



DIGEST
COVERAGE
OF LGBTQ+ TOPICS
IN BELARUSIAN MEDIA

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The end of 2022 in the Belarusian media was not marked by excessive escalation of the LGBTQ+ agenda. Apparently, the Russian experience of adopting homophobic laws by [parliament](#) and [signing](#) them by the so-called president was more than enough.

Of course, all the leading pro-government media in Belarus wrote about this event, and the news was even in BELTA, the state news agency.

There were no specific statements on this topic in the Belarusian propaganda media field. It can be assumed that a position is being developed.

The [historian Alexander Friedman](#) [discusses](#) this topic in more detail.

It cannot be said that the LGBTQ theme was generally bypassed by the media in Belarus. Not at all. What about the [mistake of propagandists](#) regarding the IOC decision on the participation of LGBTQ athletes. An attempt to raise a media panic about this failed.

One of the funny incidents is an [attempt by the Communists](#) to ban a non-existent Minsk gay club, put on for on Google maps.

To collect a "media puzzle" about LGBTQ+ in the Belarusian media, we advise you to have a look at our 2022 Digests.

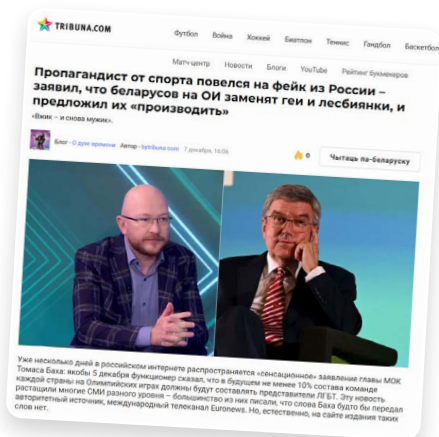
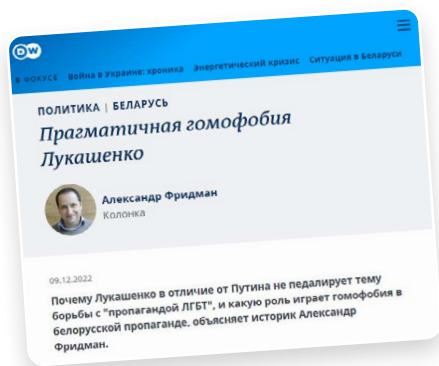
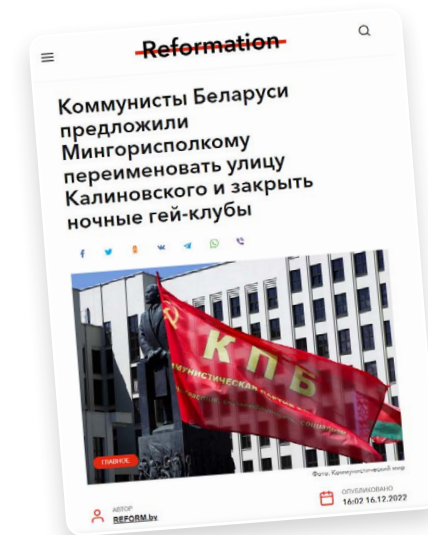
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Happy New Year! We hope it will bring more good news and topics.

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Belarusian human rights activists appealed to the Red Cross leadership because of homophobic statements of the BRC head

The Belarusian Helsinki Committee and the Belarusian Medical Solidarity Fund have appealed to the Red Cross organizations raising the issue of discrimination by the Secretary General of the Belarus Red Cross Society Dmitry Shevtsov.

On October 18, Shevtsov said on Belarusian television that "non-traditional relations between the sexes" are a "mental illness" that "needs to be cured."

<https://reform.by/338614-belaruskie-pravozashhitniki-obratilis-k-rukovodstvu-krasnogo-kresta-iz-zagomofobnyh-vyskazyvanij-glavy-bokk>



Pro-government activist accused billboard advertising headphones in LGBT propaganda

For some reason, she called the model depicted on the poster "transgender" and saw in her appearance "LGBT propaganda." A day after the complaint to the "competent authorities", the billboard disappeared: it was replaced by social advertising.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/23709.html?c>



Living in someone else's body. The revelations of a transsexual

Uladzislau is transsexual, his gender identity is opposite to the gender indicated at birth. He hails from a provincial town, now lives and works as a programmer in the capital.

<https://minsknews.by/zhizn-v-chuzhom-tele-otkroveniya-transseksuala/>



Can Belarus adopt a law on a complete ban on LGBT propaganda, as it was done in the Russian Federation?

Putin signed a law on a complete ban on "LGBT propaganda" in Russia, the violation of which for ordinary citizens will result in a fine of more than 6,000 euros. And also: it will contribute to more discrimination against LGBTQ+ people and harassment of people for their sexual orientation and beliefs. Can the same law be adopted in Belarus? "It's possible," said the coordinator of TG House (an initiative designed to help transgender people).

<https://kyky.org/news/mogut-li-v-belarusi-prinyat-zakon-o-polnom-zaprete-propagandy-lgbt-kak-eto-sdelali-v-rf>



The Church is a refuge for the wounded and oppressed, not an institution for the perfect. The continental stage of the Synod of Bishops publishes a document

Among those who ask for more active dialogue and greater openness, there are, for example, former priests who left the ministry to get married, and above all those who, for various reasons, experience tension between belonging to the Church and their own affective relationships. We are talking about divorced people living in a new union, single parents, people living in a polygamous marriage, LGBT people.

<https://catholic.by/3/news/vatican/15154-kastsjol-prytulak-dlya-paranenykh-i-prygnachanykh-a-nestanova-dlya-daskanalykh-abnarodavany-dokument-kantynentalnaga-etapu-sinodu-biskupa>



Belarus' Communists proposed to the Minsk City Executive Committee to rename Kalinouski Street and close gay nightclubs

Also, the organization is particularly indignant at the work of gay night clubs - "Burlesque" and "Playful Proboscis". These places need to be closed down, because "their value orientations are not compatible with the traditional values of the Belarusian people." As it should be, the letter also contains the addresses of the places in question.

<https://reform.by/kommunisty-belarusi-predlozhili-mingorispolkomu-pereimenovat-ulicu-kalinovskogo-i-zakryt-nochnye-gej-kluby>

Lukashenka's pragmatic homophobia

Historian Alexander Friedman explains why Lukashenka, unlike Putin, does not peddle the topic of combating "LGBT propaganda", and what role homophobia plays in Belarusian propaganda.

<https://www.dw.com/ru/pragmaticnaa-gomofobia-lukashenko/a-64041669?maca=rus-Red-Telegram-dwbelarus>



A gay pride website and a kilka.by store put up for the December auction of domains in Belarus

In December, Belarus will host another charity auction of domain names, where you can buy names with a history of use. Among the New Year's lots is the gay Pride domain gaybelarus.by, the name of the legendary Dial-Up provider 4enet, and the address kgembassy.by that previously belonged to the Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic.

<https://belretail.by/news/na-dekabrskiy-auksion-domenov-v-belarusi-vyistavili-sayt-gey-prayda-i-magazin-kilka-by>





The popular tick-toker from the national team of Belarus was captured almost immediately after his visit to the state TV: he "offended" the uniform wearers, he was in Ukraine when the war started.

The name won't tell you anything, but he shoots the most popular videos in Belarusian sport: he is strong in his sport, walked in a robe a la Mile, tries to get coverage thanks to gay hints and a bunch of obscenities

<https://athletes.by/populiarnogo-tik-tokera-iz-sbornoi-belarysi-shvatili-pochti-srazy-posle-pohoda-na-gostv-obidel-nositelei-formy-nachalovoiny-zastal-v-ukraine.html>



The sports propagandist fell for a fake from Russia – he said that Belarusians would be replaced by gays and lesbians at the OI, and offered to "produce" them

For several days now, a "sensational" statement by the head of the IOC, Thomas Bach, has been spreading on the Russian Internet: allegedly, on December 5, an official said that in the future at least 10% of each country's team at the Olympic Games would have to be LGBT representatives.

<https://by.tribuna.com/tribuna/blogs/editors/3090778-propagandist-ot-sporta-povelsya-na-fejk-iz-rossii-zayavil-cto/>

National identities in the 21st century: a perspective for Belarus

Fukuyama believes that democratic nationalism can be inclusive. In its heart today is not only a commitment to democratic values and institutions, but also respect for the differences that people and communities defend in the fight against discrimination. This struggle, originating in the late 1960s, was designated identity politics and found expression in environmental, anti-racist, feminist, LGBT, anti-psychiatric movements, as well as in the movement for the rights of persons with disabilities.

<https://reform.by/nacionalnye-identichnosti-v-21-m-veke-perspektiva-dlja-belarusi>



Azarenka married off her gay friend: they rested together during the pandemic, he is not bad on the court himself

On Sunday, tennis player Victoria Azarenka shared a photo from a wedding held in the United States. A very unconventional one by the standards of the tennis player homeland – after all, the marriage was purely male: it was arranged by Victoria's friend, openly gay John Herrick with his partner Tom Clark. Can you imagine this in Belarus?

<https://by.tribuna.com/tribuna/blogs/tennis/3090837-azarenko-zhenila-svoego-drugageya-vmeste-otdyxali-v-pandemiyu/>



Putin signed a law banning LGBT propaganda, pedophilia and gender reassignment

Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a law banning propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations, pedophilia and sex change.

<https://www.belta.by/world/view/putin-podpisal-zakon-o-zaprete-propagandy-lgbt-pedofilii-i-smeny-pola-538446-2022/>

<https://sputnik.by/20221027/paket-zakonoproektov-o-zaprete-lgbt-propagandy-prinyala-gosduma-rossii--1068427155.html>

<https://www.sb.by/articles/putin-podpisal-paket-zakonov-zapreshchayushchiy-propagandu-lgbt-smenu-pola-i-pedofilii.html>

"I also watch anime." What are the cultural values of contemporary youth?

This is a story about what LGBT and all this positioning of the gay industry is doing in order to reduce the number of people - this is understandable. But let's not reduce our traditional values exclusively to these quasi-family relationships, because this whole story is built a little differently.

<https://ctv.by/ya-i-anime-smotryu-kakie-kulturnye-cennosti-u-sovremennoy-molodyozhi>



The institution of the family is being destroyed. What do Germans say about LGBT propaganda

Massive propaganda of the LGBT movement is gaining momentum in Western society. This was told by a reader of the resource mlyn.by who lives in Germany. Many Germans do not agree with this situation, but they are outraged only at home behind closed doors. They are afraid that they may be accused of intolerance.

– LGBT people in Germany are coming out of all the cracks. All my friends are worried and sad. Those who can, leave for Belarus and Russia. But many people simply do not have the means to do this," says Anna.

<https://www.pro-life.by/v-mire/razrushaetsja-institut-semi-chno-govorjat-zhiteli-germanii-o-propagande-lgbt/>

How Belarus managed to preserve traditional values without passing a law against LGBT propaganda

Belarus has faced Western pressure regarding same-sex marriage and LGBT rights since the first years of its formation as a sovereign state. Western elites could not miss the opportunity to tilt toward their side a young country in the center of Europe and instill their values.

<https://mlyn.by/14112022/kak-belarusi-udalos-sohranit-tradiczionnye-czennosti-ne-prinimaya-zakon-protiv-lgbt-propagandy/>



Gay pride parades are not our values

The so-called Western "values" include such wicked concepts as transgenderism and same-sex love

<https://www.nesvizh-news.by/2022/12/12/gej-parady-ne-nashi-cennosti/>



Belarusian cultural values were discussed at the state TV Especially surprised by the female psychologist

CTV decided to discuss Belarusian cultural values, but mainly discussed LGBT. We watched the program and chose the most unexpected and interesting statements. We were especially surprised by the remarks of a psychologist, propagandist and presenters.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/28699.html?c>

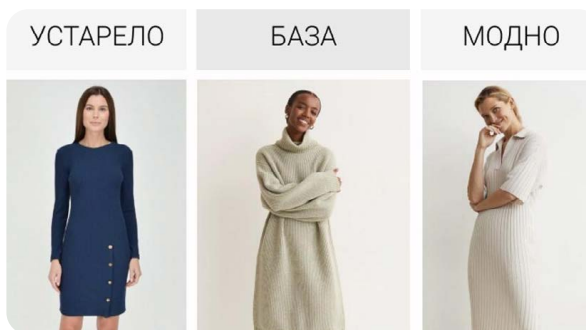
The chief sexologist of Minsk: when homosexuals grow out of soft and good boys and why men have affairs

- How do you feel about people with non-traditional orientation?
- This is not the norm. I see the reason in education, although there are many theories.

Today, quite a lot of children are raised in single-parent families, more often by single mothers. The boy is growing up, the mother works for days, there is no time for the child...

At the same time, the son grows up to be gentle and affectionate, a good boy with a gentle character. Mom is proud of the fact that he is like this, and thereby creates a good ground for the boy to form a transformation of the sexual role, which gives ground for the development of a homosexual.

<https://minsknews.by/glavnyiy-seksolog-minska-kogda-iz-myagkih-i-horoshih-malchikov-vyirastayut-gomoseksualisty-i-pochemu-muzhchinyi-hodyat-nalevo/>



The West substitutes the concept of femininity. What for?

As a minimum, they suggest negligence. As a maximum, by the 25th frame effect it is the rejection of sexual differences. It entails the introduction into our subconsciousness that homosexuality is great, parent 1 and parent 2 are cool, and a child of the neuter gender is, in general, the peak of progressive consciousness.

<http://lidanews.by/news/life/27301news.html>



White-red-white people abroad. A Belarusian became the boyfriend of the famous gay beauty blogger Petrov

I want to warn readers, there will be a lot of opprobriousnesses in this article. After all, today we are talking about such a notorious personality as beauty blogger Andrey Petrov. This mephedrone creature, which has the dirtiest reputation on the Russian-speaking Internet, has a boyfriend Aleh - he is from Belarus. He was here in 2020 and jumped to the point that he ended up in Ukraine.

<https://mlyn.by/23122022/bcbshniki-za-granicej-belorus-stal-panem-izvestnogo-gey-buti-blogera-petrova/>





Seminars on adolescent reproductive health were held in Homiel

Doctors learned about the peculiarities of adolescence – neurophysiological, psychological, social. They studied how to interact effectively with teenagers. We discussed hot topics in working with young people, such as LGBTQ+, rejection of childbearing, free sexual relations, cohabitation.

<https://www.pro-life.by/antisejnnye-tehnologii/seksprosvet/v-gomele-proshli-seminary-po-reproduktivnomu-zdorovju-podrostkov/>

Save children's souls

And Orthodox Americans, Russians — people of different nationalities — take children to this island on Sundays.

What are they escaping from?

From the dirt, the ubiquitous American gay propaganda: I saw with my own eyes latrines for children of the “third gender” in schools, rainbow flags on local churches, in kindergartens – lessons of sexual diversity on the example of cards, where instead of mom and dad there are two uncles or two aunts.

<https://nastgaz.by/spasti-detskie-dushi/>



Paralympians are a very convenient target for geopolitical attacks

So, the world sports "backstage", stepping over the main principle of de Coubertin, did not spare even the disabled. For Western society, famous for environment, zoo, human rights and LGBT defenders, the Paralympians turned out to be an excellent target for a new attack and a vile sanctions policy in general.

<https://sozhnews.by/news-belarus/paralimpijtsy-ochen-udobnaya-tsel-dlya-geopoliticheskikh-vypadov>



How are family relationships transformed in contemporary society?

The strengthening of propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations and values associated with them also negatively affects the institution of the family," Yahreniya Dalimayeva believes. – In some countries, the phenomenon has acquired threatening proportions. According to the results of a study conducted in October 2021 in the United States, 39% of the country's citizens aged 18 to 24 identified themselves as representatives of the LGBT community.

<https://vitvesti.by/index.php/obshestvo/kak-transformiruiutsia-semeinye-otnosheniia-v-sovremennom-obshchestve.html>



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