



**DIGEST**  
**COVERAGE**  
**OF LGBTQ+ TOPICS**  
**IN BELARUSIAN MEDIA**

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The second quarter of 2023 was marked by info noise around the idea of banning "LGBT propaganda" in Belarus at the example of the Russian Federation.

It is worth noting that the day before Lukashenka, talking about gay people, noted "... Well, let's stop these men from tumbling with other men, what will this lead to? Nothing to do with it. Moreover, they don't create any problems for us, they work well."

Hence, along with the statements of pro-government activists and propagandists, quite unambiguous statements of MPs appeared: 'MPs believe that it works more effectively in Belarus so far even without the law'.

Iryna Kastsevich, the Minister of Labor and Social Protection expressed herself in the same way: "I see no reason to consider childfree and LGBT as a trend in Belarusian society."

Aleh Haidukevich, who posed the question to Lukashenka, is not going to introduce proposals to ban 'LGBT propaganda.' Here is his quote: 'I heard the most important thing for me that propaganda of non-traditional values that destroys our family and our foundations, would not exist in Belarus and I don't need anything else. I saw a clear position of the head of state.'

It should be noted that the last sentence in the quote can be interpreted as 'we

don't have LGBT propaganda, and that's enough for me,' and 'we won't have a ban on propaganda, and that's fine with me.'

In mid-April 2023, discussing new amendments to the law 'On Mass Media,' the Belarusian MPs proposed to supplement it with a ban on "LGBTQ+ propaganda". In response to this proposal, the head of the Ministry of Information noted that the department had already taken 'sufficient measures to limit the distribution of such production in the country.'

And he added that, in his opinion, it was necessary to 'take a comprehensive approach to the development of such a draft law, and the key role should be played by the legislators, getting together various governmental agencies: the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health Care, the Ministry of Information, and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, so that it would be a comprehensive and extensive legal act.'

In addition, the Minister of Information said that the governmental agency had sent 500 warnings to all publishers and bookstores, stating that if such literature is found on sale, 'certain measures of administrative influence will be applied.'

And on June 19, it became known that the security forces proposed to introduce 'administrative responsibility for the promotion of non-traditional sexual relations, gender reassignment, pedophilia, and child-freedom ideas.' The

representatives of the Prosecutor General's Office presented all these initiatives along with innovations in protecting children from sexual violence and exploitation.

The Prosecutor General's Office proposed to [introduce administrative responsibility](#) for 'promoting non-traditional sexual relations.' According to the Prosecutor General's Press Service, the idea was supported by Aliaksandr Lukashenka.

The appearance of a number of materials that are critical of the replicas of pro-government speakers in the independent broadcast media looks positive.

Independent mass media analyze such statements and competently disavow them: 'An MP Has Stated that People Don't Watch Films on LGBT-thematic. They Do Watch Them [Though](#).'

The appearance of the 'Gender Gap' program on Euroradio became a counterweight to the pro-government propaganda. PhD Iryna Sidorskaya analyzes live the gender agenda and provides scientifically based arguments that break the state propaganda:

['Childfree and LGBT are destroying the nation? What is wrong with Lukashenka: Gender Gap'](#); ['Now you are talking about women's rights, and then you will lobby gay marriage!' – Let's Discuss.](#) ['Now you are talking about women's rights, and then you will lobby gay marriage! Let's Discuss.'](#)

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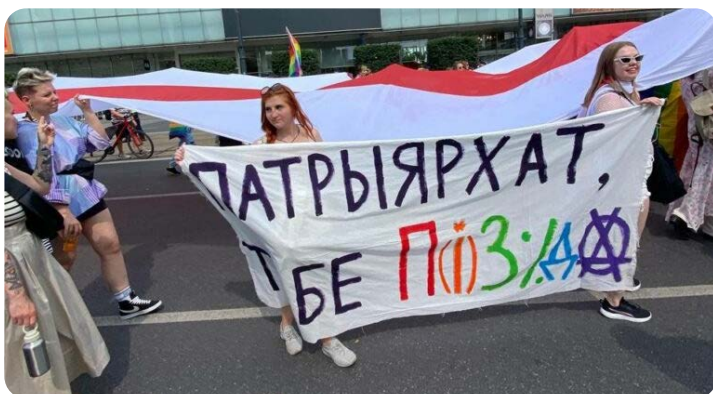
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## *Belarusian group at LGBT Pride in Warsaw: when pleasure is already politics*

LGBTQ+ activist Vika Biran: 'I decided to spend my week-long vacation in Warsaw at a post-porn festival. Don't expect me to talk about it, since this is a topic for another media. I'll tell you something else, since on the same dates, by a happy coincidence, a pride parade was also announced in the city.'

<https://reform.by/belaruskaja-kolonna-na-lgbt-prajdev-varshave-kogda-udovolstvie-jeto-uzhe-politika>



## *Long road to the country where you want to stay*

May 17 is the International Day Against Homophobia, which in today's Belarus has acquired its extreme, most perverted form.

<https://novychas.online/hramadstva/sztosci-cikavae>

## *"Now you're talking about women's rights, and then you'll switch to gay marriages!" – Let's Discuss*

In today's issue of 'Gender Gap', we talk about political correctness and the strange forms it takes. Let's discuss a common point of view: now you are talking about women's rights, but this will end with permission for gay marriages, LGBT propaganda, and other "nonsense".

<https://euroradio.fm/ru/teper-vy-o-pravakh-zhenschin-posle-gey-braki-podsunete-obsuzhdaem>

## *Are child-free and LGBT people destroying a nation? What Lukashenka is wrong about: 'Gender Gap'*

"Lukashenka is once again getting into the personal lives of Belarusians. Now he wants to ban child-free relationships when families make their choice to live without children. The argument is that Belarus 'needs people.'"

A few more scandalous statements concerned homosexuals. On the one hand, 'we do not need this' and 'no man has yet given birth.' On the other hand, hee-hee, ha-ha, "God forbid non-gay people work the way gay people work here! And the biggest gay officials are generally golden people."

We will discuss all this in the latest issue of the 'Gender Gap' program with researcher Iryna Sidorskaya. Let's talk about traditional and modern families and about different models of families. And also, about how the authorities in Minsk adjust family politics to Russian narratives."

<https://euroradio.fm/ru/chayld-fri-i-lgbt-unichtozhayut-naciyu-v-chem-neprav-lukashenko-gender-gap>



## "Strange wedding". How Belarusians scared co-patriots with a gay wedding in 1928

"A Strange Wedding" story was published under the pseudonym P. Asaka in the 'Banner of Labour' newspaper (Vilnius), produced by the Belarusian left-wing movement ninety-five years ago on July 4, 1928. The author was known better under the nickname of Piotr Miatla (1890–1936), who had another pseudonym, P. Chabor. The Belarusian author imagined in the short story 'how a man and a man get married' and then have a child.

<https://novychas.online/kultura/jak-belarusy-u-1928-hodze-hej-szljubam-palohali>



*"They want to make us part of Russia." Now for sure 'propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations, gender reassignment and childfree' is illegal in Belarus*

A very strange and yet very indicative for the Belarusian authorities thematic association turned out to include pedophiles, sexual violence – and LGBTQ + propaganda, gender correction, and childfree ideas.

<https://citydog.io/post/zapret-propagandy/>

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/41709.html>

## Ministry of Information of Belarus protects the Russian market from LGBTQ products from Belarus

The Ministry of Information of Belarus urges publishers to avoid violation of a new Russian law on 'LGBT propaganda'. The corresponding letter signed by Deputy Minister of Information Ihar Buzouski has been published by 'Salidarnasts' online newspaper.

<https://euroradio.fm/ru/mininform-rb-zaschischaet-rossiyskiy-rynok-ot-lgbt-k-produkcii-iz-belarusi>



## Belarus Preliminary Equals to Poland in Terms of Tolerance to LGBT

The ILGA-Europe rating placed Belarus in the top five most intolerant countries in Europe towards sexual minorities.

Belarus scored 12 percent out of 100% in the 2023 ranking of LGBT+ equality and ranked 45 out of 49 countries in Europe. In the ranking, 0% means gross violations of human rights, and 100% means full equality for LGBT+ people.

<https://thinktanks.by/publication/2023/05/12/belarus-po-tolerantnosti-k-lgbt-primerno-na-urovne-s-polshey.html>

## ***Forbidden Books in Belarus: Extremism, “wrong” love and “dangerous” history***

‘There exist more informal types of bans. The book may be tacitly banned from being distributed through state-owned bookstores, and the private ones may be forced to remove the objectionable books from their shelves. Such ‘telephone law’ often works after pro-government activists like Volha Bondarava appeal to local authorities. She often finds ‘LGBT+ propaganda’ or ‘Nazism’ in books.’

<https://ru.hrodna.life/articles/zapreshhennye-knigi-belarusi/>

## ***Belarusian Activist Valiantsin Tsishko Deported from Ukraine***

A Belarusian activist Valiantsin Tsishko has been deported from Ukraine. He is currently located in Poland, as he told in his interview to ‘Media Zone’.

Valiantsin Tsishko was born in Maladziechna, Minsk region. He was a district coordinator of ‘For Freedom’ Movement.

Tishko is an openly gay person and a hierodeacon of the Greek Autocephalous Orthodox Church.

*P.S. Valiantsin Tsishko returned to Ukraine some time later (note – Gpress.info)*

<https://mediazona.by/news/2023/05/03/deportation>



## ***“It is not clear where to put them in prison, let’s shoot them”: how LGBTQ+(18+) are bullied in Belarus***

People continue to be questioned in Belarusian prisons and pre-trial detention centers. One of the groups that is at great risk is LGBTQ+ or simply the people who do not look ‘like everyone else.’ Security forces pay “special attention” to them in the form of insults, humiliation, physical attacks, and rape.

<https://euroradio.fm/ru/neponyatno-kuda-sazhat-davayte-rasstrelyaem-kak-v-belarusi-travyat-lgbtk-18>

## ***A transgender girl with flags of Ukraine and LGBTQ+ attacked in Minsk. She disappeared for several days afterwards to be found behind bars***

A transgender girl was attacked in Minsk a few days ago. She was walking around the city with a backpack decorated with Ukrainian and LGBTQ+ flags. She stopped communicating and did not appear at home afterwards. It turned out that she was sentenced to 15 days of arrest for ‘distributing extremist materials,’ the Tg House initiative said.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/41318.html#c>



## ***LGBT Propaganda and Ban on Saunas. The Head of Youth Parliament of Belarus Dwelt Upon Young Belarusians’ Concerns***

“... It is necessary to toughen the responsibility for the distribution of drugs, to introduce responsibility for the distortion of historical facts and for the promotion of LGBT culture (if you can call it culture),” said the Chairman of the Youth Parliament.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/42554.html#c>



***Volha Bondarava switched from adult ‘enemies’ to children. She saw ‘LGBT propaganda’ in the long-haired boy singing at the concert***

Volha Bondarava found herself a new occupation: she told on a student of Minsk Art school, who performed at a concert organized by the Communists on April 22.

The Hrodna dweller was so outraged by the boy’s ‘feminine’ image that she accused him of nothing less than a ‘threat to the national security of Belarus’.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/38208.html?c>

***Exclusive interview with Irina Kastsevich, Minister of Labor and Social Protection of Belarus for ‘SB. Belarus today’***

“I see no reason to consider childfree and LGBT as a trend in the Belarusian society. According to the “Belarus population’s Values” national survey, the majority of the country’s residents believe that nothing can be more important than motherhood and fatherhood, and the average Belarusian dreams of a family with two or three children.”

<https://www.sb.by/articles/slagaemye-schastyia.html>



***A Minsk resident discovered SpongeBob on a public service poster and was indignant at the propaganda of ‘pederasty’. Do you see all this?***

Aliaksandr Plavinski, a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the Belarusian Internal Troops discovered a public service announcement in Belarusian in Minsk and was indignant at SpongeBob, whom he considers to be a ‘pederast’. However, neither SpongeBob nor ‘pederasts’ can be found on the poster. There are only three geometric shapes depicted there.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/cellar/41767.html?c>

***Chemical castration to divert eyes***

It turned out that the fight against pedophilia in Belarus also has its own unique way. Ten years ago, the Ministry of Internal Affairs was against the chemical castration of pedophiles and referred to doctors who assessed this procedure as ineffective for the prevention of sexual violence. And now the General Prosecutor’s Office of Belarus announces that there will be forced chemical castration in the country.

<https://www.svaboda.org/a/32466088.html>

***‘An MP Has Stated that People Don’t Watch Films on LGBT-thematic. They Do Watch Them Though.’***

Ihar Zavalei, a deputy at the Chamber of Representatives [believes](#) that it is complicated to stop ‘LGBT propaganda’ nowadays, since there exists the global film industry that demonstrates such relationships. However, according to him, the ratings of such films are low. We decided to check it out.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/cellar/39306.html?c>



## ***Dzermant: ‘In Fact, Ukraine is fighting for LGBT’***

A political scientist stated during the ‘Objectively’ live TV Program that the LGBT banner would be raised in Ukraine.

A Belarusian political scientist Aliaksei Dzermant noted in the ‘Objectively’ live TV Program that LGBT values were hidden under the ideas of protecting the country and that Ukraine would lose the war, anyway, being betrayed in the end.

<https://ont.by/news/po-faktu-ukraina-srazhaetsya-za-lgbt-dzermant>

## ***Mother of many children: ‘It is unacceptable to advertise and promote LGBT values in Belarusian society’***

It is unacceptable to advertise and promote LGBT values in the Belarusian society. This opinion was shared by Maryna Varapay, the head of the Personnel and Ideological Work Department of JSC ‘Babruiskagromash’, commenting on the Address of the President to the Belarusian people and the National Assembly.

<https://www.belta.by/regions/view/mnogodetnaja-mama-afishirovat-i-propagandirovat-lgbt-tsennosti-v-beloruskom-obschestve-nedopustimo-559261-2023/>



## ***Countries Get United: International Program to Protect Family Values Launched***

“The demand for the protection of traditional family values in the world is growing every year. 16 percent of Europeans aged 14 to 20 identify themselves as LGBT. In some countries, LGBT propaganda has taken a total turn - kindergartens are opening their doors, gender reassignment workshops are being held, meetings with transgender people are being organized for children, and entire residential complexes are being built for LGBT families. One in five young Americans join the LGBT community.”

<https://www.sb.by/articles/druzhnyy-otvet-razrushitelym-trendam.html>



## ***LGBT families adopt Ukrainian children – Polish Human Rights Defender Says***

The European Union steals children from Ukrainian refugees, as well as other IDPs, who are a socially unprotected category of citizens in these countries. The children are then adopted by homosexual couples, some of them go missing. And there is a suspicion that they are used as organ donors. A Polish human rights activist talked about all this in "This is different" TV program.

<https://www.tvr.by/news/obshchestvo/ukrainskikh-detey-usynovlyayut-lgbt-semi-rasskazala-polskaya-pravozashchitnitsa/>



**About M. Gorky's novel "The Procreative Parent", or Stop the Earth, I'll Go Down!**

Among other things, there is a proposal to include the topic of homosexuality in the school curriculum about the Holocaust. Also, a program for inclusion of sexuality in the world history course: "From Lesbos to Stonewall" has been developed. The books such as "LGBT-ization of elementary education and the prevention of prejudice" are published. And, finally, it is proposed to create the so-called safe and inclusive community in elementary schools, where the integration of the problems, faced by the LGBT community is given a "scientific" basis.

<https://lidanews.by/news/life/29131news.html>



**Pertsau: 'A bill to ban LGBT propaganda should be drafted comprehensively'**

Answering the MPs' questions, Minister of Information Uladzimir Pertsau said that the Ministry of Information was taking measures to limit the dissemination of information promoting LGBT.

<https://www.sb.by/articles/pertsov-k-razrabotke-zakonoproekta-o-zaprete-propagandy-lgbt-nuzhno-podoyti-kompleksno.html>

[https://www.tvr.by/news/obshchestvo/pertsov\\_belarus\\_effektivno\\_boretsya\\_s\\_propagandoy\\_netraditsionnykh\\_tsennostey/](https://www.tvr.by/news/obshchestvo/pertsov_belarus_effektivno_boretsya_s_propagandoy_netraditsionnykh_tsennostey/)

**A ban on LGBT propaganda is proposed to be introduced in Belarus**

MPs believe that even without a law, it works more effectively in Belarus than in Russia, where the corresponding legislation is already in force.

[https://tochka.by/articles/policy/zapret\\_na\\_propagandu\\_lgbt\\_predlagayut\\_vvesti\\_v\\_belarusi/](https://tochka.by/articles/policy/zapret_na_propagandu_lgbt_predlagayut_vvesti_v_belarusi/)

<https://sputnik.by/20230418/deputaty-predlozhili-dopolnit-zakon-o-smi-zapretom-na-propagandu-lgbt-1074511650.html>

<https://smartpress.by/news/41916/>



**Haidukevich about LGBT: 'I saw a clear position of the head of state'**

'I heard the most important thing for me that propaganda of non-traditional values that destroys our family and our foundations, would not exist in Belarus and I don't need anything else. I saw a clear position of the head of state.'

<https://sputnik.by/20230404/gaydukevich-ob-lgbt-ya-uvidel-chetkuyu-pozitsiyu-glavy-gosudarstva-1073983214.html>





### ***‘I have subscriptions to extremist media’ Homiel dwellers helped to detain 8 people from among Web-‘destructors’***

‘The most unacceptable manipulations include justification of fascism and terrorist acts; promotion of LGBT and destruction of the traditional family institution, denigration of Orthodoxy; inciting hatred on ethnic grounds; lobbying for sanctions, passing information to Western intelligence agencies; silencing, substitution of concepts, historical facts as well as outright lies about the situation in Ukraine.’

<https://progomel.by/society/politics/2023/04/918501.html>

### ***A soldier from the Kalinousky regiment admitted that he was gay and that they had a lot of such people***

Valery Vodzin, a 23-year-old Belarusian, admitted in his correspondence with a good friend Victoria Volchak that he was of non-traditional sexual orientation. Such intimate details from the life of the regiment became known thanks to the "Killing package" special journalist investigation on the ANT TV channel.

<https://ont.by/news/boec-iz-polka-kalinovskogo-priznalsya-chto-on-gej-i-takih-u-nih-mnogo>

### ***Transgender ideology as one of means to annihilate the humanity***

‘Yes, today we need to talk not about ‘separate manifestations’, but rather about the prevailing ideology for the expansion of transgenderism in all Western and West-dependent countries. We see that this process is proceeding with significant acceleration, acquiring an increasingly aggressive character.’

<https://mlyn.by/17042023/transgendernaya-ideologiya-odin-iz-sposobov-unichtozheniya-chelovechestva/>

## ***Political Post-scriptum of Belarusian History***

So does our country need the European choice, which a certain part of the Belarusian society is striving for and for which the ‘Belarusian’ rebels of 1863-1864 allegedly fought? Are the Belarusians ready for a way of life in the New Western world? ‘Freedom’ there has turned into a veil for the dictatorship and totalitarianism of the ruling elites in relation to dissidents.

The everyday life of the Western countries, including Europe, has become filled with destruction of traditional human values and their replacement with the ideas of LGBT + (lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders, with the total number of genders approaching 300), destruction of state borders and creation of a global space with transnational corporations at the head of them. Classical human rights have been abolished, and instead of them, the unbridled propaganda of abortion and the rejection of the family as a social unit of society and the human race are propagated.

<https://mnsvu.org/biblioteka/kadetskaya-proza/politicheskij-postskriptum-belorusskoj-istorii/>

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