



DIGEST
COVERAGE
OF LGBTQ+ TOPICS
IN BELARUSIAN MEDIA

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The third quarter of 2022 was marked by the saturation of LGBTQ+ topics in Belarusian media.

The lull of the past three months is more than compensated for by the current attacks on queer people, presented as "fighting for traditional values".

Propaganda is no longer shy about putting an equal sign between EU countries and LGBTQ+, and hence conducting false analogies and unsupported maxims about the decomposition of European societies due to support for human rights.

Many pro-government media have used the techniques characteristic of propaganda: to use the concept of LGBTQ+ only in combination with negatively colored adjectives, and to try to introduce into consciousness that LGBTQ+ is not an innate human characteristic, but an imposed perception of the world.

For example: "aggressive LGBT policy penetrates the consciousness of children", "An eye on the modern values of Europe and LGBT: this is the beginning of the end of everything human", "Well, and how without gay pride parades? Over the last two years, Covid has slightly slowed down this satanism in the public eye."

An interesting phenomenon of the Belarusian media field in the third quarter of 2022 is Olga Bondareva, a so-called activist from Hrodna.

Her activism in attempts to combat LGBTQ+ was noticed by state and independent media. It is clear that this citizen decided to try on the role of "traditional values" main keeper.

The methods and techniques for this, chosen by Ms. Bondareva, are, to put it mildly, strange.

Let's turn to some headlines talking about her "struggle": "An activist from Hrodna decided to fight with kites in the colors of the rainbow. In her opinion, these are LGBT symbols," "Activist Bondareva tried to cancel Kirkorov's concerts in Belarus, but something went wrong."

This odious citizen has also started her own Telegram channel, which has about 500 subscribers. In it, she uses the hate speech and direct insults as the main tone of voice. Complaints about the channel's content are received regularly.

We will continue to monitor Ms. Bondareva's activity in the Belarusian media space.

We cannot but be pleased with the availability of materials that tell about LGBTQ+ from objective and balanced positions. So, Dr. Yuditski, a Belarusian psychiatrist, psychotherapist, notes: "homosexuality (as well as heterosexuality and bisexuality) is a kind of norm, not a disease."

When compiling the Digest, we also discovered a novelty: an advertisement for an LGBT-friendly psychologist in Minsk.

We hope that a sound position on LGBTQ+ will increasingly make its way in the Belarusian media.

GPress.info Editorial





Remember when OZ removed "LGBT books"? It turned out that they were banned by the Hrodna City Executive Committee

The Hrodna City Executive Committee held a preventive conversation with the head of the OZ Books store in the Trinity shopping and entertainment center as well as with the management of the shopping mall.

The meeting in the Hrodna City Executive Committee was convened after the appeal of activist Olga Bondareva.

Deputy Chairperson of the City Executive Committee Zoya Kulesha answered Olga's appeal. She said that "LGBT-themed books" were withdrawn from sale in OZ Books stores and thanked for "showing a civic position and timely informing local authorities to take response measures."

<https://ru.hrodna.life/2022/07/05/knigi-zapretil-gorispolkom/>



Activist Bondareva tried to cancel Kirkorov's concerts in Belarus, but something went wrong

Bondareva collected signatures to cancel the singer's concerts and appealed to the Minsk City Executive Committee. In her appeal, she demanded not only to cancel concerts, but also to investigate "an outrageous situation when officials give permission for an artist with an unambiguously anti-state and openly pro-Nazi position promoting LGBT and other abominations," and punish the perpetrators.

<https://reform.by/323241-aktivistka-bondareva-pytalas-otmenit-koncerty-kirkorova-v-belarusi-no-cto-to-poshlo-ne-tak>



Drahun was offended, Kapski is a hostage, it is disgusting to call Belarusians slaves from abroad. The former voice of Barysau Arena about how there is no longer of Belarusian football in his life

– Propaganda also likes to say that everyone in the West is perverted and fixed on the topic of non-traditional sexual orientation.

– Probably, people are trying to consolidate their role of some experts in this way and gain trust among those who think the same way. They claim that gays are bad, lesbians are bad, and our children, if they see LGBT people, will run to kiss their peers. Well, another motive for such speeches, as I have already said, is that you just need to say something.

<https://athletes.by/dragyn-obidelsia-kapskii-zalojnik-nazyvat-iz-za-granicy-belarysov-rabami-otvratitelno-byvshii-golos-borisov-areny-o-tom-kak-v-ego-jizni-ne-ostalos-belfytb.html>



An activist from Hrodna decided to fight with kites in the colors of the rainbow. In her opinion, these are LGBT symbols

Olga Bondareva from Hrodna saw kites with unicorns in the colors of the "LGBT rainbow" in the FUNtastik store in the Trinity shopping mall. She complained about the toy. In her opinion, "the demonstration of LGBT symbols to children threatens the demographic security of our country, violates the Law "On the Rights of the Child" in terms of protecting children from information that may harm their normal moral development, and the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus." In the store, it was only from Olga that they learned that, it turns out, they were representing LGBT people.

<https://ru.hrodna.life/2022/08/31/lgbt-zmei/>



"If he send the army to the war, he will be left with a bare ass." Disgraced judoist – about Lukashenka's cotton-wool patriotism, fatigue of Belarusians and LGBT people in Germany

33-year old Dmitry Shershan is one of the best judoists in Belarus, participant of 2016 Olympics, multiple prize-winner of top international tournaments:

"As for me, it's a common feature of moronic propaganda in Belarus to say that there are only gays and lesbians in the West.

It seems to me that if you do not behave ostentatiously, if you do not provoke anyone with your behavior, do not break the law, then no one will persecute you. But all the same, propaganda keeps claiming that gays and lesbians are everywhere in the West. What for? It seems to me that this is designed for people who have jelly instead of brains."

<https://by.tribuna.com/tribuna/blogs/editors/3064951.html>



A training on gender reassignment therapy was held in Minsk

"Representatives of the Belarusian trans* community, as well as employees of "Adaptation" and association "Meeting" gathered in the cozy event space "Botanik". The moderator of the training was Ala Shepelkevich – Professor of the Endocrinology Department of the Belarusian State Medical University, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Chairperson of the Belarusian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism Professor Shepelkevich is one of the most famous and experienced specialists in transgender issues in our country, she has been working in this field for 20 years."

<https://www.vstrecha.by/novosti/novosti-organizatsii/3060-v-minske-proshel-trening-po-voprosam-gormonalnoj-smeny-pola.html>





Chronicles of persecution, September 2nd

The Minsk City Court sentenced [Vital Rohach](#). He was accused of organizing and preparing actions that grossly violate public order (Part 1 of Art. 342), inciting racial, national, religious or other social hatred (Part 1 of Art. 130) and insulting a government representative (Art. 369 of the Criminal Code).

The man was also forced to say that he is a supporter of the LGBT community and "promises to correct it".

<https://www.svaboda.org/a/32015474.html>



The best tennis player of Russia condemned the war in Ukraine and made a coming-out: Azarenka kissed her on the forehead, the Belarusians regularly beat her

The first racket of Russia and the 12th racket of the world [Daria Kasatkina](#) became the second Russian athlete in a month and a half, who simultaneously opposed the war in Ukraine and made a coming out. The pathfinder was the Espanyol football club player [Nadezhda Karpova](#).

<https://by.tribuna.com/tribuna/blogs/tennis/3062484.html>



Heterosexuality, homo- and bisexuality. How to tell it correctly?

It is not the first time that information has appeared in Belarusian public and mass media that there is a need to fight LGBT propaganda in the country. Church representatives openly call homosexuality a "sexual perversion." At the same time, sexual orientation is not considered as a disorder in the International Classification of Diseases.

<https://www.ranak.me/2022/08/18/getero-gomo-i-biseksualnost-kak-rasskazat-pravilno/>

LGBT-friendly psychologist in Minsk

[Daria Ivanova](#)

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I WORK WITH CRISES
AND TRAUMAS,
LGBT-FRIENDLY



<https://handshaker.by/catalog/lgbt-frendli-psiholog>



A means for the authorities to distract from real problems. How do Germans feel about LGBT propaganda

"Western propaganda of homosexuality and transsexualism crosses all possible boundaries. A resident of Magdeburg told 'Minsk Pravda' how Germans themselves perceive the dominance of LGBT people and what is happening in Germany right now."

<https://mlyn.by/27072022/vlasti-tak-otvlekayut-ot-realnyh-problem-kak-nemczy-otnosyatsya-k-propagande-lgbt/>

Piotra Piatrouski: "A peculiarity of Western civilization is a kind of fanaticism in many features"

Kiryła Kazakou:

"I have a stupid question: I have an impression that gays enjoy more rights there than Russians."

Piotra Piatrouski:

"Yes, they enjoy more rights than heterosexuals, as it is trendy to say. That is, if you are a white cisgender man, then you are already disadvantaged because you are like that. And if you are a transgender, mestizo, who never works anywhere, then you are a privileged person. That is a peculiarity, unfortunately, of modern Western civilization."

<https://ctv.by/pyotr-petrovskiy-osobennostyu-zapadnoy-civilizacii-yavlyaetsya-kakoy-fanatizm-vo-mnogih-chertah>

"There should be no such literature." Is there censorship in Belarusian book publishing? Opinion of a member of parliament

Siarhei Klishevich, Deputy of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Belarus: ***"... If, for example, this literature promotes LGBT people, if this literature glorifies traitors and Nazi collaborators today..."***

Yulia Beshanova: ***"Have you seen such books on the shelves too?"***

Siarhei Klishevich: ***"Of course. There is no difference what form of ownership this store has – there should be no such literature. It is clear that censorship in the 21st century is simply impossible, because there is the Internet."***

The eternal mystery of Boris Moiseev. Who really was the "king of épatage"?

"What else has Moiseev done?" the audience was worried. "Expel the blasphemer and the molester!" — the zealots of the morality demanded. And Boris enjoyed what was happening, not forgetting to provoke: "Sincerely yours, Borechka Moiseev is the same as you."

Probably, Russian LGBT activists were the first to rebel, exclaiming: Moiseev is not real! And that's right, he did not make political statements, did not demand "rainbow" parades and other similar progressive things.

https://aif.by/timefree/stars/vechnaya_tayna_borisa_moiseeva_kem_na_samom_dele_byl_korol_epatazha



"In Germany, young people grow up without respect for their parents and love for their homeland." Why did a large family from Germany choose Belarus as a country to live in

"Parents were also concerned about the fact that in Germany, children are taught from a young age that LGBT is normal, while family traditions and values, on the contrary, are being erased. Vladimir and Nelly are against such education, they want to raise children based on traditional values. On those that they have grown up themselves."

https://grodnoneews.by/news/zhizn/v_germanii_molodezh_rastet_bez_uvazheniya_k_roditelyam_i_lyubvi_k_svoey_rodine_pochemu_mnogodetnaya_semya_iz_germanii_vybrala_belarus_stranoy_dlya_zhi.html

The Western trap and its order: What can we expect from the inexorably impending ICD-11, or how everything is turned upside down

"Due to the fact that they want to present transsexuality as a norm, there is quite a natural attention to the current practice of asexual (gender-neutral) education, which is based on gender mainstream.

According to the theorists of "gender", children should initially be raised asexual, and later they will decide for themselves who they should be, men or women, and maybe representatives of another gender. This can lead to the formation of various distortions of gender identification, including transgenderism."

<https://vecherniy-mogilev.by/zapadnya-i-ee-zakaz-chego-nam-zhdad-ot-neumolimo-nadvigajushhegosya-mkb-11-ili-kak-vse-perevernuto-s-nog-na-golovu/>



Western Trap: "The city is sleeping. The mafia is waking up...", more precisely, genderism!

"For many years, the patriots of Belarus have been monitoring and using legal means, trying to draw the attention of the authorities to the need to curb the aggressive Western lobby that imposes gender freedoms on our people. We will not list all the twists and turns of this difficult path, on which victories and defeats replace each other. One of the patriots' actions was to collect fifty-two thousand signatures against LGBT propaganda among minors. The solving of this issue has been postponed indefinitely..."

<https://vecherniy-mogilev.by/zapadnya-gorod-spit-prosypaetsya-mafiya-tochnee-genderizm/>

Beware, sarcasm! A planet without monkeys or why they decided to abolish primates

"New York City Health Commissioner Ashwin Vasan has demanded that the World Health Organization (WHO) rename monkeypox. He claims that the current name offends gays and blacks for the "monkey" terminology had taken root in history as racist, insulting the best feelings of LGBT persons and blacks. LGBT feelings are even more hurt.

For the sake of gays and blacks, WHO is always ready to part."

<https://mlyn.by/02082022/ostorozhno-sarkazm-planeta-bez-obezyan-ili-zachem-reshili-otmenit-primatov/>

Hlaz on the contemporary values of Europe and LGBT: this is the beginning of the end of everything human

Chairman of the Mahilou Regional Veteran Organization Anatol Hlaz:

- For the West, this is the beginning of the end of everything what is social, economic and above all, I am not afraid of this word, human. They want to portray us today that we are abnormal, and they with their LGBT and everything else - parent one and two - they are normal. And you and I are crazy. That is, they went against the nature as such, the nature of the human essence, and it does not forgive such things.

<https://www.belta.by/world/view/glaz-o-sovremennyh-tsennostyah-evropy-i-lgbt-eto-nachalo-kontsa-vsego-chelovecheskogo-524426-2022/>

A criminal case against the creators and participants of a children's porn studio has begun in Minsk

"Hiding behind the beautiful word "tolerance", the world has long crossed the line beyond which almost any crime has become justified by the right of everyone to live as he or she wants.

It's nature's fault for everything: even in the mother's womb, it laid down certain preferences in a person. In Europe-the Americas, they already understand this. Moreover, they have a rich experience of "understanding" that gay lesbians and other gender distortions are also nature. Pedophiles follow the same path: they carefully introduce into the consciousness of society that nature is to blame for everything here, they should be pitied, and in general, they are not so bad. They love children in a way. As nature tells them, of course, but they love..."

<https://www.sb.by/articles/bezopasnost-detey-otvetstvennost-vzroslykh.html>



The importance of traditional values was discussed at the Slavic Forum of Families

"We see how aggressive LGBT policy penetrates into the minds of children. Boys look like girls and girls look like boys..."

Only joint efforts will make it possible to stop negative trends and the destruction of society's family values. Andrey Zubenko, Chairman of the Board of the Pokrov Charitable Foundation, stressed that now the Union of Belarus and Russia has a unique opportunity to join forces in achieving this goal."

<https://volkovysknews.by/sotsium/31175-o-vazhnosti-traditsionnykh-tsennostej-govorili-na-slavyanskom-forume-semej>

Editorial reactions: spirituality and morality in a mirror image

"Well, and how without gay pride parades? Over the last two years, Covid has slightly slowed down this satanism in the public eye. The scope was not the same, but the pink and blue celebrations, it seems, are not exterminated. In this connection, I remember the summer of 2000, when a Belarusian tourist bus got stuck in traffic in front of the Brandenburg Gate. Instead of an excursion, we had to look out through the bus windows at Berlin's first gay pride parade. The city authorities obligingly blocked the city center so that representatives of the LGBT community could fully demonstrate their "moral" values. And on the bus, by the way, there were children who, from the unprecedented sight of kissing males in ball gowns and stockings, began to ask questions that plunged parents into a moral stupor. Well, how can you explain to them that it is impossible to put an equal sign between the universal and all-human canons of spirituality and morality on different sides of the border."

https://newsgomel.by/news/mneniya/reaktsii-redaktsii-dukhovnost-i-nravstvennost-v-zerkalnom-otrazhenii_80899.html

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