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Bidzina Ivanishvili summarizes Georgian Dream's propaganda narratives in interview

On October 21st, 5 days before the elections, Bidzina Ivanishvili made a rare media appearance on progovernmental TV Imedi and <u>repeated</u> the narratives that the ruling party has been steadily spreading since the beginning of the year.

- Ivanishvili spoke about the pre-election environment, underlining that while it is peaceful, it is being held on the background of unprecedented foreign interference, which is illustrated by "unfair statements made by certain bureaucrats, who are in coordination and correlation with the opposition, and who are coordinated by the Global War Party". According to Ivanishvili, "there is so much foreign interference, the elections are practically held from abroad", because the Global War Party wants to bring the collective UNM to power to drag Georgia into the war against Russia.
- Ivanishvili blamed the start of the 2008 and 2022 Russian invasions of Georgia and Ukraine on NATO. As he argued, Georgia and Ukraine were not accepted into NATO because NATO does not want to be engaged in a direct conflict with Russia. However, it used Georgia and Ukraine as geopolitical tools to weaken Moscow. The founder of the Georgian Dream claimed that not specific NATO member countries, but "coordinators", who really control NATO, made the decision not to accept Georgia and Ukraine as members. Moreover, these "coordinators" successfully used Saakashvili and Ukraine against Russia. Now, there is a similar plan to drag Georgia into the war.
- Ivanishvili spoke about the Western sanctions on Georgian officials and potentially on him, claiming that his dispute with Credit Suisse are de facto Western sanctions against him, which started immediately after the war in Ukraine broke out. Ivanishvili does not expect new sanctions and thinks that all similar resources of blackmail and pressure have been exhausted and are, therefore, counterproductive. He emphasized that relations with the US were always a priority for the ruling party, but it was damaged by the war in Ukraine. Ivanishvili expressed hope that the war will end soon and relations between Georgia and the West will "settle".
- The Honorary Chairman of the Georgian Dream addressed the ruling party's plan to ban opposition parties, citing several reasons. He mentioned that during the Ukraine war, Georgia was pressured to join, with one foreign official reportedly saying, "You are 3 million, they can't kill all of you. After a few days, you can start a partisan war, and we'll help." He also blamed the opposition, the UNM, for starting the 2008 war under "foreign influence", and said their crimes were not fully investigated by the GD earlier to avoid damaging Georgia internationally. Now that the international courts (ICC, ECHR) have ruled in Georgia's favour, he believes the public should be informed. He also claimed that after Georgian Dream took power, Western officials pressured them not to investigate or arrest UNM members. Lastly, he argued that unless Georgia removes "enemies of the people," there will always be efforts to incite a foreign-backed revolution. He implied that





anyone with patriotic values easily finds their place in the Georgian Dream, while everyone else can be regarded as "enemies of the people".

- Asked about the ruling party's plan to restore territorial integrity, Ivanishvili did not explain how exactly the Georgian Dream plans to achieve this. However, he repeated that UNM started the 2008 war based on foreign orders, arguing that the opposition does not want Georgia reconciliation with the people in Abkhazia and South Ossetia because they have foreign orders to keep Georgia divided and weakened, making it easier to control for foreign powers.
- The billionaire also talked about the threats posed by "LGBT propaganda", stating while "no one is barging into their [LGBTQI+ persons] houses, pseudo-liberal fascism is a new way of conquering countries". He several "examples" of "LGBT propaganda" in the West. A gay parade held in Barcelona with the participation of children and "all types of orgies in the streets"; teaching children in kindergarten about sex and how they can choose their genders; how scientist in a certain country claim that milk from a transgender woman is as healthy as milk from a biological woman; how there are women's hygiene products distributed in men's restrooms for transgender women, etc.
- Speaking about the Russian-style foreign agents law, Ivanishvili said that foreign officials who are criticize the law do not perceive Georgia as a state which has the right to know what type of finances flood into the country. He also repeated Prime Minister Kobakhidze's <u>lie</u> that the EU halted a draft directive similar to the foreign agent law adopted by Georgia because it would lose the moral right to call on Georgia to withdraw the identical law.

Information space flooded with second front, Global War Party, revolution conspiracies

The narrative that the Global War Party, which has significant influence on the US and the EU, wants to overthrow the government and open a second front in Georgia has been systemically spread, especially since the beginning of 2024. This narrative has been spread and amplified through almost every possible channel, from Bidzina Ivanishvili to anonymous social media accounts, particularly during the pre-election period.

- In a public letter dedicated to the 12-year anniversary of the Georgian Dream's arrival to power, Bidzina Ivanishvili wrote that since October 1st, 2012, the Georgian government had to walk a thin line to maintain peace and stifle attempts by foreign and domestic enemies to start **revolutions**, cause disruption, and drag Georgia into a war against Russia. "Let's not let fire rain down on our cities, villages and children!", Ivanishvili wrote.
- In the same letter, Ivanishvili <u>claimed</u> that the collective UNM is trying to return to power at any cost, including by **opening of a second front in Georgia**. With the help of their foreign patrons, they are ready to drag the country into war and repeat the betrayal of 2008.
- Prime Minister Kobakhidze stated that the <u>European Commission</u> postponed the publication of its opinion on Georgia because the Global War Party has no hope that the opposition will win the elections and is preparing for the post-election period. "We often say that the Global War Party has influence on these processes", he said.
- Kobakhidze also attributed the resolution adopted by the **European Parliament** critical of the Georgian government to **the Global War Party**.
- Speaking about being disinvited from <u>Biden's UN Reception</u>, Kobakhidze said that after the war in Ukraine ends, interests towards Georgia will change, allowing for a reset in relations with the US and the **Global War Party**. "We should settle relations with everyone, including with the Global War Party, after their interests change", stated the Prime Minister.





- Responding to a statement made by members of the <u>Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)</u>, which expresses alarm at the ruling party's apparent preparations to steal the 26 October parliamentary elections, Kobakhidze said that "Global War Party is influencing PACE members very easily.
- General Secretary of the Georgian Dream and Mayor of Tbilisi, Kakha Kaladze <u>said</u> that the ruling party is not criticizing the West, but **protecting the country from evil people who were calling on Georgia to open a second front.** "Had we taken this step, we would not be standing at an opening ceremony of a park, we would be in basements hiding from bombs", he told journalists. In another statement, Kaladze <u>claimed</u> that government was directly blackmailed and threatened behind closed doors to open a second front and impose sanctions on Russia.
- Addressing the public in Batumi during a pre-election campaign, former Prime Minister and Chairman of the Georgian Dream, Irakli Gharibashvili <u>said</u> that "coalition of agents" attempted everything to open a second front in Georgia. He suggested that Georgia's foreign enemies want to bring foreign agents to power so that they can drag Georgia into a war.
- Executive Secretary of the Georgian Dream, Mamuka Mdinaradze, dedicated a special briefing to former Prime Minister and leader of the For Georgia party, Giorgi Gakharia, and the leader of Lelo, Mamuka Khazaradze, claiming that they are also foreign agents and culprits in UNM's crimes. Specifically for Gakharia, Mdinaradze explained that the ruling party promoting him on the position of Prime Minister can be regarded "as a tribute paid to his [Gakharia's] foreign patrons."
- Question of who are Gakharia's "patrons" was answered by a member of the ruling party, Irakli Kirtkshalia, who <u>explained</u> that "Gakharia's patrons are patrons of the collective UNM **MEPs**, Congressmen, and Senators".
- Irakli Rukhadze, owner of the pro-governmental TV Imedi appeared on a Public Broadcaster podcast hosted by the Director of the News bloc, Giorgi Gvimradze, and the Chairman of the Public Broadcasters Board of Trustees, Vasil Maghlaperidze. During the podcast, they spoke about how the US is interfering in Georgian politics because it is a hegemon without rules. According to them, the only way the opposition can come to power is if the West installs them, which can happen through a revolution supported by the US and the EU.
- The Public Broadcaster also invited former MP Jondi Baghaturia, known for his anti-Western rhetoric on pro-Russian platforms, to the same podcast. Baghaturia <u>claimed</u> that **the Global War Party is frustrated with the Georgian government for refusing to follow orders to open a second front.** He argued that Georgia's defiance sets a precedent for other countries, making it unacceptable to the Global War Party. As a result, he warned, Georgia now faces the threat of revolution, which could lead to the eventual opening of a second front. Baghaturia also suggested that Azerbaijan had been targeted by the Global War Party, intending to use the country in a war against Iran.
- The same podcast featured another notorious blogger, Luka Ekhvaia, who <u>argued</u> that sanctions against Georgian officials and the reconfiguration of opposition parties are part of the West's long-established strategy, previously applied in Serbia, Ukraine, and other Eastern European countries. If this approach fails, the propagandist warned, the West will trigger a Maidan-style revolution. The speaker claimed that the West has orchestrated three waves of revolutions: non-





violent revolutions in Eastern Europe, the Arab Spring uprisings which resulted in violence, and a "hybrid revolution" model used in Ukraine in 2014, which combines NGO involvement with street protests that escalate into violence. According to this narrative, this new form of revolution is employed in buffer states between the West and Russia to isolate and weaken Russia, **ultimately turning these countries into cannon-fodder for Western interests.** The same fate, the he suggested, awaits Georgia if a Western-backed revolution occurs.

- The same propagandist <u>appeared</u> on the pro-government Maestro TV, reiterating his claim that the West instigates uprisings in peaceful countries to further its own interests at the expense of those nations. He argued that the revolutions in Ukraine and Armenia were followed by war and territorial losses, and warned that Georgia would face a similar outcome if a Western-backed revolution is successful.
- After airing a short film titled "Trump Against the War Party", the pro-government TV channel POSTV followed with "Georgia Against the War Party". This film strongly implies that the so-called Global War Party is the US and the EU. It asserts that the opposition, with assistance from the Global War Party, attempted to discredit the election results by claiming fraud and aimed to incite protests and revolution, aided by ISFED's falsified parallel vote tabulation (PVT) results—funded by USAID, which remained silent during the unrest. The narrative claims that since 2022, both foreign and domestic forces have sought to drag Georgia into a war with Russia, using Georgian NGOs as another instrument of the Global War Party. After these efforts failed, Western officials, the film alleges, began issuing unfair criticisms of Georgia. Now, the West accuses the ruling Georgian Dream party of anti-democratic behavior to undermine its legitimacy. In the film, "anti-democracy, of course, in this case, means the governments sovereign course, which does not recognize the West's dictate and does not act according to the instructions issued by the White House, but according to national interests", the narrator contends. The film concludes by suggesting that high-ranking Western officials may seek to interfere in upcoming elections or find other means to change Georgia's government.
- Another film, produced by the pro-government online outlet Spnews, titled "What Will Happen After the October 26 Elections?" presents a scenario in which the ruling Georgian Dream party wins the election, but the results are declared fraudulent by the opposition, Georgian NGOs, international observers, the U.S. Embassy, and the Georgian president, triggering street protests. The film suggests that anyone opposing the opposition will be censored on social media by fact-checkers. It also depicts Georgian soldiers fighting in Ukraine releasing videos that physically threaten Georgian Dream and its supporters. The protests escalate into violent clashes, fueled by statements from high-ranking Western officials against the government in Georgia. According to the narrative, deaths during the clashes will lead to a full-scale revolution. Meanwhile, the Ukrainian president will call for the opening of a second front in Georgia, which the film claims will eventually happen.
- Pro-governmental expert, Edisher Gvenetadze, in his article on the anti-Western website "GeoFirst", argued that the Global War Party, meaning the military-industrial complex, clearly see that they cannot bring their agents to power with democratic elections. Therefore, they are openly planning a third uprising in Georgia. With this statement, Gvenetadze attributes the coup against first President Gamsakhurdia and the 2003 Rose Revolution to the West.
- Another pro-governmental expert, Ramaz Sakvarelidze, <u>suggested</u> that **the West was pushing** Georgia to join the war but after the Georgian Dream refused to do so, the West started preparing Georgian NGO's, the opposition, and media for another Rose Revolution.
- Pro-Russian and pro-governmental propagandist, Lali Moroshkina, in an interview that was widely disseminated on Facebook and TikTok, <u>claimed</u> that the Global War Party is a conglomerate of





multinational corporations that started the 2003 Rose Revolution which resulted in the 2008 August war. The same force also spread COVID-19 in an attempt to control the world and "conducted health experiments in Georgia", resulting in an increase in cancer instances. She also claimed that the revolution and the subsequent war in Ukraine was planned and executed by the Global War Party, which has an obsession to repeat the same scenario in Georgia. However, Bidzina Ivanishvili, as a guarantee of peace, is holding this global force back.

• In an article on pro-Russian "GeWorld", Pro-Russian propagandist, Valeri Kvaratskhelia, <u>claimed</u> that in case the Georgian Dream wins the elections, **the West will start a coup to bring its agents to power.** The new government will impose sanctions on Russia an open a second front, resulting in the annihilation of the country.

Georgian Dream criticizes US and EU embassies, talks about foreign interference

In the beginning of October, the US embassy in Georgia published several postcards on its Facebook page (1, 2, 3, 4, 5).



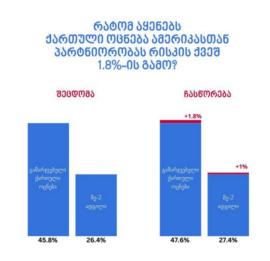
"Strong countries require strong allies. Why would we destroy something we built for 32 years?"







"Bidzina Ivanishvili knows that the funds linked to Credit Suisse are in the hands of Bermudan and Singaporean courts, not the US. Why is he telling a different story to Georgians?"



Depicting a graph that the 2020 ISFED PVT results only had an error margin of 1.8%, the postcard reads: "Why is the Georgian Dream risking partnership with the US for 1.8%?"





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"Democracies do not ban the opposition"



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"Countries do not develop in isolation. Georgia's isolation from the West is against the Georgian people's interests" Response to the postcard regarding the Credit Suisse case

• Ivanishvili responded to the postcards with a letter, <u>arguing</u> that neither him nor anyone from the Georgian Dream leadership ever blamed the US or the EU of financial blackmail while also emphasizing that the issue of oligarchic influences, informal government, the "Deep State" and the war party in the US has not been raised by the Georgian Dream, but by Donald Trump and Robert Kennedy Jr. It is the Global War Party that is trying to use the US and the EU as covers while acting against Georgia's national interests and to portray as if Georgia has a conflict not with the Global War Party, but with the US and the EU.





• Prime Minister Kobakhidze backed Ivanishvili, further <u>claiming</u> the existence of a Global War Party that influences such processes. Among them, it has a principal influence on politicians and bureaucrats, unfortunately, both in the US and the EU.

Response to the postcard regarding the ISFED PVT results

- The Facebook page "In reality", created by the Georgian Dream's communications department, mainly aimed at discrediting the ruling party's opponents, published a <u>postcard</u> purporting that the US embassy is downplaying the role of the PVT results. ISFED accused the ruling party of rigging 46 000 votes, which was known to USAID. However, neither USAID or the US embassy made a public statement while protesters were accusing the ruling party of rigging the elections.
- The same narrative was spread by the Chairperson of the Parliament, Shalva Papuashvili, who <u>said</u> that the US embassy lied. According to him, ISFED made an error about 2.4% of the votes, not 1.8%. Moreover, the PVT results became the main reason why the opposition did not recognize the results and tried to overthrow the government.
- While repeating the same message, Tbilisi Mayor Kakha Kaladze <u>jested</u> that the US embassy has a
 huge problem. "I think someone snuck Levan Khabeishvili [member of UNM] as their Facebook
 admin. The things they published were lies", Kaladze said.

Response to the "Democracies do not ban the opposition postcard"

- The Facebook page "In reality" also <u>responded</u> to this postcard, arguing that Between 1945 and 2015, 20 European democracies banned 50 opposition parties, and that Ukraine and Moldova have banned opposition parties in the last two years.
- Kakha Kaladze <u>stated</u> that the German government is planning to outlaw Alternative für Deutschland, while Moldova and Ukraine banned several parties. If that is regarded as democracy, why can't Georgia ban a party that betrayed and damaged the country, he argued. "This is why many citizens are dissatisfied and annoyed by the West, because they see the double standards", Kaladze said.
- Mamuka Mdinaradze <u>quipped</u> in a Facebook post, calling on the US **embassy** "to regain control over their page from the UNM".
- Shalva Papuashvili <u>accused</u> the US of double standards, arguing that it is unfair and inconsistent with European values for Germany to be allowed to ban political parties and France to pass a law on foreign influence, while Georgia is criticized for similar actions.
- Georgian Dream MP Irakli Zarkua <u>argued</u> that the US and the EU are realizing that "radicals and homelandless" parties are not going to be able to cross the threshold, so **they decided to get involved** in **the pre-election campaign**. "They seem to be mixing Georgia with Ukraine and Moldova, where freedom and media are suppressed", he said.
- POSTV published a <u>postcard</u> reading "democracies do not have a death sentence" attached to a graph depicting the statistic of people punished by death in the US.

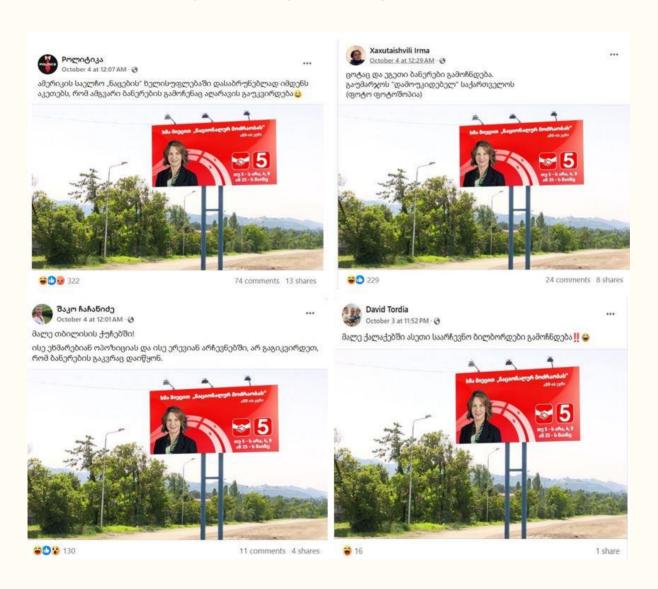
Other statements made about the US embassy

• The Prime Minister <u>said</u> that the Georgian elections are being held in an environment of unprecedented foreign interference and the postcards published by the US embassy are an **attempt** to influence the voters.





- The Chairperson of the Parliament also <u>argued</u> that the embassy is trying to **interfere in Georgian politics** and that the US is confusing the state of Georgia with the country of Georgia He <u>assessed</u> the postcards as "ridiculous, containing lies and disinformation".
- Georgian Dream MP Irakli Zarkua <u>asked</u> the US embassy "whether or not they retrieved control over their page from the UNM?". He also claimed that he US has severe issues in its own preelection environment and should mind its own business.
- Pro-governmental propagandist Goga Khaindrava <u>wrote</u> a post saying that "the US diplomatic corps have lost all dignity".
- Pro-governmental social media profiles and pages also disseminated a photo depicting the US Ambassador to Georgia, Robin Dunigan, on a UNM pre-election billboard (1, 2, 3, 4)







Criticism towards the EU Ambassador

On October 4, the EU ambassador to Georgia, Pavel Herczynski, <u>described</u> the ruling party's banners depicting war-ravaged Ukraine juxtaposed to peaceful Georgian scenery as "Outrageous, shameful, and frightening". "It is precisely due to the self-sacrifice of the Ukrainian people that peace is maintained in Georgia and in the EU. We express our utmost respect for Ukraine," Herczynski said.

- Kakha Kaladze <u>assessed</u> the Ambassadors statement as "categorically unacceptable" and foreign interference in the pre-election campaigns, adding that in any normal and developed country Ambassadors would be kicked out for such remarks.
- Several TV Channels refused to air the Georgian Dream's ads portraying destroyed Ukrainian landscapes. <u>According</u> to Shalva Papuashvili, this decision was influenced by the EU Ambassadors statements, ultimately meaning that **the Ambassadors statements resulted in a violation of the Georgian legislation.**
- According to Irakli Zarkua, Mr. Herczynski's statements are unacceptable. "Mr. Ambassador, I understand your concern and anger that your agents cannot overcome the threshold, but you are allowing yourself too much", he said.

Georgian Dream responds to critical resolution adopted by the European Parliament

On October 9, the European Parliament adopted a <u>resolution</u> "On democratic backsliding and threats to political pluralism in Georgia" It calls for a freeze of EU funds to the Georgian government until it repeals the anti-democratic legislation, for sanctions against Georgian Dream Honorary Chair Bidzina Ivanishvili, and for an assessment of Georgia's fulfillment of visa liberalization benchmarks, while reiterating its unwavering support for the Georgian people's legitimate European aspirations.

- Shalva Papuashvili <u>assessed</u> the resolution as an attempt to influence the Georgian voters, assessing it as "Outrageous, shameful, and frightening". It is outrages that the resolution calls for the sanctioning of Ivanishvili, a person who is a guarantee of peace in Georgia. It is shameful that the resolution calls for the release of Saakashvili from a just sentence. It is disgraceful that the resolution calls for Georgia to join the sanctions against Russia, which will destroy the Georgian economy. According to Papuashvili, the resolution shows the Georgian people the level of pressure the Georgian government was under all these years.
- Kakha Kaladze <u>argued</u> that in time it will be revealed that lobbyist paid the MEPs (supposedly, all 495 of them) to adopt the resolution. <u>Moreover</u>, the resolution proves that the Georgian Dream was under immense pressure to take "specific steps" which would damage the country.
- Chairman of the Georgian Dream, Irakli Gharibashvili, <u>stated</u> that the lobbyists supporting and protecting the radical, bankrupt opposition are prepared an anti-state, anti-Georgian resolution, which is, of course, another demonstration of brazen interference in Georgia's internal affairs
- Pro-governmental TV Channels disseminated speeches made by specific MEPs repeating the Georgian Dream's narratives:
- From <u>Thierry Mariani</u> from the Patriots for Europe Group, the resolution is a tool handed to agitators and foreign-funded NGOs aimed to destabilize the current majority in Georgia, a form of foreign interference.
- András László, Hungarian MEP also from the Patriots of Europe Group Hungarian member said the resolution adopted by the European Parliament on Georgia last week was nothing but an "ultimatum" against the country.
- Hans Neuhoff, member of AfD, <u>called</u> on the European Parliament to "respect international laws, respect Georgia's sovereignty, respect Georgia's ability to make its own laws".





- Danilo Della Valle from the Left group <u>said</u> that the European Parliament showed a double standard and exposed the political hypocrisy of the EU. In the wake of the war in Ukraine, some forces want to put their geopolitical interests dictated by the US and NATO around countries like Georgia
- Czech MEP, Ondřej Dostal, <u>said</u> that Instead of interfering in Georgia's affairs, the EU should understand that Georgians know their interests better than Europe does.
- The proxy movement of the ruling party, United Neutral Georgia, <u>responded</u> to the resolution by claiming that **Georgia's European integration is merely an illusion**, achievable only through compliance with Western demands—such as releasing Saakashvili, endorsing "LGBT propaganda," joining sanctions against Russia, and opening a second front. They argue that the resolution aligns with the opposition's pre-election strategy, which they claim will follow these orders and ultimately lead to the destruction of the country.
- A member of the United Neutral Georgia movement, Vato Shakarishvili, appeared on progovernmental POSTV channel and <u>claimed</u> that the EU is never going to accept Georgia as a member. However, the EU demands that Georgia open a second front, commit economic suicide by imposing sanctions on Russia, sanction the biggest philanthropist in Georgia [Bidzina Ivanishvili], release the blood-thirsty dictator from prison [Saakashvili], and exchange Christianity with LGBT propaganda. According to Shakarishvili, the oppositions foreign patrons know that they will lose the election and were left with the only option to directly engage in the pre-election campaign.

Pro-Russian groups repeat revolution, second front narrative

- Host of the pro-Russian Sezoni TV broadcast, Nikoloz Mzhavanadze, <u>stated</u> that Georgia is freeing itself from American and LGBT occupation. Another propagandist on the same broadcast stated that the West is trying to open a second front in Georgia and <u>Bidzina Ivanishvili</u> is the only thing standing between Georgia and war, which is why he should be endorsed by all national-thinking people.
- A member of the pro-Russian Alt Info group <u>said</u> that the Georgian Dream's rhetoric is not enough to stop the West's Maidan-style revolution plans in Georgia.
- Pro-Russian priest Spiridon Tskipurishvili <u>claimed</u> that Georgians have three choices the collective UNM which will start a war, the Georgian Dream who will be unable to stifle the revolution attempt, which will be followed by a war, and Alt Info, which will be able to defeat Western-funded foreign agents and enemies of the state.
- One of the Alt Info pundits <u>argued</u> that the US sanctioned Alt Info leaders and high-ranking law enforcement officials because they are the main force who can stop a Maidan-style revolution in Georgia.
- One of the hosts of Alt Info's broadcasts <u>assessed</u> that the US government is the main threat to Georgia because it is attempting to drag Georgia into the war and turn it into another Ukraine by bringing revanchist forces to power.





- General Secretary of the pro-Russian Solidarity for Peace party <u>said</u> that the West is not acting against the Georgian government but against the Georgian people, who has been trying to regain **sovereignty** and escape **Western colonialism**.
- Levan Mamaladze, an MP in the 1990s, <u>exposed</u> by journalists of having direct links with the separatist regime in Luhanks, appeared on Sezoni TV and claimed that **the West will not recognize** the elections in Georgia to start a revolution.
- Nikoloz Mzhavanadze <u>expressed</u> hope that as Russia helped Syria, Turkey, Kazakhstan, and Belarus from coups, it will do the same for Georgia and establish security in the region.
- A propagandist on Alt Info <u>stated</u> that if pro-Western powers come to power Georgia will be "Bakhmutasized".
- Another propagandist on Alt Info <u>repeated</u> the narrative spread by the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service about how OSCE/ODIHR will declare the elections as rigged to spark a revolution in Georgia.
- According to a member of Alt Info, the US is realizing that it is losing influence over Georgia, leaving the only option to use force and drag Georgia into a war against Russia to make sure that trading routes passing through the South Caucasus does not fall into Chinese hands. Moreover, he added that peace can only be ensured by Georgia aligning itself with Russia, Turkey, Iran, Azerbaijan and Armenia.

36 hours before the elections, anti-opposition anonymous TikTok pages spread disinformation that opposition voters will be identified and arrested

In an apparent attempt to intimidate opposition voters, anonymous TikTok accounts, systematically spreading content against the opposition, released videos 36 hours before election day in a coordinated manner. These videos falsely claimed that electronic voting technology allows authorities to track individual votes, warning that those identified as opposition supporters would face arrest.







"Everyone will be identified! Opposition voters will be arrested for voting for criminals. On the 26th, A digital census is taken during voting"



"Good initiative! voters of the radical opposition will be tried"







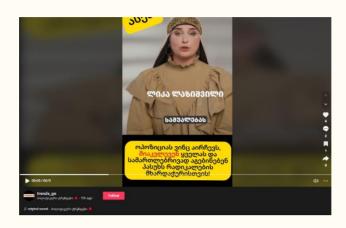
"Attention, they will see in the electronic devices who voted for the opposition and arrest them after the elections! Very good. Should have done that before"



"If you vote for the opposition you will be arrested! And its correct"







"They will find everyone who chose the opposition and make them pay for supporting radicals!"



