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**COVERAGE**  
**OF LGBTQ ISSUES**  
**IN THE BELARUSIAN**  
**MASS MEDIA**

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The third quarter of 2023 was marked by a significant increase in the mentioning of LGBTQ+ topics in pro-government and independent media.

One of the main reasons is the initiation by the General Prosecutor's Office of Belarus of the draft law "On administrative responsibility for the promotion of non-traditional sexual relations, gender correction, pedophilia and child-free ideas".

The initiative became the basis for another round of hate speech by propagandists and pro-government activists. Although, as experts note, the absence of such a law did not prevent the homophobic rhetoric of the regime and its officials.

In this regard, it is important to consider this narrative, its causes and possible predictions. Iryna Sidorskaya, PhD and expert in the field of Communications [deals with this field](#).

A significant part of materials in the pro-government media is devoted to the situation with the LGBTQ+ community outside Belarus, mainly in Europe and the

USA. Several articles were also devoted to the upcoming elections in Poland from the point of view that this country is governed by the so-called "collective West".

The main message of such publications is not new: "Look how bad it is there, and Belarus is a haven of stability, and traditional values are preserved here."

Here is a typical quote: "We know that Europe knows how to play the long game and always makes far-sighted plans.

And while they create a new controlled crowd, we, Belarusians, will create a strong institution of [traditional family](#), so that our children do not fall on the hook of European debauchery and LGBT propaganda."

A frequent guest of our Digest, Volha Bondarava, whom many have called an "info-Cossack", acts as a guardian of "traditional values". The list of her new successes includes the modification of a series of advertisements [series of advertisements](#) for the school season, in which she saw "LGBT propaganda", by the country's largest retailer.

It is worth noting that Ms. Bondarava also has setbacks: law enforcement agencies [rejected her application](#) to close down the "Litouka" agritourism complex, failing to find there "propaganda of the cult of violence and cruelty", including LGBT-themed paintings.

Apparently, with the deterioration of the economic situation in Belarus, homophobic rhetoric from the regime will increase, since, quoting Iryna Sidorskaya, "Lukashenko needs to earn political capital first of all. First, to find enemies. He cannot accept the point of view that what he built does not work. That people live poorly, they do not see prospects. It is better to show that some enemies are to blame. Here is the collective West, plus there is also a fifth column inside Belarus. And that apart from the "fighters", this fifth column also includes the people of, as he names it, "non-traditional sexual orientation".

... A dictator can never effectively lead a complex system. The dictator tries to simplify the world, not to see all its shades, not to see different social groups, but to divide it into black and white. This is the picture of reality that, as it seems to me, Lukashenka possesses."

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### *Tusk and Kaczynski: who is better for Belarus? Piatrousky tells about elections in Poland*

If Tusk's party comes to power, then Poland will become united in the promotion of LGBT, multi-culture, and other liberal anti-values in the Belarusian direction.

<https://npr.by/tusk-i-kachinskij-kto-luchshe-dlya-belarusi-petrovskij-o-vyborah-v-polshe/>

### *Swedish experience for Belarus, or How tolerance can improve the life of society*

I spent last week in Sweden, where Pride was held for the 25th time (we usually call them gay parades). And now I will tell you why we also need gay parades.

<https://hrodnalife.substack.com/p/hl-21>



### *District police department did not find any violations in the 'Litouka' agritourism estate, which pro-government activist Volha Bondarava asked to shut down*

Bondarava emphasized in her appeal that "Litouka" "exhibits objects of asocial and pornographic nature that promote the cult of violence and cruelty," including "paintings with LGBT thematic." The pro-government activist was concerned that children were allowed into the agricultural manor.

<https://mediazona.by/news/2023/09/11/litovka>



### *Skaryna Press publishing house announced that it is preparing for publication the first in the history of Belarusian literature anthology of gay literature*

'Buddies Get Out of Control', the first-ever anthology of [Belarusian – Gpress.info remark] gay literature, is scheduled to be published by SKARYNA PRESS activist publisher, based out of London. The publishing house began crowdfunding on [Ko-fi.com](https://ko-fi.com), in order to carry out the publication of the landmark book that has been in preparation for more than five years.

<https://reform-by.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/reform.by/vydavectva-skaryna-press-ryhtueda-publikacyi-pershuju-gistoryi-belaruskaj-litaratury-antalogiju-gej-pismenstva/amp>



### *The Skittles company started active promotion of LGBT among children*

The American company Skittles, known all over the world for its chewy fruit candies for children, has begun to promote LGBT values among children. They changed the meaning of their slogan "Taste the rainbow", interpreting it as a deliberate motivation of children to non-traditional relationships. Russian journalist Volha Skabeeva [informs](#) about this with reference to the SkyNews channel.

<https://ont.by/news/kompaniya-skittles-nachala-aktivnuyu-propagandu-lgbt-sredi-detej>



### *Five thousand LGBT soldiers serve in the Ukrainian Armed Forces, Chirillo told the pranksters Lexus and Vovan*

Sarah Ashton-Chirillo, an American transgender person and former part-time representative of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, told Russian pranksters Lexus and Vovan that there are about five thousand LGBT representatives in the ranks of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, RIA "Novosti" [reports](#).

<https://ont.by/news/v-vsu-služhat-pyat-tysyach-lgbt-voennyh-soobshil-chirillo-prankeram-leksusu-i-vovanu>



### *With a pink paddy wagon. A "pride parade" took place in Vilnius, in which the Belarusian group took part*

About a hundred Belarusians took part in the gay parade in Vilnius. The representatives of LGBTQ+ community dragged behind them a pink toy paddy wagon and held a rainbow wrapped in barbed wire at the beginning of the procession.

<https://nashaniva.com/320489>

### *What is more destructive for society: childfree and LGBT "propaganda" or the ideology of Belarusian State? Writer Anna Zlatkovskaya gives her point of view*

Writer Anna Zlatkovskaya, who has been living in Lithuania for almost three years, responded to prosecutors and discussed how, under the guise of fighting against certain "alien" values, our country is being turned into the Soviet Union.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/48795.html?c>



***If you want power, invent an enemy. Why is the ruling party of Poland speculating on the anti-Belarusian agenda and how is it leading the country to the abyss by succumbing to the influence of the USA***

The promise to preserve national identity and minimize pressure from other states has not been fulfilled. On the contrary, there has never been such a strong influence of the USA in the history of Poland. In fact, the country was completely turned into a colony. Prohibition of abortion and LGBT is also a trick. Never before has Poland been so affected by debauchery and sodomy. Against the background of what is happening in Poland, the thesis about strengthening cooperation with the Catholic Church for the joint struggle for traditional values looks like an open mockery of society.

<https://volkovysknews.by/sotsium/37098-khochesh-vlasti-pridumaj-vraga-zachem-pravyashchaya-partiya-polshi-spekuliruet-na-antibeloruskoj-povestke-i-kak-vedet-stranu-k-propasti-poddavayas-vliyaniju-ssha>



***Anastasia Mironchik-Ivanova's Dreams and fantasies***

There were rumors that an athlete would have to pass an anonymous survey upon arrival at the Olympics. There will be questions about the LGBT movement, the Ukrainian conflict... And in general, how do we differ from other athletes? Why should we perform without a flag, without an anthem, without a coat of arms, not in our equipment?

<https://nv-online.info/mechty-i-fantazii-anastasii-mironchik-ivanovoj.html>

<https://sport5.by/news/lenta/Anastasiya-MironchikIvanova-Dazhe-s-normativom-otkazalas-by-ot-takoy-Olimpiady/>



***People are proud and treasure our passport***

Our passport is envied because it gives what many do not have and never had - social protection, confidence in the future, care of the state, freedom from LGBT propaganda and mobilization for aggressive wars.

<https://minsknews.by/pasportom-gordyatsya-i-dorozhat/>



***You can't go anywhere without an "agenda", or Strange ideas instead of eternal values***

And what about the so-called gender-neutral fairy Godmother in the latest adaptation of "Cinderella"? This role was played by a black gay man infected with HIV. Indeed, who else could be chosen in the wave of propaganda of LGBT values to embody the image of a fairy who saves the main character?

...And how can we consider the violent position of The Walt Disney Company, whose executive director Carrie Burke declared that at least half of the characters in Disney films would be representatives of the LGBT culture or racial minorities?

<https://vitvesti.by/index.php/obshestvo/bez-povestochki-nikuda-ili-strannye-idei-vmesto-vechnykh-tcennostei.html>



***Peraslehin: What does inclusive capitalism look like?***

Many people can be LGBT supporters without knowing anything about Klaus Schwab and his concept of inclusive capitalism, which envisages the loss of people's property and a sharp decrease in the Earth's population.

"Now the "inclusionists" are trying to push through the UN the idea of LGBT rights (an abomination before God) as part of general "human rights", seizing to work with the concept of an epidemic threat and the connected need for total control."

<https://sputnik.by/20230718/pereslegin-na-cto-pokhozh-inklyuzivnyy-kapitalizm-1077602359.html>



***Haydukevich: The President personally controls the harvesting!***

Look at the realities of European countries: presidents, ministers - they just want to "promote themselves"! They wore women's heels, changed clothes, and led gay pride parades. Just how does this improve people's lives? How does this improve food security? How does this solve hunger problems, which are so urgent in the world nowadays?

<https://ldpb.by/ru/informatsiya/gajdukevich-uborku-urozhaya-prezident-kontroliruet-lichno/>

***"Death of a Lesbian" by Natalka Kharytanyuk***

Natalka Kharytanyuk's new book "The Death of a Lesbian" immediately attracts attention thanks to its original title by the standards of Belarusian literature. From the annotation we learn that this book is a metaphysical detective story (whatever this phrase means).

<https://hvali.by/natalka-harytanyuk-smerts-lesbiyanki/>



### ***Why does Aliaksandr Lukashenka want a detente with Poland? The opinion of Piotr Piatrowski***

Traditionally, PiS focuses on Republicans. The ruling democrats in the United States do not share the views of PiS in terms of values and tactics. The US Ambassador to Warsaw M. Brzezinski is not shy about publicly demonstrating this: he goes to opposition rallies and gay pride parades, and meets with the mayor of Warsaw R. Trzaskowski, who, by the way, has every chance of becoming a candidate for the presidency of Poland in 2024, representing the Civic Platform.

<https://npr.by/zachem-aleksandr-lukashenko-hochet-razryadki-s-polshej-mnenie-petra-petrovskogo/>



***“What is the difference between killing a gay and a protester? There were no rallies because of a gay man.” How Belarus authorities have been honing violence on the “margins” for years***

“Long live Belarus, but without gays!” — in the last year alone we have seen dozens of similar comments. Andrey Zavalei, an LGBTIQ activist, has encountered hundreds of these over the past 10 years. He was tired of proving for years that gay and lesbian people are Belarusians just like everyone else. That’s why I wrote a publication where I introduced Belarus as the “b” in LGBT: “If you don’t react when the “marginal” people are repressed, one day you will be repressed too.”

<https://kyky.org/pain/pochemu-u-belaruskih-demokratov-ne-sluchilos-prozreniya-a-tak-vot-cherez-cto-prohodili-lgbt-lyudi-vse-eti-gody-kolonka-boli-o-nashem-obschestve>



### ***Why did Lukashenko speak in Belarusian? And does he aspire to power in the Kremlin? Artsiom Shraibman answers readers' questions***

...Similar regimes around the world are trying to earn points for themselves by the simplest thing – choosing some vulnerable group like migrants, a national minority or LGBT people - and redirecting people’s anger towards it, towards this minority. The main thing is that it is based on a stereotype shared by the majority. And this is exactly the story with LGBT people. According to any Belarusian or international survey, our country is one of the most conservative in Europe when it comes to attitudes towards LGBT people.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/economics/43609.html?c>

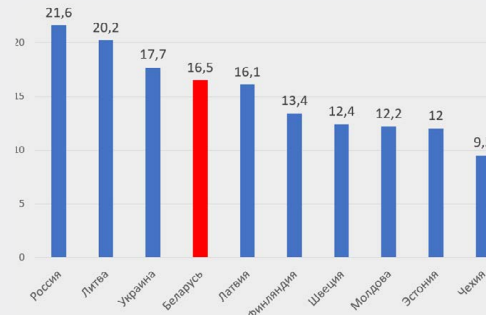


***Rybakov: Our main task is to ensure that the issue of Belarus does not become an item on the agenda of the UN Security Council***

“Every state should have the right to an independent path of development. First of all, basic human rights must be respected. And this is being fully done in the Republic of Belarus. The right to a decent life, the right to education, medical care and so on. There are no ideal countries. And before criticizing or punishing someone, it is necessary to deal with their own countries, their own population, their own problems, to ensure a decent life, the full implementation of basic things for their population,” Rybakov said.

For some reason, as an example, he mentioned gender equality and LGBT issues, which, according to him, are actively being “promoted”, including at the UN.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/economics/44910.html?c>



***Belarus is a suicidal anomaly on the map of Europe. Let's figure out what may be the reasons for the frequent suicides of residents of our country***

Suicide rates are also high among vulnerable groups of people who experience discrimination, such as refugees and migrants, members of the LGBT community, and prisoners. At the same time, even law enforcement officers do not hesitate to make homophobic statements in Belarus. And in terms of the share of prisoners in the country's population, it ranks first in Europe.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/44866.html?c>



***“My hands were shaking on the way out.” Belarusians told how they were checked at the border and what they were asked about***

The questions were as follows: where do you work? How much do you earn? Have you seen any military equipment? Did you attend “events” there? They searched for destructive materials in the phone. Flipping through the thumbnails, they found a photo from an LGBT rally, with a flag in the corner. They scolded, “Well, you said that there was nothing destructive there.”

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/46931.html?c>





***Conflict between Lukashenka’s supporters: have the authorities set a course for a thaw?***

These activists find Russophobia in historical festivals about the gentry, and LGBT propaganda in advertising for bonsticks, because a blogger in pink clothes starred in it.

Naturally, this stream of obscurantism—often with anti-Belarusian overtones—does not please quite a few people in power.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/economics/47828.html?c>



***On CTV they were outraged not only by the group “Drazdy” and Dim Dimych, but also by the food blogger “Vile Kokobay”. The presenter stood up for them***

...Is this normal? LGBT propaganda, homosexuality propaganda.

- Let's recollect last year, September 17th. "Minsk-Arena". And the entire Minsk Arena sang along to this song (the song “Parent’s House” by the “Dzrazdy” band - Ed.), the presenter continued.

- Not all. I didn't sing along. <...> We are talking about the powerful social policy pursued by our president. It is present. We wonder why young people don’t want to start families. How will they want to start families when LGBT propaganda is everywhere?! – Rachylouski retorted indignantly.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/cellar/48080.html?c>



***“This is not a random incident.” The Belarusian delegation made a statement at the OSCE about the ongoing glorification of Nazism in the West***

Why, when making excuses for the incident, do Canadian officials specifically mention Jewish organizations, the Polish diaspora, and the LGBT community, while not mentioning the peoples of the Soviet Union in a single word, while Belarus brings the issue to the OSCE Permanent Council? The answer is simple. Canadian leaders make excuses selectively to their influential electorates.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/economics/50062.html?c>



***“You guys are a couple of years late.” An openly gay journalist for Belsat told how he was treated for homosexuality and pressured for it by the KGB***

Journalist and editor of Belsat Siarhei Padsasonny is openly gay. In the new episode of the “Zhytsio-Malina” (“Life-Raspberry”) show he told the host Mikita Melkaziorau how he was “treated” during recruitment into the army and how the KGB puts pressure on LGBT people during interrogations.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/50254.html?c>



***Kachanova has again talked nonsense about Belarusians and Belarusian women - and is trying to take us back to the past. Here is the reason she won't succeed***

This is not the first time Kachanova has **voiced** such ideas. In December 2022, she spoke out that the actions of the Russian State Duma to adopt a law banning LGBT propaganda should serve as an example for Belarus. After Aliaksandr Lukashenka’s speech on March 31st with a **message** to the people and the National Assembly, Kachanova actively picked up the conservative and homophobic rhetoric of her leader.

And then the Prosecutor’s office began to promote these ideas when they **decided** to oppose “non-traditional Western values” (LGBT propaganda, gender correction, and childfree ideology), introducing the opposite “traditional Slavic values” into preschool and school education.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/economics/50419.html?c>



***“There were over a hundred people on the list.” Ex-prosecutor Aleh Talerchyk spoke about the scandal in the department over LGBT employees***

There are many LGBT representatives working in the law enforcement agencies of Belarus, but at the same time, the attitude towards them among colleagues is biased. Former Colonel of Justice and ex-employee of the General Prosecutor's Office Aleh Talerchyk dwelt upon the issue in the “Zhytsio-Malina” (“Life-Raspberry”) YouTube show.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/47260.html?c>



## ***A draft law banning childfree and LGBT propaganda is being prepared in Belarus***

Belarus may introduce a law that prohibits the promotion of same-sex relationships and the desire not to have children.

The development of the new bill was initiated by the General Prosecutor's Office of Belarus. The news was announced by Raman Sidarenka, the senior prosecutor of the department for supervision of the implementation of legislation on minors and youth.

Thus, it is planned that the new bill will introduce administrative responsibility for the promotion of non-traditional sexual relations, sex change, pedophilia, and childfree ideas. However, the prospective scope of punishment and the meaning of propaganda are still unknown.

<https://mediabrest.by/news/zakon/zakonoproekt-o-zaprete-propagandy-chayldfri-i-lgbt-gotovyat-v-belarusi>

[https://tochka.by/articles/policy/za\\_propagandu\\_lgbt\\_administrativka\\_genprokuratura\\_uzhe\\_gotovit\\_zakonoproekt/](https://tochka.by/articles/policy/za_propagandu_lgbt_administrativka_genprokuratura_uzhe_gotovit_zakonoproekt/)

<https://smartpress.by/news/51772/>

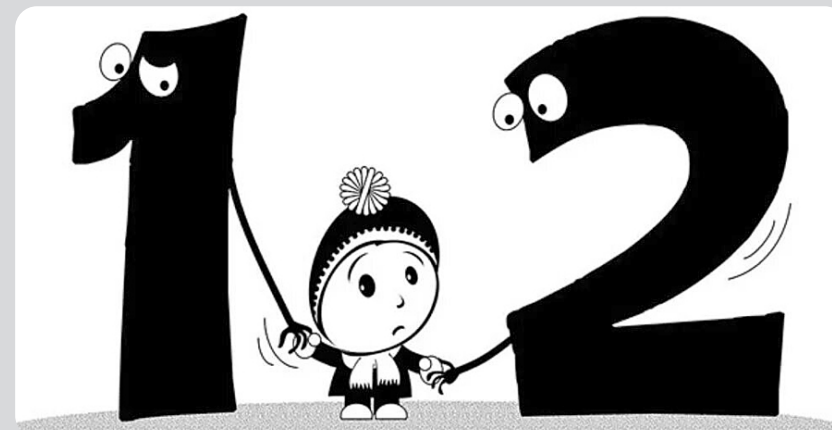
<https://euroradio.fm/ru/v-belarusi-gotovyat-zakon-chtoby-nakazyvat-za-propagandu-lgbt-i-chayldfri>

<https://dneprovec.by/belarus/2023/09/13/40445>

<http://slutsk-gorod.by/novosti/item/zakonoproekt-ob-otvetstvennosti-za-propagandu-lgbt-i-chajldfri-gotovyat-v-belarusi>

[https://blizko.by/notes/v-belarusi-razrabatyvayut-zakonoproekt-ob-administrativnoy-otvetstvennosti-za-propagandu-lgbt-i-chayldfri\\_nm2](https://blizko.by/notes/v-belarusi-razrabatyvayut-zakonoproekt-ob-administrativnoy-otvetstvennosti-za-propagandu-lgbt-i-chayldfri_nm2)

<https://onlinebrest.by/novosti/v-belarusi-razrabatyvayut-zakonoproekt-ob-administrativnoy-otvetstvennosti-za-propagandu-lgbt-i-chayldfri.html>



## ***We will do everything to ensure that Belarusian children never fall for the hook of European depravity and LGBT propaganda***

We know that Europe knows how to play the long game and always makes far-sighted plans. And while they are creating a new controlled crowd, we, Belarusians, will create a strong institution of the traditional family, so that our children do not fall into the hook of European depravity and LGBT propaganda.

<http://www.chausynews.by/91230/>

## ***Bondareva got Euroopt to change its advertising. However she doesn't stop there***

The Euroopt retail chain removed an advertisement featuring blogger Dim Dimych from the school goods website. It was achieved by Hrodna pro-government activist Volha Bondarava, who accused the blogger of hidden "LGBT propaganda."

<https://ru.hrodna.life/2023/07/26/bondarava-rjeklama/>



*Andrey Mukavozchyk comments on the most emotional events of the week, which caused questions from our readers*



**Question:** *Do you remember when Russia passed a law on the complete prohibition of LGBT propaganda? There is a feeling that something similar will happen in Belarus. In this regard, I wonder if it is really possible to promote non-traditional relationships in such a way as to force a heterosexual to become gay?*

**Answer:** Well, they forced some seemingly normal Belarusians to become "incredible", right?

And then: to force, maybe not, but to seduce... well, as they say, one time doesn't count... it's easy...

In our current global world, temptations grow like indoor hydroponics. Did you hear the voice of the night behind the grove, girls? Have you heard about the restoration of virginity for a short and long term?

But if trouble comes... it's better to be forced to become gay than to be "incredible". Less sin.

<https://www.sb.by/articles/voprosy-ot-blondinok-5896.html>



*Gay parade on Kastychnitskaya and "Abrams" tanks on Kalinousky Square. This was not allowed to happen in Belarus*

Kiryl Kazakou, the editor-in-chief of "Minsk Kurier" newspaper spoke about the changes that Belarus could expect after 2020, if history would have followed a different path, the "Minsk-Naviny" agency's correspondent reports.

The list of probable innovations included a gay parade on Kastychnitskaya Square and a similar one, that is, the same parade pattern, but with the armored "Abrams" tanks and "Bradley" fighting vehicles on Kalinousky Square.

<https://minsknews.by/gej-parad-na-oktyabrskoj-i-abrams-na-kalinovskogo-sbysya-etomu-v-belarusi-ne-pozvolili/>



*"Megatop" published a parody advertisement with a woman in a pink dress. GUBOPiKe got excited: "It resembles LGBT propaganda"*

A telegram channel close to GUBOPiK accused the chain of shoe stores "Megatop" of "propaganda of non-traditional values". The accusation was reasoned by a parody advertisement posted by the company with the participation of an unshaven man in a pink dress.

<https://bel-news.by/megatop-opublikoval-parodijnuyu-reklamu-s-muzhchinoj-v-rozovom-plate-gubopike-vozbudilsya-tyanet-na-lgbt-propagandu-video/>

<https://reform.by/megatop-udalil-rolik-s-muzhchinoj-v-rozovom-posle-obvinenij-v-lgbt-propagande>



### ***"Rainbow" abyss in Spain. Why are ordinary people turned into gays***

Every year, European countries are moving further and further away from traditional values with endless naked gay parades, rallies, support for same-sex couples at the administrative level. Spain was one of the first to legalize same-sex marriages and the adoption of children by such couples - more than twenty years ago, thus stimulating a social leap of degradation.

<https://mlyn.by/15072023/raduzhnaya-propast-v-ispanii-zachem-obychnyh-lyudej-prevrashhayut-v-geev/>



### ***Latvian woman about LGBT in Europe: grooming at the state level***

Yuta-Sofia Vasilieuskaya, a citizen of Latvia and a blogger told a BelTA correspondent about the LGBT problem in Europe.

"Building a family in Europe is difficult. We have an LGBT problem, distortion of the concepts of "man", "woman" and "family values".

<https://www.belta.by/society/view/latyshka-o-lgbt-v-evrope-idet-obrabotka-nag-osudarstvennom-urovne-577713-2023/>



### ***Nazi policemen, transgender people, and hell. Increasing immunity to propaganda - quiz***

Although the public cogs of Lukashenka's system are fighting with each other, the work of trying to confuse and deceive the audience goes on as usual. Familiar external enemies remain, from Poles to transgender people. Propagandists also find internal ones - from nazi police officers to pornography.

In this situation, let us continue training the critical thinking and our resistance to manipulation. Take a short quiz based on recent propaganda statements.

<https://euroradio.fm/ru/polikai-transgendery-i-ad-povyshaem-immunitet-k-propagande-kviz>



### ***The modern American film and multimedia industry promotes LGBT***

Some people do it more carefully, and others doesn't care. Harry Potter fans got a real blow below the belt when it was revealed in the new parts of the cinematic universe that the good Professor Dumbledore was gay. With this information, his paternal attitude towards Harry is now perceived in a different light.

[https://www.tvr.by/news/obshchestvo/sovremennaya\\_amerikanskaya\\_kino\\_i\\_multindustrii\\_prodvigayut\\_lgbt/](https://www.tvr.by/news/obshchestvo/sovremennaya_amerikanskaya_kino_i_multindustrii_prodvigayut_lgbt/)



***“LGBT culture is a weapon in the hands of the West and the USA.” The topic was discussed by Ryhor Azaronak and the Youth Parliament***

Anastasia Gatsko, member of the Youth Parliament at the National Assembly of Belarus:

Today, LGBT culture and its spread are a competent political weapon in the hands of the West and the United States. They are trying to introduce us in a dirty way to unconventional values that are completely foreign to us.

Sergei Milevsky, student at the Belarusian University:

A very formidable weapon it is. I'm very afraid of gay people.

<https://ctv.by/lgbt-kultura-oruzhie-v-rukah-zapada-i-ssha-temu-obsudili-grigoriy-azaryonok-i-molodyozhnyy-parlament>



***Pumped her and dumped her: why did the extremist Pavuk ignore Larysa Shchyraikova’s verdict?***

By all means, the years of life in the European Lithuania may have changed the orientations of the fugitive parasite himself. At the beginning of July this year, Pavuk showed up at the gay pride parade in Vilnius and even held a sign with a satisfied face in his hands that read “Glory to Non-traditional Values!”

<https://gp.by/novosti/aktualno/news274563.html>



***“How can two men raise a child?” Read what Belarusians still think about LGBTQ+ people and the community***

Belarusian activists have conducted a study as part of the ‘Heta OK’ (“It’s OK”) public campaign aimed at combating the stigmatization of LGBTQ+ people recently. The goal was to understand the stigmas in Belarusian society that still exist in relation to the community. The outcome of the study is as follows:

<https://citydog.io/post/stigmy-lgbt/>

***A Polish priest organized a party in the parish building and ordered a “male escort”***

There is another scandal in Poland, only it is not politicians who are involved, but clergy. Two priests organized a party in the building of the parish of St. Mary of the Angels in Dąbrowa Górnicza.

The church minister ordered a “male prostitute” to entertain the event. While performing his services, the latter lost consciousness. One of the party participants called an ambulance, but the others did not allow doctors to see the victim. The medics were able to provide first aid after the police arrival only.

[https://www.tvr.by/news/v\\_mire/polskiy\\_svyashchennik\\_organizoval\\_vecherinku\\_v\\_zdaniu\\_prikhoda\\_i\\_zakazal\\_na\\_nee\\_muzhchinu\\_po\\_vyzovu/](https://www.tvr.by/news/v_mire/polskiy_svyashchennik_organizoval_vecherinku_v_zdaniu_prikhoda_i_zakazal_na_nee_muzhchinu_po_vyzovu/)



***“You can order pizza once a week, and a security guard takes you to the toilet.” A Belarusian woman tells how she waited for deportation in a Danish prison***

Tatsiana, 28, and her girlfriend, Anastasia, 29, left Belarus in December 2021. During the year of the presidential elections, both took part in protests: Anastasia was detained for a day, and Tatsiana appeared in photographs from the marches.

...The girls decided to leave Belarus for Portugal via Poland. “The attitude towards LGBT people there is much more accepting than in Poland,” Anastasia explains.

[https://mediazona.by/article/2023/07/04/belarusian\\_in\\_denmark](https://mediazona.by/article/2023/07/04/belarusian_in_denmark)



***“Patriots” were outraged by the label of children’s tights. What didn’t they like about it?***

On Sunday, August 13, the following entry appeared in one of the “patriotic” Telegram channels: “LGBT-themed products are on sale in stores in Belarus. Moreover, they come from a local manufacturer who violates the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus.” This quote was accompanied by several photographs of children’s tights from the Chobot brand.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/cellar/46162.html?c>



***Are views in Belarusian society changing in favor of human rights?***

LGBTQ+ people are denied or limited in a large number of rights in Belarus, at the national level. They cannot have a family, express their feelings publicly, or even live in safety and protect themselves.

<https://rada.fm/2023/09/25/czi-zmyanyayuczczapoglyady-%D1%9E-belaruskim-gramadstvena-karyszcz-pravo%D1%9E-chalaveka/>



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