



DIGEST

THE COVERAGE OF LGBTQ+ ISSUES IN BELARUSIAN
MASS MEDIA



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The emerging trend among state propaganda media towards an attempt to discredit the LGBTQ+ community continued in the fourth quarter of 2021.

The “repentant” videos that the security forces have used almost from the beginning of the protests have become another way to influence LGBT people in Belarus. Several detainees were forced to disclose their sexual orientation, which, along with their salaries (above the national average), was expected by the ill-willers to incite hatred towards such people.

However, the independent media react in a non-trivial way. They explain to the audience what is really happening and why one should not fall into such an obvious trap of hatred.

[The Belarusian law enforcement has come to capture gays](#)

[Blackmailing and a real life threat. The outing as a means of struggle with the ‘unwanted’](#)

[A Belarusian person as the orientation. How to react on the forced outing?](#)

[How does the state propaganda discredit the detainees?](#)

[‘The video recorded apologies are shot in another style now’ What new methods have the law enforcement agents invented for the ‘repentant’ videos?](#)

A broad campaign in support of LGBT-community started in Belarus following the appearance of videos with the forced outing in the social media.

Unfortunately, quite a few of LGBT people were forced to leave Belarus facing real security threats.

[‘An openly gay person explains the cost of the recent year for him and tells how the riot police strengthens LGBT-community in Belarus’](#)

Other propaganda messages remain in the spirit of conspiracy theories, saying that the LGBTQ movement is an attempt to depopulate the planet or provoke conflict.

However, it is pretty obvious that the propagandists themselves are trying to inflate the conflict. Fortunately, without success.

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P.S. The year of 2021 was symbolic for Gpress.info / Gaypress.eu. Our audience on the Web-site and in the social media reached the total of 100,000 Web-users a month!





State television channels summed up the results of the year: "Europe is bursting at the seams, the Belarusian economy is on the rise, a new Constitution is being born"

Most of the programs summed up the results of the year, which means that there was a lot of Alexander Lukashenka. Other officials suddenly appeared, too. On December 25 and 26, [CTV, Belarus-1 and ANT](#) boasted of their achievements, the defeated sanctions, dwelt upon their preparations for a referendum and got horrified by the LGBT lobby in Europe.

"The authorities want the detainee to have no chance of defense." Homophobia in Belarus has become a tool of repression

How the homophobia of the authorities turned from a personal problem into another tool of repression, and why "repentant" videos with the recognition of homosexuality will hardly foster overcoming the homophobia of society – [Reform.by talked about](#) this issue with a well-known LGBT activist Mikalay Antsipau.



"Parents asked to live separately." How does an LGBT girl live in Mahilou? An honest interview

A woman from [Mahilou who knew from childhood](#) that she loves women is the heroine of our interview today.



Aliaksey Talai on LGBT propaganda: “Representatives of this community are trying to convey their position to young people, up to elementary school children, up to kindergartens”

A paralympic athlete [Aliaksey Talai](#) shared his opinion on Belarusian traditional values.



The gay people who are threatened with death in their homeland are among those who flee Iraq to Belarus

Most of the migrants who are trying to get through Belarus to the [European Union are Iraqi Kurds](#). Quite a few of them travel in search of a better life and work, often with their families. But some are literally running from death.



“Will liberal values lead the society to conflict and then extinction?”

“If the trend towards “new values” about tolerance for [LGBT people, same-sex marriages](#) and the right to choose one’s gender continues, it will lead to intolerance in society, acute conflict and population decline in the long term”, says analyst Vyachaslau Sutyrin.



“Do some people want to reduce the world's population? Political scientist tells about the terrible plan of the world elites”

“Western liberal values, tolerance for non-traditional family unions, the idea of ["green energy" hide the real plan of the elites to "utilize" the planet's population,"](#) Russian political scientist Sergei Mikheev believes and discusses who needs it and why.



Standing on their own: the roots and the consequences of the conflict between Poland and the EU

The European authorities have already started to apply their new tool quite successfully at the grassroots level. They deprive the Polish regions that have adopted resolutions on ["LGBT-free zones"](#) of EU project funds.



“No need for propaganda, no need to impose all this on us.” Alekh Haidukevich talking frankly about family values

“Alekh Haidukevich, a member of the House of Representatives of the National [Assembly of Belarus](#) has come to the studio of the Postscript program. We are going to talk about an important topic today. It is the topic of our traditional family values, which are actively blurred.”



**"They took on our kids, teaching them free morals on TikTok."
Alyona Radouskaya about family values of Belarusians**

"LGBT [classes have started in Scotland](#). And here's what they ask American children to read on holidays. 95% of titles on the list include: Black Lives Matter, LGBT, migrants..."

**Sex compromising evidence, excuses for orientation and photos of sex toys. How
state propaganda defames detainees**

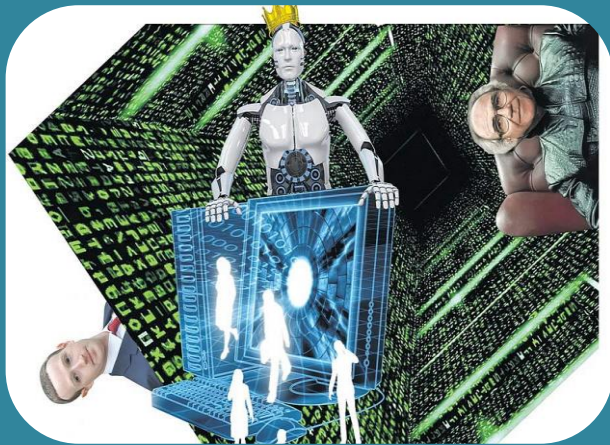
Photos of sex toys appeared in the pro-governmental 'leaky' Telegram channels after searches at activists and journalists' apartments in the [summer of 2021](#). The authorities tried to humiliate the activists and bloggers with the help of candid video recordings of LGBTQ sex. The detainees were forced to talk about their same-sex relationships during the forced 'repentance' videos.



**Unknown people hacked the 'Gender_gap' Telegram channel.
One of the authors of the channel got detained**

The riot police named the referred to Ms. Martul in their propagandist post as "one of the founders of [the LGBT project "Gender Gap"](#), where "non-traditional values" were promoted, perversions were advertised, and opinions alien to the Belarusian people were imposed."





"Immersion of superfluous people in the metaverse makes it possible to solve a number of key social and economic problems. Who benefits from this?"

"In the wake of the so-called Western pseudo-humanism at the beginning of the 21st century, the above-described harsh methods of population reduction began to be actively replaced by easier tools: the promotion of abortion and family [models 2 + 1, 1 + 1](#) (two parents one child, families without children), propaganda of -LGBT movements, feminism and narcissism."



"Why do children kill? Games, furies, childfree: what else deprives us of children?"

"Experts consider LGBT to be another pernicious movement, which has recently been openly and latently trying in every possible way to propagate its values among young people, as well as children."

Consequently, the proposals are even brought up for discussion to equate [the LGBT movement](#) with a terrorist one, since the harmfulness of the consequences and the level of their danger to society are practically comparable."

"What will happen to Europe and how long will the European Union last?"

"Brussels is barring Budapest from receiving money from the recovery and resilience fund - which is 7 billion euros to fight the pandemic. The reason is the law against LGBT propaganda and support for the Polish thesis "[national legislation is higher than European legislation](#)." In addition, Viktor Orbán signed a lucrative gas contract with Russia. Guess what started. The prime minister was called Putin's saboteur in the European Union."





Gedych: "Improvement of the Basic Law of the country is the path along the upward trajectory to the unity of the nation"

"Or their [opposition] ideas about [supporting LGBT communities](#). This will never happen in our country, because our foundations are based on the classic model of the union of a man and a woman.



"Beware of sarcasm! How Chinese gays will backfire on the Baltic gays"

"Sanctions, energy crisis, Belavia, coronavirus... Have you noticed anything? We completely stopped talking about gays. And yet, they are people too. In certain ways...

Yes, [there are none of them among metallurgists](#) and machine operators. But in the transve... show... Sorry, business, they can be found!"



"Polarity of views on violations of sexual differentiation"

"In addition, support groups have emerged - organizations consisting of lawyers, [LGBT and intersex activists](#), former patients. Their main idea was to prohibit "unnecessary" (in their opinion) surgical treatment of children with sexual development disorders, carried out without the consent of the latter. That is, they proposed a moratorium on genital surgery until the age at which the patients themselves can determine their gender and give consent to the operation."



“Special focus on the safety of adults and children, work for the future harvest, strategy and tactics of vaccination”

“One of these challenges is the obsessive propaganda of views and guidelines that are not typical of our society, in particular, those that evoked the [“sexual revolution”](#) in the West a few decades ago, and now they call it “protection of LGBT values.”



“Severe punishments for opponents of the authorities, replacement of execution by life sentence. We talk about the most resonant sentences in Belarus in 2021”

“These [LGBT movements](#), these same-sex marriages, this pedophilia,” Kovrigin described the situation after the elections in Belarus.



What was sex like in Soviet Belarus and how did the communists deal with the issue? Historian narrates on the delicate topic

[How were members of the LGBT community treated in those days?](#)

“They certainly existed, but they weren’t outed as a rule. There was complete secrecy about it. As for the forced relationships in the male or female groups, it was one thing. And when such relations were freely declared, such things were not encouraged in the Soviet society even in the 1920s. They did not have the support like open relationships between a woman and a man. Although there were some quite interesting cases indeed.”



Senior specialist fired from EPAM for homophobic comments on LinkedIn

"A [scandal happened on LinkedIn](#) that cost the instigator of his position. One developer joked that until he found a husband who is a programmer, he leaves his contacts to recruiters not to work on the street. A system engineer from EPAM, Mikita Pastukhou commented on the post and spoke sharply about homosexuals (this reaction has already been deleted). The company intervened in the conflict situation."



"The book and the Internet portal about the crimes of Poland and Lithuania against refugees were presented in Minsk"

"If there were gays or our white-red-white traitors at the border, the [European Union](#) would probably open the doors. And these unfortunate people, refugees, they are treated brutally."



Yulia Artyukh: "It's well-reasoned that many people characterize the events of 2020 as a protest of snickering people"

"So we raised... our children with a firm understanding that it's good abroad, [that America and Europe are fanciful](#), that the American army is a force, and that all the conflicts that it unleashed around the world are for good. That lust and depravity is tolerance, that gays and lesbians mean human rights. From the latest trends that everything Russian is evil."

The Gpress.info editorial prepared a series of video interviews with LGBTQ+ people from Belarus, who currently reside abroad. They shared their vision of the current situation:

[Queer person who moved to Kiev from Belarus tells about his homosexual experience](#)

[Non-binary transmasculine person about love to women and self-awareness](#)

[Intersex non-binary polisexual person and TikTok star tells about their own sexuality](#)

[Gay poet and queer performer: 'The love for women just disappeared'](#)

[Bisexual = ordinary and open-minded person](#)

[Lesbian? Bisexual? Pansexuality is my cup of tea!](#)

[Non-binary pan-sexual person: 'You can put on a skirt and behave manfully'](#)

[Pansexual and bisexual: 'Any person is wonderful for me. I can fall in love with anyone'](#)

[Evolution from being a homophobe to accepting themselves as a woman](#)

Also, you can find a range of educational videos and reviews of topical films on our [YouTube-channel](#).

We recommend you to focus your attention on a range of cycles with original LGBTQ+ materials:

1. A series of publications about Odessa Pride

[Photo report! Odessa Pride 2021](#)

[Police and Odessa Pride: explosions, provocations, threats. Exclusive photo report](#)

[Odessa Pride 2021. Exclusive video report](#)

2. Participant of [LGBTQ-community](#) during protests in Minsk tells about her way and her bisexuality

3. My best [friend is gay](#). I learned about it in 10 years

4. Infographic! [19 kinds of sexuality](#) – from asexual to digisexual

5. On their last legs. [Love story of a Belarusian](#) woman who changed boyfriends for a girlfriend

6. 'Life has changed for the better' – a [Belarusian person has been HIV+](#) since 8 y.o.

7. [Gender and patriarchy](#). What the propaganda of conservative "values" says

8. Nonbinary [transmuscular person](#): "I was forced to cut my leg with a knife and then with a broken bottle."

9. [Gay person married to a lesbian](#): "We have a more normal family than heterosexuals"

10. "[Counter propaganda](#)". How the gender education is opposed in the world

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