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On February 14 and 27, 2023, "People's Power," the group in the parliamentary majority, <u>submitted</u> two bills to the Parliament of Georgia: "On Transparency of Foreign Influence" and "On Registration of Foreign Agents". According to the draft law, those non-governmental organizations and media outlets that received more than 20% of their funding from abroad should be registered as "agents of foreign influence". The authors of the draft laws argued that the purpose of the legislation was to achieve transparency for non-governmental and media organizations.

Despite the vast <u>criticism</u> of local and international organizations, the Parliament began to discuss the bills on March 2, which was followed by a <u>protest</u> and physical confrontation. On March 7, on a suddenly changed agenda of the plenary session, the draft law "On transparency of foreign influence" was passed on the first reading, with 78 MPs <u>supporting</u> it. The decision was followed by large-scale demonstrations near the parliament building. Demonstrations on March 7 and 8 were dispersed by special forces using gas, water cannon and pepper spray. Dozens of injured were hospitalized. About 60 people were <u>arrested</u> by the police.

In parallel with the protest, which ignited on March 2, a number of anonymous Facebook pages and fake accounts became active on social media. Pro-governmental and anonymous Facebook pages, as well as anti-Western and pro-Kremlin actors, were involved in the campaign, discrediting non-governmental organizations and the media on the one hand and criticizing the people participating in the protest on the other. The monitoring carried out by "Myth Detector" identified 33 Facebook pages and 27 fake accounts involved in the discreditation and disinformation campaigns.

The following messages have been identified:

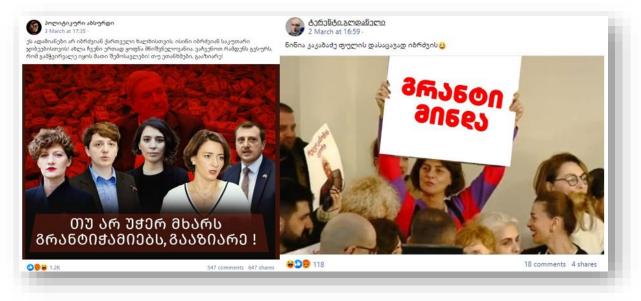
- Non-governmental organizations are grant-eaters and are non-transparent;
- NGOs are fighting against the Church/Orthodoxy;
- Non-governmental organizations impose homosexuality on the society;
- The demonstrations were violent;
- The purpose of the protest was to organize a Maidan and open a second front;
- The American law, which is adopted by other countries, is deliberately presented as Russian;

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE GRANT-EATERS AND ARE NON-TRANSPARENT;

Both representatives of the People's Power movement, as well as governmental experts and anonymous pro-governmental Facebook accounts ("Political Absurdity", Terenti Gldaneli), tried to convey the idea that non-governmental organizations are motivated only by financial interests, they are grant-eaters and avoid transparency.

<u>Tamta Megrelishvili, Public Movement "People's Power:"</u>: "At the rally of the stateless UNM activists, Georgian NGOs demanded from people to come out and stand on the street to protect their non-transparency".

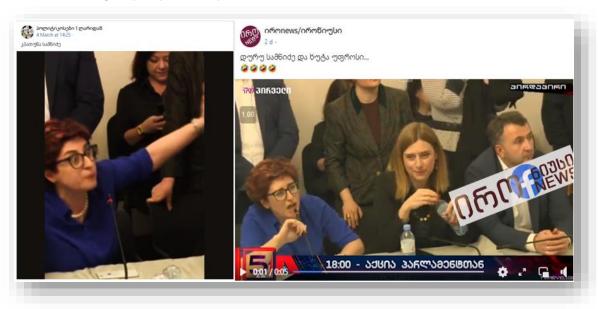
Gia Abashidze, Analyst: "There are Gigauris [Eka Gigauri, Director of TI Georgia] and others, who make anti-government statements, and we are very interested in what their money is spent on. That means, Transparency International - Georgia is opposing transparency; isn'y this an absolute paradox?!"



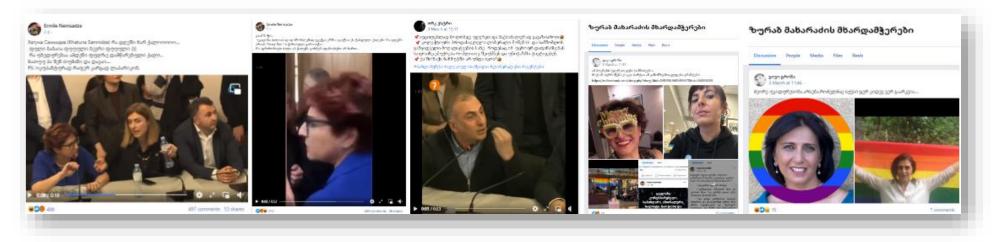
The Facebook page "Political Absurdity" published a video collage under the name "hysteria of grant-eaters," where a fragment from the movie "Data Tutashkhia" is attached to the speeches of the opposition MPs, Khatuna Samnidze, Tamar Kordzaia, Ana Natsvilishvili and Ana Tsitlidze. In this fragment of the movie, one of the characters, Kiku, looks at a coin and then kisses it. In addition, the Facebook page "Terenti Gldaneli" (1,2) published the videos containing the comments of Khatuna Samnidze and Tamar Kordzaia during the discussion of the bill on "transparency of foreign influence" under the headline "Faceless grant-eater." The video of Khatuna Samnidze was also distributed by the Facebook page "Reality."



The videos depicting Khatuna Samnidze and Tamar Kordzaia were distributed by Facebook pages affiliated with the pro-Kremlin "Alliance of Patriots of Georgia" party. Namely: "Politicians from 1 Lari" and "Ironews."



The video of Khatuna Samnidze was also shared by pro-Kremlin accounts: For example, <u>Ermile Nemsadze</u> wrote that it is unfortunate to see "so many money-hungry women" who are the Georgian <u>version</u> of "Pussy Riot". At the same time, the Facebook account "<u>Orch Estra</u>" claimed that it is the face of collective pro-Western liberal slaves and traitors selling their homeland when their foreign funding is threatened. At the same time, photos of Khatuna Samnidze and Tamar Kordzaia were circulated in the Facebook group "Zurab Makharadze Supporters" (<u>1,2</u>) [Zurab Makharadze is one of the leaders of pro-Kremlin Alt-Info]. The posts stated that they are only worried about the lack of grants.



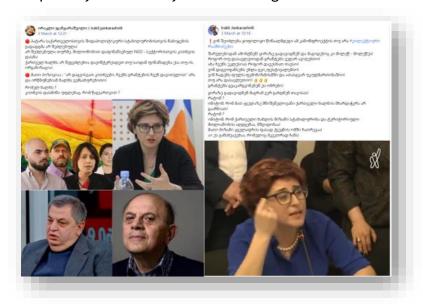
In the period of March 8-10, Facebook accounts supporting the Conservative Movement (<u>Goga Tukhareli</u>, <u>Nini Khundadze</u>, <u>Zviadi Tsakadze</u>, <u>Khatia Janashia</u>, <u>George Toreli</u>) published a <u>video</u> recorded by the Marxist media "Cooperative" in March 2021. The video says that these organizations are funded by the governments of foreign countries, but they are still called "Non-Governmental Organizations" and are paid by rich countries to influence Georgian politics. Other Facebook users also shared an identical video, including <u>La Zi, Lasha Lasha</u>.



Anonymous pro-government Facebook accounts (Political X-ray/Political X-ray (1,2), Reality, Political Masquerade) argued that NGOs avoid transparency and their funding threatens the national interest of Georgia because NGOs are fighting against the church, parents, and homeland. The Facebook page "Political masquerade", whose original name was "Solidarity to Bidzina Ivanishvili", wrote that the country needs transparently funded organizations, not the dictates of other countries.



At the same time, "Patriots Alliance" supporter Irakli Jankarashvili (1, 2) wrote that non-governmental and opposition politicians are afraid of transparency and are only interested in grants.



NGOS ARE FIGHTING AGAINST THE CHURCH/ORTHODOXY

Both the representatives of the ruling "Georgian Dream" party and government-affiliated media, as well as the pro-Kremlin "Alt-Info" and specific clerics, presented non-governmental organizations as the enemies of the Church and Orthodoxy. The narrative also resurfaced in the discrediting campaign pursued on Facebook.

<u>Irakli Kobakhidze, Georgian Dream</u>: "...Representatives of organizations that curse the Church were also present [at the rally]... It is fundamentally important for us, of course, to prevent propaganda against the Church and all those steps that are against the interests of the state. It is sad that they [NGOs] use the money of foreign taxpayers for these purposes. it is important to draw attention to this for the Georgian society and also for the people whose money is spent in all this."

Gia Abashidze, Analyst: "The organizers of all these protests are corrupt assets for the West because these collective Samnidzes, Pataraias, etc.. I don't want to leave someone out; the list is long; when they curse the Georgian Church, Georgian values and traditions, even when they call people to come to the street, not only are their opponents not coming out, but we see that the supporters of the National Movement are not even following them."

Giorgi Kardava, Conservative Movement: "They wrote ["Glory of Georgia"] on the wall of the Patriarchate as a demonstration... This is an anti-Georgian, anti-Orthodox force, an LGBT force."

Giorgi Razmadze, Cleric: "The funds that our allies are allocating, these millions, what are they spent on? Which program was it allocated to? In agriculture or in various financial institutions that would actually benefit this country? This money is used by these scumbags who run around and teach pedophilia, homosexuality, corrupt life, and fight against Georgian spirituality. That's why they started the biggest fight with the Georgian Church today."

Anonymous pro-government Facebook pages, including <u>Political Absurdity</u>, <u>Corridor of Shame</u>, <u>Time for Truth</u>, <u>Political Satire</u> published a card containing photos of Ninia Kakabadze, Khatuna Samnidze and Tamar Kordzaia, with the following caption: "Protests of Church-cursing agents in the parliament - This is what they get the money for". In order to discredit the protest, the page <u>Terenti Gldaneli</u> also broadcasted a video featuring Khatuna Samnidze and Tamar Kordzaia, in which they talked about the Russian influence in the Patriarchate.



A Facebook card with the same title was published later by the anti-liberal Facebook page "Georgia First" together with the comment of

Aleksandre Palavandishvili, who wrote that referring to these people as market women is insulting, as "market women," unlike these people, do not sell their homeland.



In addition, the pro-governmental agency <u>Marshall Press</u> and the anti-liberal Facebook page <u>Sioni Parish of Akaurta</u> manipulated with religious topics and disseminated information, according to which, during the rally, an attempt to tear down the cross by waving the EU flag was recorded.

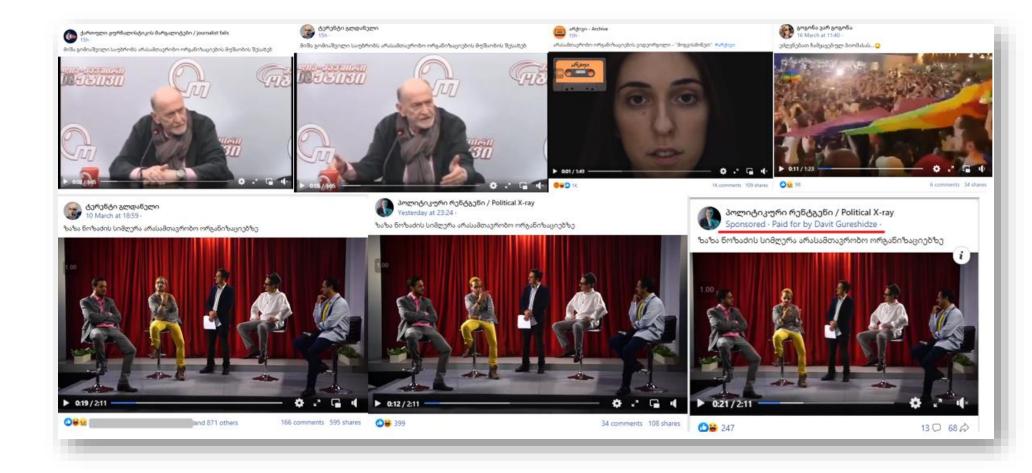


Notably, on March 11, Natia Beridze, a journalist from the pro-governmental POSTV, and Shota Martynenko, the leader of the pro-Kremlin Conservative Movement, published a photo of the wall of the Kashueti Cathedral, on which the inscription: "God Help" was written with a spray gun. Natia Beridze wrote that she saw communism instead of Europe, and according to Shota Martinko, "pro-Westernism is liberalism, and liberalism is an anti-Christian ideology."



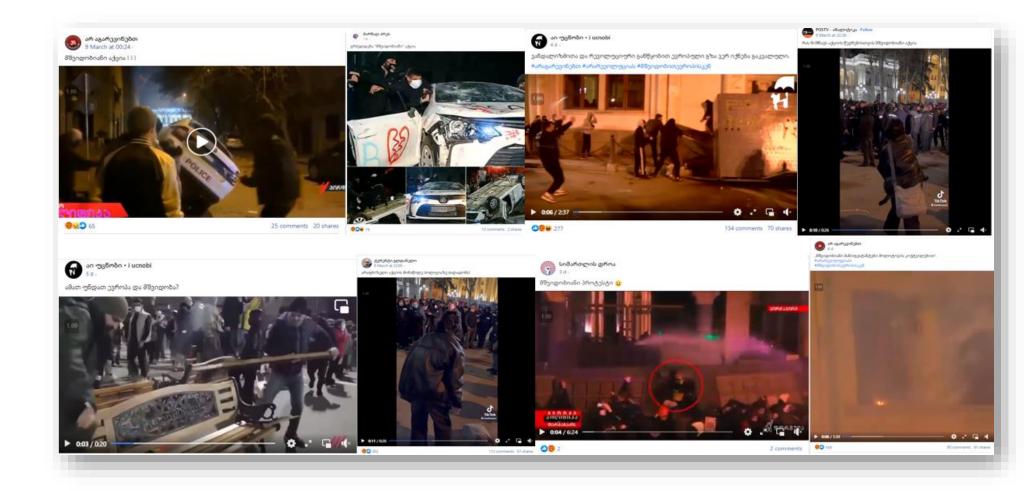
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IMPOSE HOMOSEXUALITY ON SOCIETY

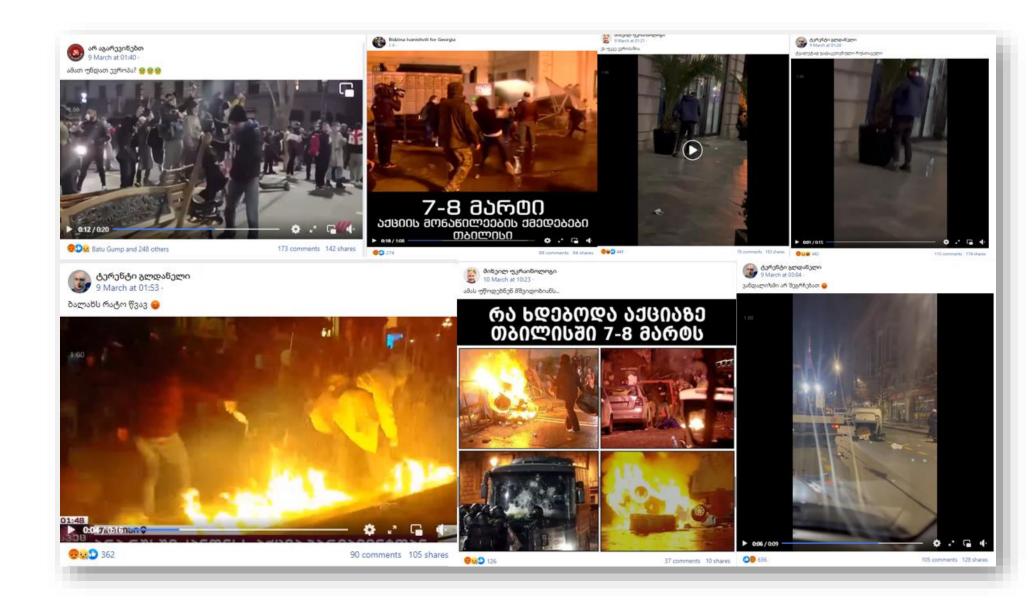
A few days after the withdrawal of the bill, anonymous anti-opposition Facebook pages (<u>Journalist Fails</u>, <u>Terenti Gldaneli</u>, <u>Archive</u>) and the anti-liberal Facebook account "<u>I'm a girl</u>" started spreading the message that non-governmental organizations are trying to spread the LGBT(Q) agenda. Anonymous anti-opposition Facebook pages (<u>Terenti Gldaneli</u>, <u>Political X-ray</u>) have disseminated Zaza Nozadze's "Song about non-governmental organizations." In the last part of the song, one "Liberal Zaza" presents himself as a defender of homosexuals and announces the organization of a rally after hearing a different opinion. It should be noted that the political X-ray post was sponsored.

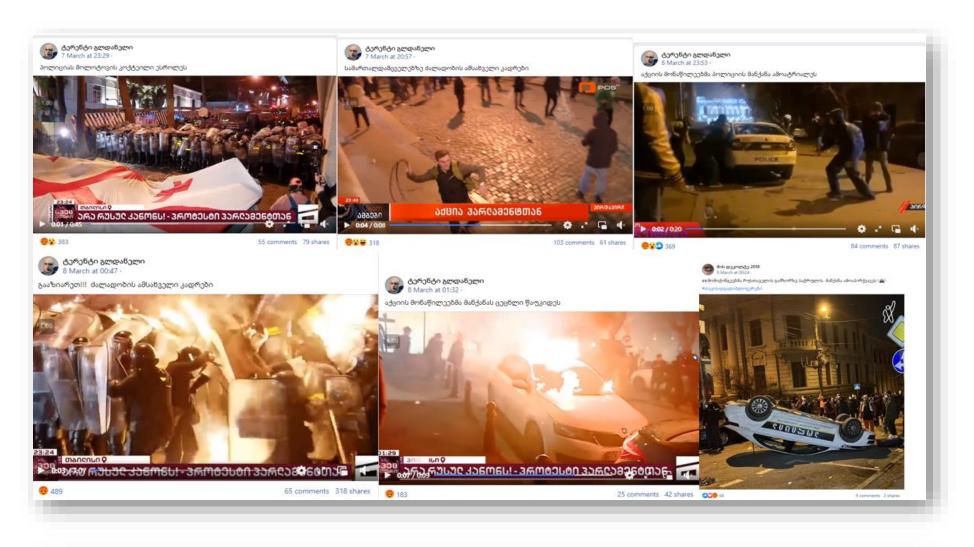


THE PROTESTS WERE VIOLENT

One of the messages from the official and anonymous Facebook pages supporting the government was related to the portrayal of the rally as violent, during which individual episodes depicting violence were selectively disseminated. Similar visuals were distributed by the following platforms: PosTV-Analytcs, Marshall Press, Ar Agarevinebt (1,2,3,4), Ai Ucnobi (1,2), Bidzina Ivanishvili for Georgia, Reality (1,2,3,4,5,6,7), Time for the truth, Mikhail Ukrainologist (1,2), Terenti Gldaneli (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8).

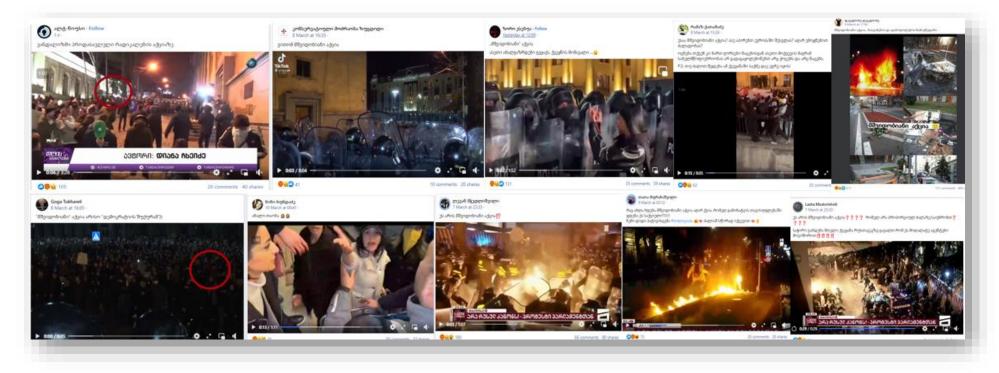








Rallies held in front of the parliament were labelled as violent by the chairman of the Kremlin "Conservative Movement" and accounts related to the party (<u>Alt-News</u>, <u>Conservative Movement Zugdidi</u>, <u>Zoro Esebua</u>, <u>Ramaz Katamadze</u>, Goga Tukhareli (<u>1,2</u>), <u>Javelidze Javelidze</u>, <u>Nini Khundadze</u>, <u>Tata Murachashvili</u>, <u>Lasha Mxatvrishvili</u>, <u>Levan Mchedlishvili</u>).



THE PURPOSE OF THE PROTEST WAS TO ORGANIZE A MAIDAN AND OPEN A SECOND FRONT:

The demonstrations were labelled as provoked by the West and the US by individual governmental and pro-Kremlin actors, as well as by anonymous Facebook accounts. The March 7-9 protests were also manipulatively linked to a coup d'état and an attempt to open a second front with Russia.

<u>Vato Shakarishvili</u>, Conservative platform "Georgia First: "This was supported and encouraged from abroad. I have to remind you of the statement made by the US Embassy on the evening of March 7, which, without any diplomatic roots and analysis, was a direct promotion and encouragement to the radicalization of the processes, and in just 15-20 minutes after this statement, the situation got tense."

Giorgi Kardava, Conservative Movement: "There is also the biggest authority above, who actually manages the processes in our country, who is really behind all of this, including this terrible picture that we saw these days in front of the parliament. it is, of course, the policy of the United States and The US Embassy directly implements its policy in our country."

Zviad Avaliani, Host at PosTV: "Ms Degnan played a bad role here, at least against the law, probably not a bad one, the main opposing role! Now let's not only criticize ourselves and our Georgians who even stood there and not see the support, the direct encouragement, that they had not only from Kelly Degnan but also from many high-ranking officials in the West."

<u>Tristan Tsitelashvili, Military Expert:</u> "The US and the Biden administration punished the current government of Georgia, punished the Prime Minister, punished Bidzina Ivanishvili in connection with the fact that the Georgian government did not open a second front in Georgia."

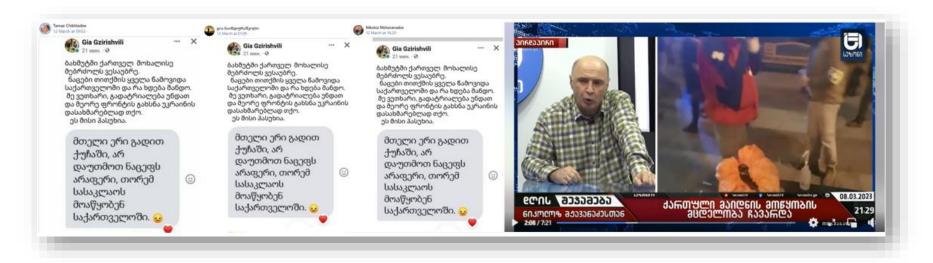
<u>Shota Martinenko</u>, Conservative Movement: "These slaves of the West should not be shown any mercy; It is a direct coup attempt organized by the US. They stormed the parliament with Molotov cocktails and tried to return the Nazi regime and Ukrainize Georgia. Now there can be no delay, not even a single minute, this revolution attempt must be defeated to the end."

<u>Zurab Makharadze</u>, **Conservative Movement**: "Noone cares about the law. The technology of the Maidan was accelerated by the embassy of the United States of America. It is a technology for the violent overthrow of state power."

Anonymous Facebook accounts (<u>Reality</u>, Corridor of Shame (<u>1</u>, <u>2</u>), <u>Political Absurdity</u>) and pro-government experts (<u>Khatuna Khoferia</u>) amplified the claims about the organization of "Maidan" and the attempt to open a second front against Russia.



On March 12, Facebook users <u>Tamaz Chikhladze</u>, <u>Gia Baindurashvili</u> and pro-Kremlin "Sezoni TV" host Nikoloz <u>Mzhavanadze</u> shared a screenshot, which claimed that members of the "United National Movement" that arrived from Ukraine were planning to stage a coup and open a second front. False information about Ukrainian provocateurs who had Molotov cocktails and were involved in rioting was also voiced by Paata Abuladze, a guest of Nikoloz Mzhavanadze's <u>program</u>. In <u>fact</u>, the photo featured Georgian volunteers of the "IP Extreme Medicine Center" who were providing medical aid to the injured at the rally.



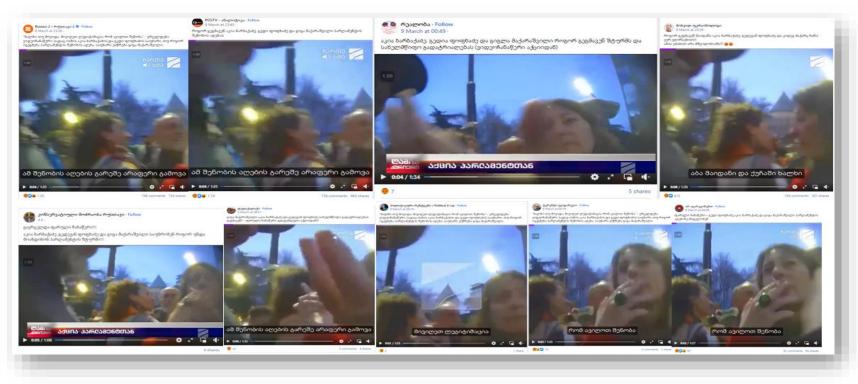
On March 10, the Facebook page "Realoba" (1, 2) wrote that the events unfolding at the demonstrations in Georgia were a revolutionary scenario staged by the Americans, which "UNM radicals" developed in April 2022 together with David Ackerman. In addition, the editor of "Marshall Press," Oto Stefanishvili, published a card on which Kelly Degnan asks Salome Zurabishvili to organize a Maidan.



Home to Europe and Gia Baindurashvili, Facebook accounts supporting the Conservative Movement, argued that the US is planning to organize a Maidan and a coup in Georgia, and while the protest is being organized by the United States headquarters, even a Molotov cocktail can be "peaceful".



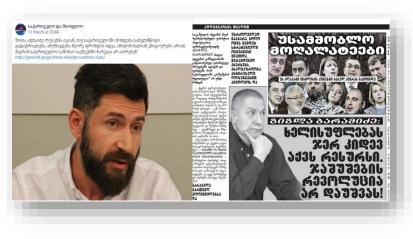
Pro-governmental and anti-opposition Facebook pages (Mikheil Ukrainologist, Political Absurdity, Political X-ray, Reality, Terenti Gldaneli, Ar Agarevinebt, POSTV-Analytics), anti-liberal Facebook page Capital shared a video published by "Rustavi 2", which allegedly shoed how Akia Barbakadze, Gedevan Fofkhadze and Giga Makarashvili planned to take over the building and "arrange a Maidan" in a secret note. Identical video was published by the Facebook page "Conservative Movement Rustavi."



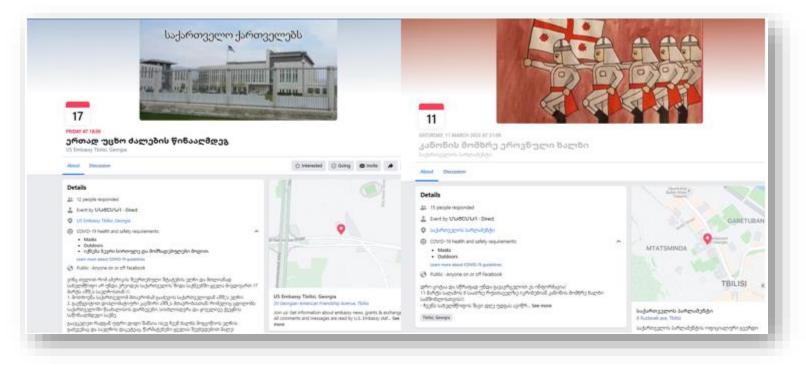
In addition, on March 10, the Facebook pages <u>Terenti Gldaneli</u>, <u>Political Satire</u>, <u>Political Absurdity</u> published a second secretly filmed video, in which Sergi Kapanadze and Gedevan Pofkhadze seemed to be waiting for the green light to be given a task.



It should be noted that the Kremlin's propaganda media outlets present the "radical opposition" as the organizers of the protest related to the draft law initiated by "People's Power" and see US interests behind it. Shota Apkhaidze, the founder of the "Caucasus Islamic Studies Center", mentioned in a conversation with the Russian media that despite the withdrawal of the law, the protests will continue as long as the US wants it, and recently the Ukrainian security service has also been actively working in Georgia. Also, Shota Apkhaidze said-in an interview with the publication "Georgia and World" that the Russians look at the developments in Georgia emotionally, because they know that if a coup d'état happens in Georgia, the idea of a second front will also be developed. At the same time, an interview with Gigla Baramidze was published in the Asaval-Dasavali newspaper (March 13-19), who said that the government still has the resources to prevent the revolution of spies.



On March 10, Facebook page <u>UI JOCUI JI-Direct</u> created an <u>event</u> called "Together Against Foreign Powers". In the description of the event, we read that people who think that the US ambassador and the state should not interfere in the internal affairs of Georgia should gather at the US Embassy on March 17. The demands of the event are for the Georgian government to expel the US ambassador from Georgia and to sever diplomatic relations with the US government, which is "trying to encourage raids, bloodshed and all things against the country in Georgia". The description of the event also states that there will be many difficulties at the rally, so the participants should come prepared. On March 9, the same page <u>created</u> another event called "National people in favor of the law", which was supposed to be held on March 11 at the Parliament of Georgia.



The Facebook page <u>UI JOCUI JI - Direct</u> was created on January 9, 2021, and apart from two events, only one post is published on it. The post states that Dito Samkharadze [MP from the GD party] is the only MP who protected the interests of the state to the end. Both events created by the page were shared by the Facebook page <u>Georgian Military-Air Force</u>. The posts mention that no one has the right to plan and carry out such anti-state actions in Georgia as happened on March 7-8, including the US ambassador and the US government. The Facebook page "Military-Air Force of Georgia" is an unofficial page, however, it shares posts published by <u>Ministry of Defense of Georgia</u> and the <u>Government of Georgia</u>.



THE AMERICAN LAW, WHICH IS ADOPTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES, IS DELIBERATELY PRESENTED AS RUSSIAN

Both governmental actors, as well as pro-Kremlin and far-right groups aimed at conveying the idea that the law is actually not a copy of the Russian legislation, but a tried and tested practice adopted in the West. The actors further argued that similar practice exists in the US, while Canada and the European Union are planning to adopt it.

- The mentioned message was amplified by the following pro-governmenal pages and Facebook users: Otar Chulukhadze, Davit Tordia, Davit Osepashvili, Reality, Leader 41
- Pro-Kremlin and anti-liberal accounts: <u>Nini Khundadze</u>, <u>Fant Ina Me Tamarashneli Var</u>, <u>Conservative Movement Rustavi</u>, <u>Punisher, Thornike Pkhaladze</u>, <u>Nutsa Javelidze Ermile Nemsadze</u>



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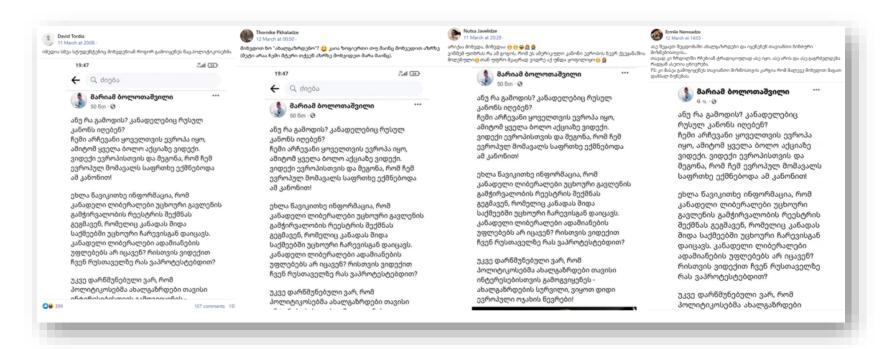
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On March 12, a group of young people <u>organized</u> an protest-performance at the Canadian Consulate in Georgia. The participants of the performance wore masks of representatives of the opposition and non-governmental organizations and declared that they would not allow the "Russian law" to be adopted in Canada. On March 13, a similar protest-performance was <u>held</u> at the British Embassy. According to the participants of the rally, they protested the consideration of the draft law on the transparency of foreign influence in the House of Lords. On March 15 and 16, a similar protest was held at the embassies of Israel and the United States of America.



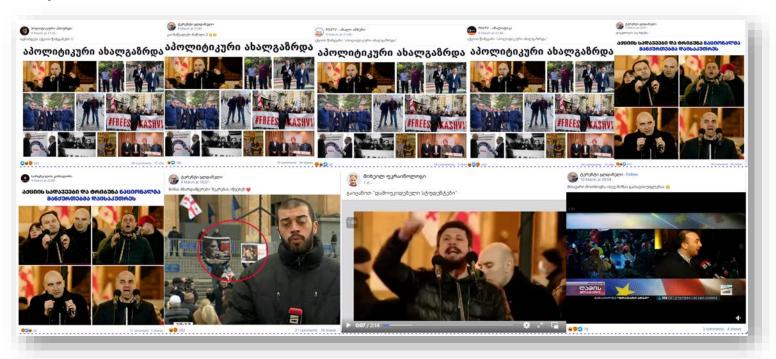
TARGETED DISCREDITATION CAMPAIGNS

During March 2-12, the participants of the protests, its organizers, politicians, journalists, the former public defender and his deputy became targets of the a number of messages that were disseminated on social networks. Facebook pages claimed that the protest did not portray the will of people, as it was organized by political forces, that the participants of the rally could not speak, that they had not read the law, that the defenders of non-governmental organizations do not love their country and worship the flag of a foreign country.

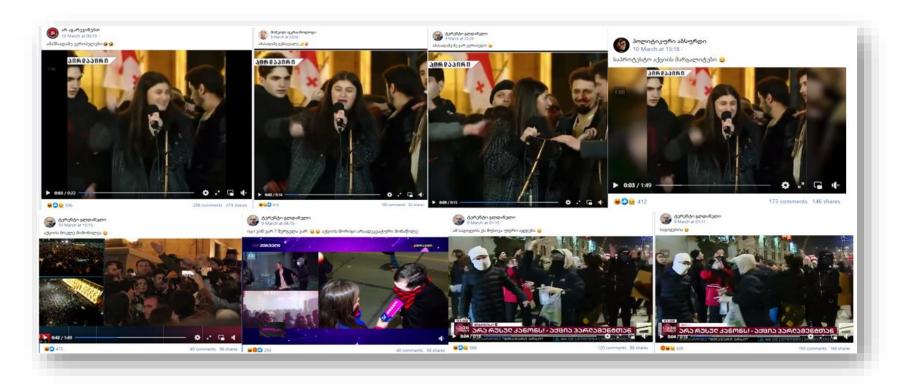
Facebook pages such as Mikheil Ukrainologist, Terenti Gldaneli (1, 2, 3), Political Absurdity, Corridor of Shame, PostV-Analytics, PostV-News) claimed that the people at the demonstration represented opposition parties in the past, that the main demand of the participants of the rally was the release of Mikheil Saakashvili.

It should be noted that the Facebook pages POSTV-Analytics (21:40), Terenti Gldaneli (21:43) and Political Absurdity (21:55) published posts with identical visuals, a few minutes apart, almost at the same time.

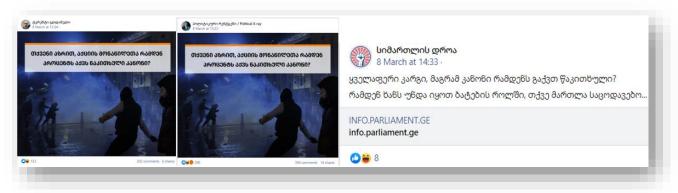
Also, the cards published by Terenti Gldaneli (22:03) and Corridor of Shame (22:00) with the inscription "UNM activists took over the reins of the rally and the tribune" coincided with each other.



A significant portion of the Facebook pages were aimed at discrediting the young people present at the rally. At the March 7 rally, one of the speakers said "Amasadame" instead of "Mashasadame", [Georgian for "Therefore] which was used as an excuse by <u>Ar Agarevinebt</u>, <u>Mikheil Ukrainologist</u>, <u>Terenti Gldaneli</u>, <u>Political Absurdity</u> to ridicule the speaker. Also, the page of Terenti Gldaneli (1,2,3,4) published a number of videos, showing young participants of the protests.



Part of the Facebook pages (<u>Terenti Gldaneli</u>, <u>Political X-ray</u>) asked subscribers the following question: In your opinion, what percentage of the participants of the rally have read the law? It should be noted that these pages published the messages on March 8 almost at the same time at 3:34 PM. and 3:33 PM. A post with a similar content along with the law was shared a few minutes earlier on the Facebook page <u>Time of Truth</u>.



In order to discredit the participants of the rally, the Facebook pages <u>Terenti Gldaneli</u> and <u>Political Absurdity</u> wrote that one of the young people put a flag under the feet of a law enforcement officer, after which the law enforcement officer kissed the flag of Georgia, and the "defender of non-governmental organizations" kissed the flag of a foreign country. Facebook pages <u>POSTV-analytics</u>, <u>Leader 41</u>, <u>Bidzina Ivanishvili for Georgia</u> shared the video depicting this moment. "Leader 41" wrote that from these shots it is clear who loves Georgia and who are real patriots.



DISCREDITATION OF JOURNALISTS

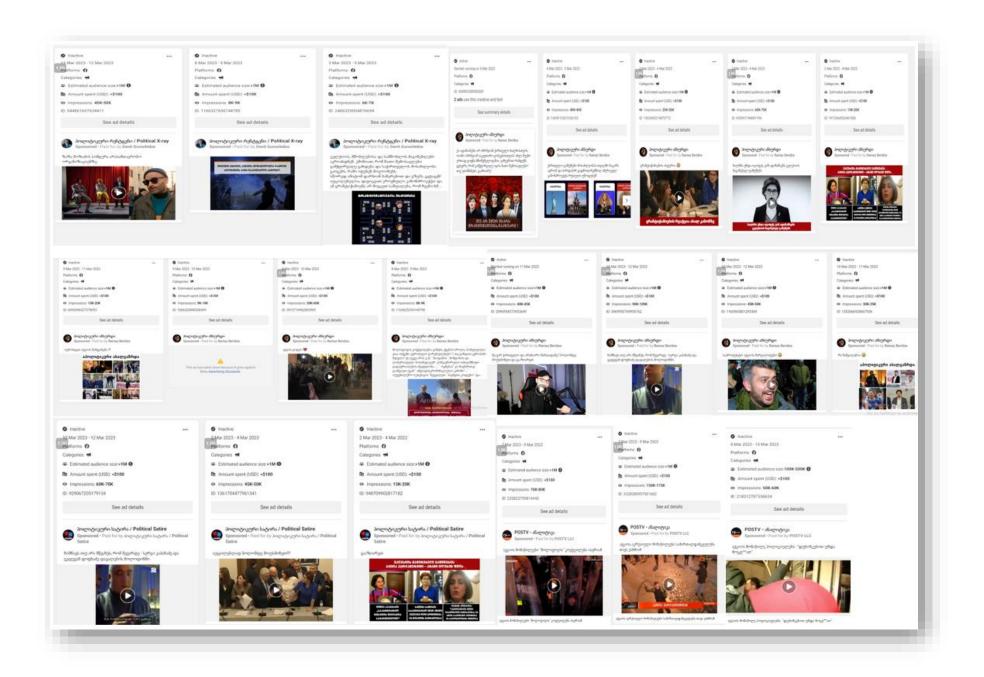
Part of the Facebook pages (Reality, Terenti Gldaneli) was involved in the discreditation of journalists. The Facebook page called journalist Inga Grigolia a tank. According to the post of Terenti Gldaneli, journalist Nino Zuriashvili had a drink in the yard with the mayor of Tsalenjikha. Facebook page "My Georgia is here" stirred up xenophobic sentiments and wrote that the degeneration of the country is carried out by the Russian agent Nodar Meladze, whose surname is Ossetian and is "Dryaev". The Facebook page "Conscience-free Media" criticized the students and journalists who came to the rally and criticized their professionalism.

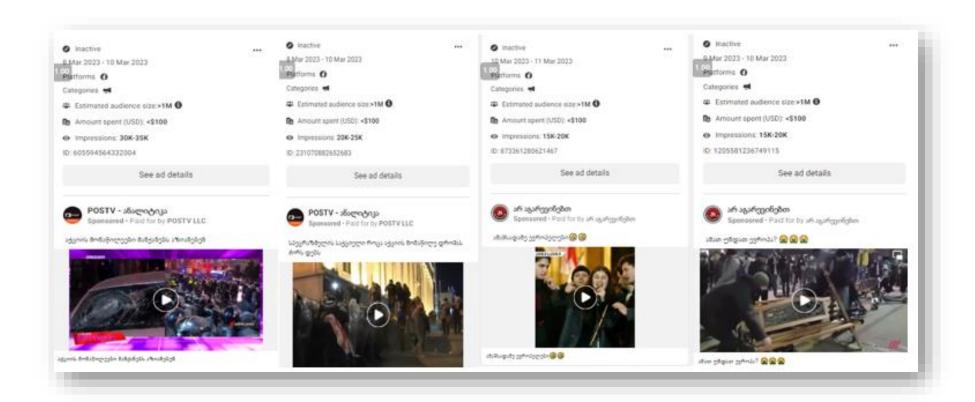
The parliamentary speeches of Khatuna Samnidze and Tamar Kordzaia regarding the draft law were also actively targeted. The speeches were followed by anti-feminist comments on the <u>air</u> of the "Alt-Info" TV, linked to the "Conservative Movement" party, which argued that the consideration of the draft law on foreign agents in the parliament was "hysteria of pro-Western, faceless women"; The footage, in which Khatuna Samnidze, dressed in civilian clothes, pulls a person out of the door to the side, was spread both on "<u>Alt-Info</u>" and on the Facebook pages of one of the leaders of the conservative movement, <u>Shota Martinenko</u>, with the following description: "Samnidze's wrestling with Security Service's's employee - the hysteria of a female MP elected by quotas."



SPONSORED DISCREDITATION CAMPAIGN

Notably, the pages of <u>Political X-ray</u>, <u>Political Absurdity</u>, <u>Political Satire</u>, <u>Ar Agarevinebt</u>, have been sponsored. Davit Gureshidze is indicated as the payer of the sponsored post of <u>Political X-ray</u>. As for "Political Absurdity", 13 posts published on the page are sponsored, Ramaz Beridze is indicated as the payer. It should be noted that the discrediting posts of the opponents were sponsored on the Facebook page <u>POSTV-Analytics</u> as well.



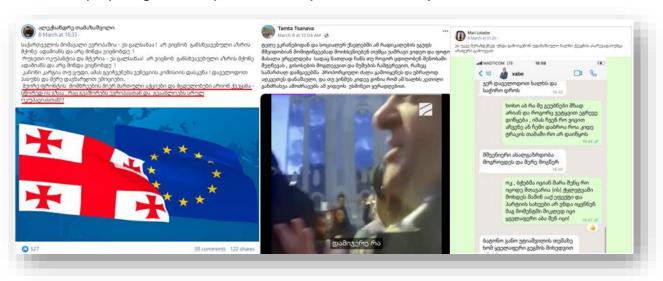


ANONYMOUS FACEBOOK USERS AGAINST PROTESTS

"Myth Detector" revealed 27 fake accounts involved in discreditation campaign against the protest. 20 of them are stealing other people's identities, and 7 are hiding their identity. 14 fake accounts, which were involved in the discreditation campaigns against "Georgian Dream's" opponents and the Ukrainian government in the past, distributed posts in a coordinated manner in order to discredit the protests and the people participating in it.

In the period of March 8-10, anonymous Facebook accounts circulated 3 posts related to the protest in a coordinated manner, amplifying the following messages:

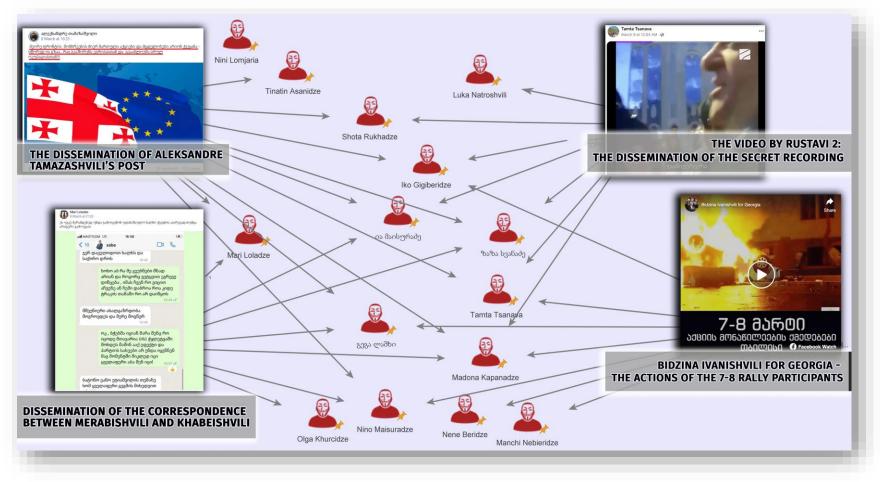
- The protests are run by supporters of the second front. On March 8, the former "Georgian Dream" MP, Aleksandre Tamazashvili,
 published a <u>post</u> on his personal Facebook account, in which he wrote that the protests are held by supporters of the Second Front,
 which distances Georgia from Europe and brings it closer to occupation. This post was shared by 10 anonymous accounts in a
 coordinated manner.
- 2. The seizure of the Parliament building is planned. On March 9, a secretly shot video in which Gedevan Fofkhadze and Akia Barbakadze are talking was circulated on social networks. Giga Makarashvili can also be seen in the video. Eight anonymous Facebook accounts distributed the mentioned video from the Facebook page of "Rustavi 2" in a coordinated manner. Fake accounts claimed that a group of radicals, disguised as peaceful protesters, intended to enter the parliament building and take it over.
- 3. The UNM is using the youth to overthrow the government. On March 8, a WhatsApp conversation screenshot was circulated on social media, which, according to the authors of the post, shows the correspondence between Vano Merabishvili and Levan Khabeishvili. Seven anonymous users uploaded the screenshot to their personal page. The authors of the post wrote that the United National Movement is preparing for a coup, in which they want to use the youth.



In selected cases, anonymous accounts were also active in the comments section. For example, on March 10, the Facebook page Bidzina Ivanishvili for Georgia published a 1:08-minute <u>video</u> in which the journalist talks about using a Molotov cocktail, and individual violent scenes are shown in parralel. The description "March 7-8, actions of protestors" is attached to the video. This post was shared by two anonymous accounts on their personal page. 6 fake accounts wrote in the comments of the same post that this protest was not peaceful; Those participating in the protest, who went beyond the framework of the law, should be punished, and this protest was another attempt by the United National Movement to disrupt the country, which was carried out by the crowd.

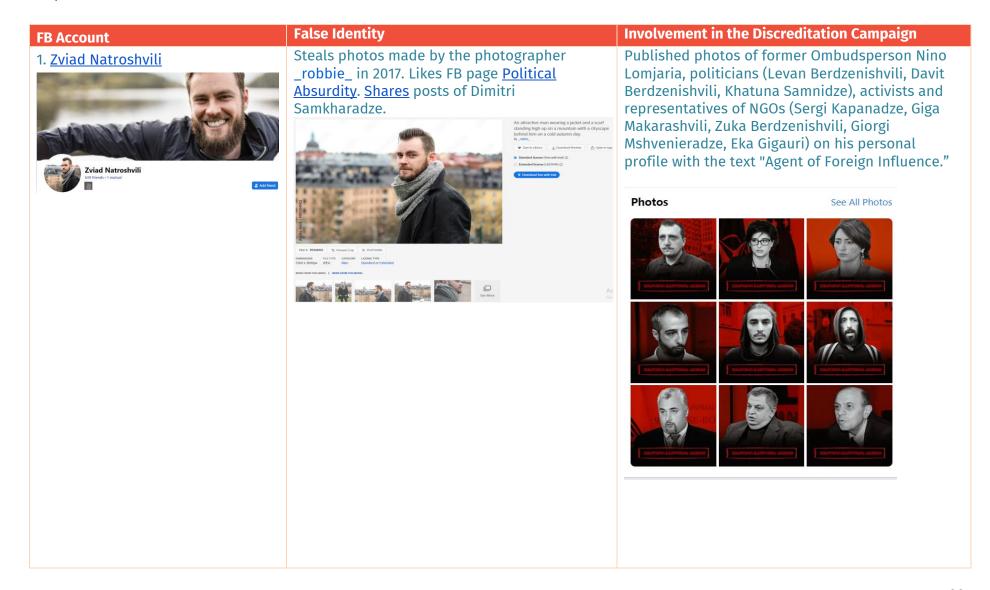


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ANONYMOUS ACCOUNTS AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER CAMPAIGNS

Of the 13 newly discovered anonymous Facebook accounts, 6 steal other people's identities and 7 conceal it. In addition to the posts published on their personal pages, fake accounts left comments in the comments of the media (Publika, InterpressNews, Radio Liberty), "Corridor of Shame" and opposition MP Khatuna Samnidze's posts. One of the fake accounts, which in parallel manages the Facebook group MP Khatuna Samnidze's posts. One of the fake accounts, which in parallel manages the Facebook group MP Khatuna Samnidze's posts. One of the fake accounts, which in parallel manages the Facebook group MP Khatuna Samnidze's posts. One of the fake accounts, which in parallel manages the Facebook group adopt an identical law.



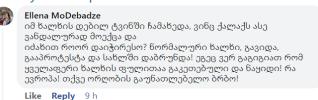
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Steals the identity fo the blogger <u>bellelongwell</u>.



Wrote in the comment that the participants of the protest vandalized the city and they are not worthy of Europe.

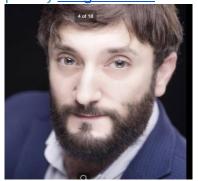


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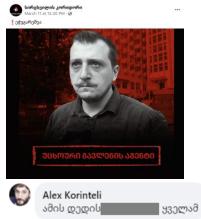


Alex Korinteli

Steals the identity of <u>Khalid Jamal</u>, media relations <u>specialist</u> living in Dubai. Shared the post by <u>Ar Agarevinebt</u>. Likes <u>POSTV - Analytics</u>.



The user derogatory terms in relation to Deputy Ombudsperson, Giorgi Burjanadze, in the comments section of the <u>post</u> published by the Facebook page "Corridor of Shame."



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Steals the identity of <u>Mahbuba Mammadzada-</u>a model from Azerbaijan. Shares posts from <u>Government of Georgia</u>, <u>POSTV - Analytics</u>, TV Imedi.



Left a comment of the <u>post</u> of opposition MP Khatuna Samnidze.



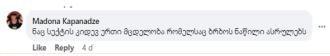
5. <u>Madona Kapanadze</u>



Steals the identity of <u>Sylvia Friedman</u>, a motivational <u>speaker</u>. Likes pages: <u>The Party of Death</u>, <u>TV Imedi</u>, <u>Irakli Lataria</u>.



Shared the <u>post</u> of Aleksandre Tamazashvili, in which the former MP writes that the actions led by supporters of the Second Front are distancing us from Europe and bringing us closer to the occupation. Left a comment on the <u>video</u> published by Bidzina Ivanishvili for Georgia, writing that it was another attempt by the United National Movement to destroy the country, which was carried out by the mob.



6. <u>Rusudan Rusikoshka</u>



Manages the Facebook group <u>National</u> <u>Movement Should be Put to Justice!</u>." Steals **the photo by LightField Studios Inc.,** which are also <u>available</u> on alamy.com. Shares posts from the following pages: <u>Terenti Gldaneli, Government of Georgia</u>, <u>Mikheil Ukrainologist</u>.



The user <u>noted</u> that in addition to Canada, Israel and several other European countries are going to adopt the law of agents.



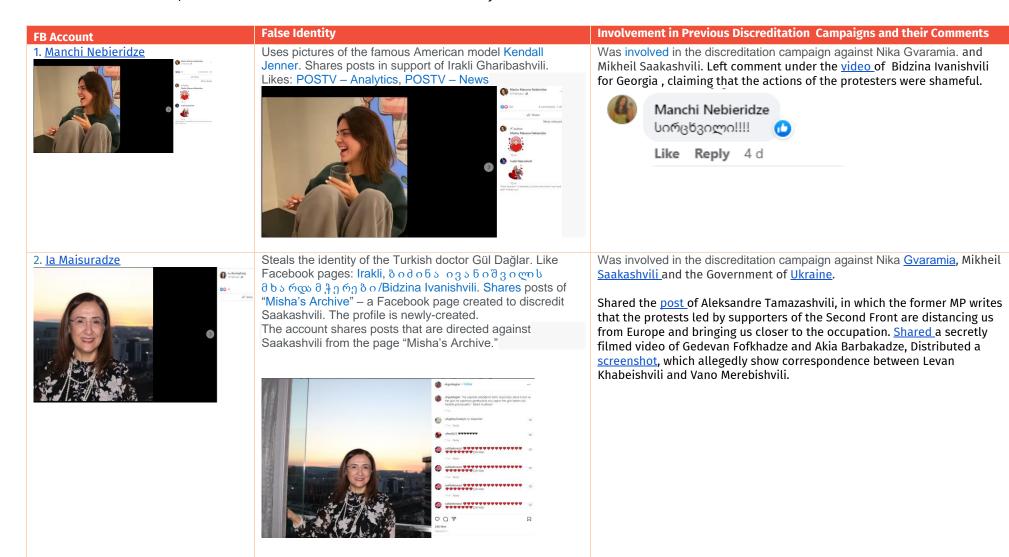
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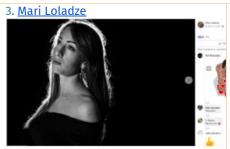
Fake Accounts that Conceal their Identities

Fake accounts that conceal their identities left comments on the news published by media outlets (Publika, 1. Tian Shan interpressnews, and Radio Liberty). 2. Otakokav Ekeabas The users claimed that the rally was voilent, and this is the reason why it was dispersed by the police: 3. Kind Zaza 4.Sio Kwa Nats ტიან შანი სპეცრქზმის მიერ დაშლის შემდეგ კი არა, აქციის ნა 5. Darius Cherniski მონაწილეების ძალადობის შემდეგ 6. John Wick Battleground **⊕□**₩ 7 Like Reply 9h 7. Ioram Ioram 4 1 reply They criticized the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia on the law of foreign agents: Otakokav Ekeabas ყველა ჩვენს უფროსობას იბრალებს ? 😁 Like Reply 18 h Condemned the <u>call</u> of the US Embassy to the Georgian Dream to withdraw the draft law. John Wick Battleground გააჯვით ნაბოზრები. ყლე ამერიკელები Like Reply 5 h Darius Cherniski აი იმიტო უნდა გაკონტროლდეს არასამთავრობოების ფული რო ესეთ დღეში არ აღმოვჩდეთ ჩვენც Like Reply 6 h Used derogatory terms while referring to the former Ombudsperson, Nino Lomjaria. Kind Zaza შენ ბოზ ოჯახს შევცი პირში Like Reply 21 h ⊕ Top fan Sio Kwa Nats წადი შენი... Like Reply 18 h Criticized Shota Arveladze for his comment made about the law. ტიპმა კარიერა თურქეთში აიწყო მერე ევროპაში გავლით ისევ თურქეთში განაგრძო და ახლა საცხა უზბეკეთში თუ ბაშკირეთშია, აბა ვის რა ჩემ ყლეთ უნდა ევროპაში ეს ყლე ამისთანა დონის ფეხბურთელები ევროპაში ხროვა ხროვა დადიან. Like Reply 3 d

TROLLS IDENTIFIED EARLIER, THAT STEAL THE IDENTITIES OF OTHERS

Out of 27 fake accounts identified by "Myth Detector", 14 accounts were involved in discrediting campaigns against "Georgian Dream" opponents and Ukrainian authorities in the past as well. 6 of them left critical comments under the <u>video</u> published by the Facebook page "Bidzina Ivanishvili for Georgia." 10 fake accounts shared the <u>post</u> of the ex-MP of "Georgian Dream", Aleksandre Tamazashvili. 7 anonymous accounts shared the Whatsapp <u>screenshot</u>, which, according to the authors of the post, showed correspondence between Vano Merabishvili and Levan Khabeishvili; 8 fake Facebook accounts broadcast a secretly filmed video of Gedevan Fofkhadze and Akia Barbakadze.





Uses a photo taken by a student of a photography course in Italy in June 2017. Shares posts discrediting the opposition and expresses support for Prime Minister Irakli Gharibashvili.



Was involved in the discreditation campaign against Nika <u>Gvaramia</u> and <u>Mikheil Saakashvili</u>.

Shared the <u>post</u> of Aleksandre Tamazashvili, in which the former MP writes that the protests led by supporters of the Second Front are distancing us from Europe and bringing us closer to the occupation. Distributed a <u>screenshot</u>, which allegedly show correspondence between Levan Khabeishvili and Vano Merebishvili.





Steals the identity of an instagram user Дмитрий Деревнин. Publishes posts in support for Irakli Gharibashvili. Likes pages supportive of the GD party (Irakli, ბიძინა ივანიშვილს მხარდამჭერები/Bidzina Ivanishvili) and the anti-opposition page "Time for Truth." The troll was involved in a discreditation campaign against Mikheil Saakashvili.



Was involved in the discreditation campaign against Nika <u>Gvaramia</u>, <u>Mikheil Saakashvili</u> and the Government of <u>Ukraine</u>

Left comment on the <u>video</u> of Bidzina Ivanishvili for Georgia, arguing that the participant of the protests had to be punished.



ზაზა სვაწაძე

სამაგალითოდ უნდა დაისაჯოს ყველა,ვინც დააზიანა თუნდაც რ მინიმალური

Like Reply 5 d

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5. Shota Rukhadze



Steals the identity of an Italian winemaker Leonardo Zerilli. Likes pages: Irakli, ბიძინა ივანიშვილის მხარდამჭერები/Bidzina Ivanishvili, Irakli Gharibashvili's supporters.



Saakashvili and the Government of <u>Ukraine</u>.

Shared the post of Aleksandre Tamazashvili, in which the former MP writes

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6. Nini Lomiaria



Incredibile, Bettin punta forte sulla Aisha Ruggeri per Giordani

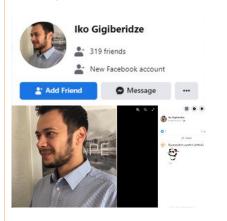
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Was involved in the discreditation campaign against Nika <u>Gvaramia</u>, Mikheil Saakashvili and the Government of Ukraine.

Shared the <u>post</u> of Aleksandre Tamazashvili, in which the former MP writes that the protests led by supporters of the Second Front are distancing us from Europe and bringing us closer to the occupation.

7. Iko Gigiberidze



Steals the identity of the Instagram user vitja_86.



Was involved in the discreditation campaign against Nika <u>Gvaramia</u>, Mikheil <u>Saakashvili</u>.

Shared the <u>post</u> of Aleksandre Tamazashvili, in which the former MP writes that the protests led by supporters of the Second Front are distancing us from Europe and bringing us closer to the occupation. <u>Shared</u> a secretly filmed video of Gedevan Fofkhadze and Akia Barbakadze.Left comment on the <u>video</u> of Bidzina Ivanishvili for Georgia, arguing that the participant of the protests had to be punished.





Steals the identity of a Sardinian guide, Marta Staffa. Shares posts in support of Irakli Gharibashvili. Likes pages: Irakli, POSTV – Analytics, POSTV – News, Irakli Gharibashvili's supporters, Misha's Archive.



Was involved in the discreditation campaign against Nika <u>Gvaramia</u>, <u>Mikheil Saakashvili</u>.

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Steals the identity of the Instagram user furatramazan. Likes the following pages: Bidzina Ivanishvili – Told through Truth, Misha's Archive, Party of Death.

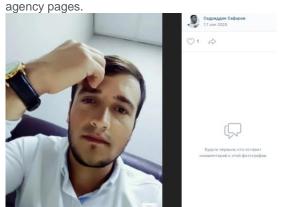


Was involved in the discreditation campaign against Mikheil Saakashvili.

Shared the <u>post</u> of Aleksandre Tamazashvili, in which the former MP writes that the protests led by supporters of the Second Front are distancing us from Europe and bringing us closer to the occupation. <u>Shared</u> a secretly filmed video of Gedevan Fofkhadze and Akia Barbakadze. Distributed a <u>screenshot</u>, which allegedly show correspondence between Levan Khabeishvili and Vano Merebishvili.



Steals the identity of Vkonktakte user Садриддин Сафаров. Publishes posts in support for Irakli Gharibashvili's and against the President and Government of Ukraine. Likes the page 'Misha's Archive' and news



Was involved in the discreditation campaign against the Government of <u>Ukraine</u>.

<u>Shared</u> a secretly filmed video of Gedevan Fofkhadze and Akia Barbakadze.





Was involved in the discreditation campaign against Nika Gvaramia, Mikheil Saakashvili and the Government of Ukraine.

Shared the post of Aleksandre Tamazashvili, in which the former MP writes that the protests led by supporters of the Second Front are distancing us from Europe and bringing us closer to the occupation.



Steals the identity of Mary Jo Ramicone, an employee of Elmhurst University.

Was involved in the discreditation campaign against Nika Gvaramia, Mikheil Saakashvili.





Distributed a screenshot, which allegedly show correspondence between Levan Khabeishvili and Vano Merebishvili.





Steals the identity of an Odesa resident Екатерина Ткаченко. Shares posts in support of Irakli Gharibashvili and the Georgian government. Publishes posts critical of the Ukrainian authorities, namely Davit Arkhamia and blames him for collaboration with the UNM.



Was involved in the discreditation campaign against Nika Gvaramia, Mikheil Saakashvili and the Government of Ukraine.

Shared the post of Aleksandre Tamazashvili, in which the former MP writes that the protests led by supporters of the Second Front are distancing us from Europe and bringing us closer to the occupation. **Shared** a secretly filmed video of Gedevan Fofkhadze and Akia Barbakadze. Distributed a screenshot, which allegedly show correspondence between Levan Khabeishvili and Vano Merebishvili.



Steals the identity of the Instagram user Lela Shylo. Likes the following pages: POSTV, POSTV - Analytics, POSTV -News, POSTV - Fun, Shalva Ramishvili, Bidzina Ivanishvili & Society.



Was involved in the discreditation campaign against Mikheil Saakashvili. Left two comment and shared the video of Bidzina Ivanishvili for Georgia. arguing that the participant of the protests had to be punished.

