision to redirect assistance from the government to civil society

On June 9th, the EU Ambassador to Georgia, Paweł Herczyński, announced the EU's decision to freeze 30 million euros intended for the Georgian Ministry of Defense and redirect those funds to civil society and independent media. As the Ambassador stated, the EU's direct assistance to the Georgian Government was ten times larger than the assistance provided to civil society. However, freezing the 30 million is the first step, and the EU will redirect funds from the Georgian Government to civil society in the future. Paweł Herczyński also underlined that, at the moment, Georgia's integration into the EU has been stopped.





- Such decisions do not help reset relations, the **Prime Minister** <u>assessed</u>, while also **expressing optimism** that by next year, Georgia-EU relations will be reinvigorated and that by 2030, **Georgia** will be the readiest among candidate countries to become a member of the EU.
- The Chairperson of the Parliament, Shalva Papuashvili, followed up the news with two social media posts. In one of them, he <u>recalls</u> that in 2014, the EU could not find volunteer countries for its military operation in the Central African Republic, and by sending 150 soldiers, the Georgian Dream government saved the aforementioned mission. Papuashvili highlighted the EU's "ungratefulness" towards the Georgian Dream government through the post. In another post, Papuashvili <u>shared</u> a postcard informing the people that the Ministry of Defense budget will be increased by 100 million GEL, adding that "no one else will do our work by the end of the day." He also wrote that the United National Movement hid the fact that for six years after the 2008 Russian invasion, NATO member states refused to sell Georgia military weapons.
- In another statement, Papuashvili <u>said</u> that **the EU decided to redirect funds from the military to the NGOs as these organizations are conduits of the EU's interests.** "They consider that maybe the Georgian government does not pursue other government's interests, so they move the funds towards who does," he argued.
- "These funds were taken from the army and given to Gigauri [Director of Transparency International Georgia] and Lomjaria [Former Public Defender]. This is their democracy and attitude," <u>said</u> Kakha Kaladze, Mayor of Tbilisi and General Secretary of the Georgian Dream. When asked why the US and the EU cut off funding for the Georgian government, Kaladze answered that **no one will allow the "Ukrainization" of Georgia, suggesting that the US and the EU are pressuring the Georgian Dream to open a second front against Russia.**
- Kaladze reinforced this narrative in another statement, <u>arguing</u> that Georgia was not given EU candidate status in 2022 because the Georgian government did not allow foreign forces to use Georgia, open a second front, and cause the same destruction that is happening in Ukraine.
- "The statement of the EU Ambassador was shameful and unacceptable. You think you can make Georgia kneel with your 30 million?! You are very mistaken, Mr. Herczyński," said Georgian Dream MP Irakli Zarkua. According to him, it is shameful that despite Georgia participating in Western-backed international military missions in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Central African Republic, the EU redirected funds intended for the Georgian military towards the NGOs so they could start a revolution.
- According to Vice Speaker of the Parliament, Gia Volski, the EU's decision can be <u>assessed</u> as supporting the radical opposition. He underlined that the EU Ambassador contradicts the values for which Georgia is aspiring EU membership. Volski added that the US and the EU should not be straining relations with Georgia just because the government wants to have more transparency in the NGO sector.





The ruling party's reaction to the "MEGOBARI Act" passing the Congressional Foreign Affairs Committee

On July 11, the US Congressional Foreign Affairs Committee passed the Georgia sanctions legislation known as the "MEGOBARI Act" [Megobari means "friend" in Georgian]. The full house vote is expected in the coming days. The "MEGOBARI Act" envisions imposing sanctions on Georgian officials who undermine the country's democracy and also includes provisions about enhancing bilateral relations and support.

- The Chairperson of the Parliament, Shalva Papuashvili, <u>stated</u> that foreign countries expect to have influence over the Georgian Parliament's decisions, which is contrary to the ruling party's politics. He assessed the passing of the "MEGOBARI Act" as founded on wrong assessments and unfair to Georgia.
- No one can recall a statement containing disinformation against the US or its government made by the ruling party, Kakha Kaladze <u>argued</u>. When asked how the Georgian Dream accuses Western partners of wanting to open a second front in Georgia, Kaladze said those statements were made in response to specific politicians who called on Georgia to send soldiers to Ukraine and join sanctions against Russia. As Kaladze pleaded, the statements made against the "Global War Party" have no connection with the US government.
- The "MEGOBARI Act" is an attempt to deceive Georgian society, <u>according</u> to Irakli Zarkua, Georgian Dream MP. As he argued, the US, as a long-time strategic partner, could have established visa-free travel and direct flights with Georgia before but **only put these provisions** in the "MEGOBARI Act" to reinvigorate the ruling party's opponents, who, as Zarkua said, are conduits of foreign countries. The MP also voiced the ruling party's hopes that the current Presidential administration will be changed after the November elections in the US and that the next administration will view Georgia as an equal, independent state.
- Georgian Dream MP Nino Tsilosani stated that the name of the "MEGOBARI Act" ["Friend act" in Georgian] is only named in such a way for PR reasons but is not so friendly in reality. She stated that making conclusions and assessments about the situation in Georgia while being thousands of miles away is wrong. She advised US representatives to study the current situation in Georgia in more depth.

On July 11-13, US State Departments Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Uzra Zeya <u>visited</u> Georgia. During her visit, Uzra Zey met with civil society representatives, Georgian Dream's women MPs, opposition women MPs, the President, the Chairperson of the CEC, independent media organization representatives, and Prime Minister Kobakhidze. She <u>stated</u> that the US is deeply concerned about the anti-democratic actions of the Georgian government and the disinformation spread by some in the ruling party, which jeopardizes Georgia's Euro-Atlantic path, hurts the US-Georgian partnership, and the human rights of all Georgians.

• After the meeting with the Under Secretary, Prime Minister Kobakhidze <u>stated</u> that he **still has** not heard any concrete arguments about why the "law on transparency" is bad and why the Georgian government's actions are referred to as anti-democratic. According to him, he asked





the Under Secretary to provide specific comments regarding the law in the future. Otherwise, the government would have difficulty responding to general comments.

Georgian Dream says opponents of the Russian-style foreign agents law are proponents of liberal-fascism, want to start a revolution

- Minister of Health, Labour, and Social Affairs Mikheil Sarjveladze got into a <u>verbal confrontation</u> with a pro-EU activist on July 7. During the meeting of the government cabinet, Prime Minister Kobakhidze <u>stated</u> that the activist is a member of a foreign-funded organization, adding that liberal fascism will be defeated on October 26, and 2025 will be a year of freeing Georgian society, state, and politics from liberal-fascism. "Next year, we will be free from liberal fascism, and we will do everything to make that happen," concluded Kobakhidze.
- The mayor of Tbilisi and General Secretary of the Georgian Dream, Kakha Kaladze, argued that there is pressure on the Georgian government regarding the "law on transparency," because Western donors are continuing to fund Georgian NGOs connected to extremism, deepening polarization, and plans to start a revolution.
- Shalva Papuashvili <u>assessed</u> the reconfiguration of opposition parties as the United National Movement's attempt to deceive the public on the orders of foreign patrons, arguing that on October 26, society will have to choose between war and peace. As he stated, people who are directly acting on behalf of foreign countries' intelligence services dare to participate in the elections.
- Papuashvili also responded to the incident involving the Minister of Health, <u>reiterating</u> that European diplomats to this day refuse to condemn the violent and hate-filled campaign against the ruling party members. He said, "This is not the Europe which Georgians co-created."
- The German Ambassador to Georgia, Peter Fischer, stated that Germany is reviewing its relations with Georgia. As a response, Georgian Dream MP Irakli Kadagishvili <u>argued</u> that even without the "law on transparency," the EU would not open negotiations with Georgia because, although it is the most successful country among of the candidate states, the EU wants to damage the ruling party's reputation and leave a chance for opposition parties to win the elections.
- Vice Speaker of the Parliament, Gia Volski, <u>argued</u> that criticism of the "law on transparency" from international partners raises certain suspicions that there is maybe a plan to change the government and bring people such as Nino Lomjaria to power. In the same week, he <u>claimed</u> that the ruling party never accused the West of wanting to open a second front in Georgia and start a revolution and that such statements were made in response to certain politicians.

Pro-governmental "experts" establish "United Neutral Georgia" movement

Vato Shakarishvili, Nana Kakabadze, Bidzina Giorgobiani, Gela Nikolaishvili, and Levan Nikolaishvili have all been affiliated with the Georgian Dream at some point in time. They have voiced pro-

governmental, anti-Western, anti-Ukrainian narratives in the past years. On July 10, the group announced the establishment of a new movement – "United Neutral Georgia", which argues that Georgian society has become a political hostage of European integration, suggesting that the country should stop its integration efforts into Euro-Atlantic institutions. According to the movement, becoming a political hostage to the EU has caused destruction to Ukraine, and the EU has been experiencing stagnation since 2008. European bureaucracy has stopped serving European interests and is under the influence of a foreign power [meaning the US, although not mentioned directly]. Moreover, with the orders of this foreign power, Europe has replaced its traditional religion – Christianity – with LGBTQI+ ideology, and against this background, the EU might disintegrate by 2030. The new People's Power-like movement seems to have established itself as a new government-supported anti-Western force.

The movement was quick to appear on numerous pro-governmental TV channels and even published a second <u>statement</u> in a week. Here are the main points:

- Unfortunately, as of today, the collective West, especially the EU, is being viewed almost as a religion, which specific forces use as a tool against Georgia. When the EU bluntly says that Georgia's integration process has stopped, it is clear that they hope to incite a revolution in Georgia. Depriving the Ministry of Defense of 30 million euros proves that.
- The West wants to establish a government in Georgia that will complete its orders without asking questions. **The orders also involve starting a war.** "The US center of governance" [exact wording used by the People's Power movement] cannot accept that its planned scenario of involving Georgia in the war against Russia has failed.
- No one will accept Georgia into the EU. Moreover, the EU is deprived of its rights and sovereignty, and in this situation, Georgia should not pursue membership.
- Currently, Georgia's salvation lies in neutrality and looking for alternative allies who show respect and do not view Georgia as a vassal.

Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service says Washington is planning a coup in Georgia

On July 9, Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service released a <u>statement</u>, alleging that the US is planning a coup in Georgia:

- Washington is seeking to change the government in Georgia following the upcoming parliamentary elections. The Biden administration has developed a large-scale information campaign to discredit the Georgian Dream.
- Georgian President Salome Zourabichvili will play a key role in inciting anti-government sentiments. As the "Washington directors" have planned, she will give an interview to one of the US media outlets. In it, she will blame the Georgian government for the degradation of relations with the EU and warn the general public about the catastrophic consequences of rapprochement with Moscow.





- Washington will interfere in the elections through Zourabichvili to damage the Georgian Dream's reputation, which could ultimately lead to another "color revolution."
- American curators have already ordered opposition forces in Georgia to begin planning protests
 in the country to coincide with the elections. The population of Tbilisi, pre-prepared during
 the anti-government protests, will be called upon to become "cannon fodder" against the
 authorities.
- Americans will make sure to someone dies during the confrontations to anger the people further.
 American masters of provocation have extensive experience in this regard. It is enough to recall the Maidan revolution, where hundreds of people were sacrificed in the name of democracy and shot, among others, by Georgian mercenary snipers.

Pro-Kremlin groups parrot the ruling party, talk liberal-fascism, revolution and second front

- The host of pro-Russian Sezoni TV, Nikoloz Mzhavanadze, <u>argued</u> that if the United National Movement and its satellites, meaning the pro-Western opposition, come to power, Georgia will lose all chances of restoring territorial integrity. **On Washington's orders, a second front will be opened against Russia**, leading to Georgia's destruction. Moreover, the only way Georgia can defend itself from this threat is to align with Russia.
- One of the prominent pro-Russian propagandists, Valeri Kvaratskhelia, in an article published on "GeWorld", <u>claimed</u> that the West is arrogantly and stubbornly pressuring Georgia to open a second front against Russia. However, thanks to Bidzina Ivanishvili, Georgia remains resilient, which is why there might be an attempt on his life like Donald Trump.
- A member of Alt Info <u>voiced</u> the same narrative, alleging that the US and the EU want to bring pro-Western opposition parties to power so that they can **start a war against Russia, as they did in 2008**. He also repeated the Prime Minister's statement about Georgia slowly freeing itself from "liberal poison."
- Another propagandist on Alt Info <u>commented</u> on the "MEGOBARI Act" passing the Congressional Foreign Affairs Committee, stating that the US introduced this carrot-and-sticks legislation to undermine the current ruling party and help opposition parties win the elections.
- A propaganda source <u>alleged</u> that the EU granted Georgia visa-free travel and membership candidate status so that it could take it away before the October Parliamentary elections to undermine the Georgian Dream, bring opposition parties into power, and start a war in Georgia. The same propagandist argued that Western Ambassadors dare to make bold statements because, for the last 30 years, Georgia has been a vassal of the West, and Western diplomats are making the main political decisions.





- A member of the Conservative Movement, a party established by the Alt Info group, <u>asserted</u> that the Georgian Dream government is unacceptable to the West because it refuses to start a war. Consequently, the West is threatening the ruling party that it will not recognize the 2024 parliamentary elections results if opposition parties do not win.
- Quoting the Russian foreign intelligence service, a speaker on Alt Info's broadcast <u>reiterated</u> that liberal pro-Western parties and NGOs, on the orders of Washington, are planning to cause destabilization and overthrow the government after the elections.
- An article on pro-Russian "GeWorld" <u>argues</u> that the adoption of the "law on transparency" and the ending of protests does not mean that the West has given up on enslaving Georgia. According to the article, the West has granted Georgian opposition parties permission to start a revolution and overthrow the ruling party. If the Georgian people allow it, the country will lose independence once and for all.
- Pro-Russian propagandist and the editor of Sputnik Georgia and "Saqinform," Arno Khidirbegishvili, went further with this conspiracy theory, alleging that former President Mikheil Saakashvili and the United National Movement have links to anti-Putin forces in Moscow, as well as in Western intelligence services. Through Georgian NGOs, Saakashvili is receiving funding from NATO and the EU to carry out actions against the Georgian state.
- It has become apparent that integration in the EU and NATO hinders Georgia's development and that Western forces have shown their adversarial nature towards Georgia, a guest on Alt Info claimed. According to the propagandist, the West cannot come to terms with the fact that it could not execute its plan of dragging Georgia into a war against Russia, which is why it is trying to use its agent network to chaos destabilization in the country. As the propaganda source claimed, US State Departments Under Secretary Uzra Zeya visited Georgia specifically to give out orders to Georgian opposition parties.
- According to another propagandist, Georgian NGOs and opposition parties will overthrow the government by the orders of the West, which will result in **Georgia becoming a puppet state and subsequently starting a war.**

Pro-Kremlin groups amplify conspiracies about Donald Trump assassination attempt

- A propagandist on Alt Info <u>claimed</u> that on the background of US President Joe Biden's attacks
 on Donald Trump, as well as the mainstream media's smear campaign against him, and the
 "rigged elections of 2020", it was logical that certain forces in the US would try to eliminate the
 Republican nominee for President.
- Another propagandist <u>alleged</u> that the Secret Service deliberately did not react to the threat appropriately to let the shooter assassinate Donald Trump.
- Member of the Alt Info group <u>argued</u> that Donald Trump's assassination was planned by the Democratic party and the reason Biden decided not run for a second term is because Trump survived the attack.





- Nikoloz Mzhavanadze, one of the prominent anti-American propagandist, <u>argued</u> that the US is a country of Presidential assassinations. **He also alleged that relevant authorities did not react to the attack and wanted to let the shooter eliminate Trump.** Moreover, he claimed that the US killed the first President of Georgia, Zviad Gamsakhurdia, and planned the terrorist attack against Eduard Shevardnadze. "The US is behind every unfortunate event in Georgia. I am sure they already decided to neutralize Bidzina Ivanishvili," he claimed.
- In another article on "GeWorld," Valeri Kvaratskhelia <u>attributed</u> the attack on Donald Trump to his anti-war stance regarding Ukraine. According to the article, the Pentagon, the military-industrial complex, and US intelligence services, which are terrorizing the world, saw Donald Trump as an obstacle to their plans of continuing the war in Ukraine, deciding to get rid of him for good.
- Editor of "Saqinform," Arno Khidirbegishvili, followed in the ruling party's footsteps and **linked Donald Trump's assassination attempt to the "Global War Party."** As the propagandist <u>argued</u>, the "Global War Party" has three objectives 1. Inciting color revolutions to establish anti-Russian puppet regimes; 2. Carrying our terrorist attacks and assassinations of influential political leaders; 3. War against Russia. The article suggests that Donald Trump's potential Presidency contradicts those objectives, which was the reason for the attack.

Propaganda says friendly relations and peace between Georgia and Russia are deliberately undermined by the West

- Nikoloz Mzhavanadze <u>claimed</u> that good relations with Russia will lead to Georgia's development. However, it is hindered by the West. Mzhavanadze recalled the former US Ambassadors criticizing the decision to resume direct flights between Georgia and Russia, suggesting it illustrated Western pressure on Georgia to maintain confrontation with Moscow.
- Mzhavanadze also <u>argued</u> that due to anti-Russian sentiments in Abkhazian society, Russians regret the occupation of Georgian territories and are considering returning control over Abkhazia to Tbilisi.
- His guest, Mikheil Zghenti, a member of the pro-Russian Solidarity for Peace party, <u>stated</u> that if Georgia does not distance itself from the West, it will never be able to hold talks with Moscow about restoring Georgia's territorial integrity.
- A propagandist on Alt Info <u>asserted</u> that the West wanted to dissolve the Russian Federation by using Ukraine, failing to realize that Russia is a major power with influence over the Eurasian continent. According to him, Georgian society also fails to fully comprehend Russia's power due to Western propaganda.





- The same propagandist <u>argued</u> that Russia considers Georgia to be one of the guarantors of stability in the Caucasus. The Kremlin has a greater desire for Georgia to be territorially united but loyal and not anti-Russian. Moreover, Russia's interests are similar to Georgia's interests, and Georgia has no other choice but to align with Moscow.
- An article on Isari.ge, filled with conspiracies on Trump, Ukraine, and Georgia's internal politics, all of which are already reflected in this newsletter, <u>claims</u> that Russia has not only saved Georgian statehood and identity but also enriched it. According to the article, the Russians allowed the Georgian population to grow under the Soviet Union; provided access to education; built Georgian towns and cities, along with factories and industries; introduced Georgia to culture. "Remember, the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union gave us these benefits," the article reads, concluding that only victims of Western propaganda have anti-Russian attitudes.