



DIGEST
COVERAGE
OF LGBTQ ISSUES
IN THE BELARUSIAN
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The last quarter of 2023 looked relatively calm in terms of mentioning LGBTQ+ topics by pro-government media.

Propaganda paid considerable attention to the decision of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation to recognize the LGBT movement as extremist and to ban its activities in the country.

It is noteworthy that Gaypress couldn't find any mentioning of the Belarusian "anti-LGBT" law in the pro-government media, which had been abundant in the 3rd quarter 2023.

The narrative of comparing life in Belarus and "in the West" with its freedoms for LGBTQ+ people has already become traditional on the part of propagandists, which, of course, is presented in an exclusively negative way.

The publication "[Due to LGBT propaganda a family left for Belarus after 20 years of living in Ireland](#)" is quite specific. It calls the only reason for leaving "the situation that is currently developing throughout the entire European Union and in Ireland in particular." Here is a quote from the heroine of the material, the mother of the family: "My heart hurts for what is happening now in schools and not only in schools. This is everywhere in everyday life, it is on the streets, in stores, on television, this is LGBT propaganda, which is becoming more and more aggressive

and begins to attack and get into the heads of our children more aggressively."

As for independent media, topic No.1 was the [coming out](#) of the Belarusian basketball player Katsiaryna Snytsina on the air of Mikalai Khalezin's cooking show. This is a unique case for our sport in particular and Belarus in general. Previously, none of such famous people spoke openly about their homosexuality.

As a result, a number of independent media published news materials about the coming out, and also interviewed Katsiaryna.

We are entering the year of 2024 with timid hope for changes for the better. However, we are ready for different developments. Therefore, we updated information in the Web-section of Gaypress special project on [LGBTQ+ migration](#).

This year has brought us a lot of new authors, special projects and, of course, readers and viewers.

Let us present the top 3 achievements of Gaypress in 2023.

The first thing is audience growth. Taking into account the website, accounts in social media and the [Telegram channel](#), the Gaypress editorial managed to gather the audience of about 100,000 people monthly cross-platform. In March 2023, the Website had

almost 60,000 unique visitors. Such activity did not go unnoticed, and we were blocked on the territory of the Russian Federation.

Secondly, we are proud of our special projects. Besides LGBTQ+ migration, we are the only media that writes on the topic of LBT+ Belarusian women: the special project [HUKANNE](#).

Thirdly, we give the floor to LGBTQ+ people who do a lot for those who remain in Belarus and those who fled the country. We recommend listening to our [podcasts](#) with a queer poet and performer Artur Kamarouski, LGBTQ+ initiatives "Heta OK" and "Future", a gay man from Belarus who crossed the border into the United States 11 times and is now building an acting career there.

A pleasant and significant event this year was the visit of Gaypress editor-in-chief to Brussels, where speeches were delivered at meetings with representatives of the European Parliament and the European Commission. Despite the difficult agenda, the Gaypress team is glad that we were able to convey information to European officials about the situation with LGBTQ+ people in Belarus, draw attention to our problems and enlist the support of officials in Brussels.

We wish you happiness and more good news in 2024!

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Belarus has prepared a bill banning "LGBT propaganda, pedophilia and gender reassignment"

This was stated by Raman Sidarenka, the senior prosecutor of the Department of Supervision of the Law Implementation on Minors and Youth at the Prosecutor General's Office on CTV.

<https://www.svaboda.org/a/32640638.html>



It all started with a prison diary: the Belarusian activist who trolled Shunevich presented her book in Berlin

A Belarusian activist Vika Biran presented her debut book "I Dance" in the Belarusian language in Berlin. The author says that the book is about border situations, the LGBTQ+ community and Belarus after 2020.

<https://nashaniva.com/332385>



The Belarusian LGBT activist, who protested near the buildings of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the KGB, presented a book in Belarusian

Vika Biran, Belarusian LGBT activist presented her book "I Dance" in the Belarusian language in Berlin. The author mentioned this on her Instagram page.

<https://mediazona.by/news/2023/12/18/biran>



Weapons, photos, and LGBT-movement. What is on the propagandists' agenda nowadays? Quiz

We continue to develop immunity to manipulation and propaganda in the most effective way by training on the examples we already have. It helps to understand the methods, which are used in attempts to deceive us.

Take a quiz on last week's propagandist statements, test your resistance to fakes and practice fighting post-truth at the same time.

<https://euroradio.fm/zbroya-fotazdymki-i-lgbt-rukhshto-tam-u-prapagandystau-kviz>



“And where is the second bed, I asked her.” Katsiaryna Snytsina about love, coming out and freedom

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<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/50413.html>

Katsiaryna Snytsina: “I won’t be a person who will take responsibility for dragging Belarusian society to full tolerance”

A Belarusian basketball player Katsiaryna Snytsina talked about her spouse Nadzieya, her relationships with other women and the fact that she does not want to engage in LGBT activism.

<https://by.tribuna.com/be/basketball/1112976845-ekaterina-snytsina-ne-budu-chelovekom-kotoryj-vozmjet-otvetst/>



“It is calmer in Ukraine during the war than in Georgia without the war.” Activist, volunteer and gay talked about his Ukraine

A Belarusian Valiantsin Tsishko has been living in Ukraine for almost three years. The authorities wanted to forcibly remove him from the country. However, he lived in Poland for two weeks and returned to the country in a state of war. The reason was coffee with milk, trade on Sunday, and more important things. Valiantsin told Hrodna.life why you should not run to the bomb shelter if "covered" and why you should talk about two hypostases of Belarus and Ukraine.

<https://hrodna.life/articles/mova-volnych-ukraine/>



Ex-captain of the Belarusian basketball team Snytsina told how many LGBT people can be found in sports and why she decided to come out now

Being in a relationship with a woman is freedom for me. This is my choice. It is not that I am dictated by some rules, society and so on. And this option does not suit dictatorships. However, the society doesn't develop in this case, since we are all very different.

<https://www.svaboda.org/a/32621118.html>



Security forces detained blogger Anna Bond, "Coco Ugly" disappeared, and other bloggers with 1,000,000+ subscribers got "normalized" by the authorities. We explain what is going on

The pressure on bloggers began in the summer. One of the vivid examples took place in July this year, when a popular YouTuber Dzmitry Siuchy (Dzim Dzimyich), who has 2 million subscribers on TikTok, was accused of covert "LGBT propaganda" by Volha Bondarava, a propagandist from Hrodna.

<https://citydog.io/post/padkast-blogery/>



KYKY: the flagged English language textbook... to be banned and its editor to be fired

The Ministry of Education received a complaint about the BDUIR English language textbook. It stated that the book contains "LGBT propaganda" and "banned" flags of the USA and Great Britain, as well as images of the white-red-white flag.

<https://news.zerkalo.io/life/50823.html?c>



"Mom started apologizing." Belarusians recollect how they came out

We ask Belarusians the same questions in the Vox Populi Web-section. Today, we've asked our readers how they came out to their loved ones.

<https://citydog.io/post/coming-out-belarusians/>



Security forces reported on raids on Zyba, Kastychnitskaya, and other hangout places

According to human rights activists' reports, security forces also checked visitors to gay clubs and bars in Minsk a week ago. In addition to bags, they casually checked Telegram subscriptions and galleries in visitors' smartphones.

<https://citydog.io/post/zaden-oblavy-narkotyki/>



The LGBT movement has turned into a religion of the West

“The movement of perverts known as LGBT has recently been moving with great acceleration to higher levels of the social hierarchy. In recent years, its representatives have been able to achieve recognition of their rights in the West and equal treatment under the law there.”

<https://mlyn.by/27112023/dvizhenie-lgbt-prevratilos-v-religiyu-zapada/>



Russia recognizes the LGBT movement as extremist

The Supreme Court of Russian Federation declared the LGBT movement extremist and banned its activities in the country, as TASS reports.

“To satisfy the claim of the Ministry of Justice to recognize the LGBT movement as extremist,” the judge announced the decision, emphasizing that the court’s verdict is subject to immediate enforcement.

<https://www.belta.by/world/view/v-rossii-priznali-dvizhenie-lgbt-ekstremistskim-602693-2023/>

<https://sputnik.by/20231130/lgbt-priznano-v-rossii-ekstremistskoy-organizatsiye-1081598646.html>

Anti-LGBT shield. Why are “free” schools established in the USA?

Mark Burns, a priest and Donald Trump’s supporter announced the foundation of a Christian academy to counter the LGBT agenda. Why have the issues of conservative Christian values become relevant in America and Europe?

<https://mlyn.by/23102023/shhit-ot-lgbt-pochemu-v-ssha-sozdayut-svobodnye-shkoly/>



Belarusian schoolchildren reject LGBT ideology, and this is encouraging – Mironchyk-Ivanova

“Alas, a lot of modern children can become victims of propaganda of non-traditional values. Fortunately, Belarusian schoolchildren do not accept the unhealthy ideology imposed from outside,” noted Anastasia Mironchyk-Ivanova, a multiple champion of Belarus and a medalist of the World and European Athletics Championships during “Markov. Nothing personal” program on the ONT TV channel.

<https://www.sb.by/articles/beloruskie-shkolniki-ottorgayut-ideologiyu-lgbt-i-eto-raduet-mironchik-ivanova-.html>



LGBT, trans, and degradation of a normal family. How do they impose new values in the West?!

The confrontation between the West and Russia, which began during the Cold War, has received an unexpected continuation in our days.

In their attempt not to be like Russians, representatives of the so-called “civilized” world have reached a brand-new level.

Now it is not enough for them that they have “democracy” and the alleged freedom of speech.

In contrast to the Slavic values of family and marriage, they came up with the European ones of LGBT, pederasty, and transsexuality.

[https://www.tvr.by/videogallery/informatsionno-analiticheskie/eto-drugoe/lgbt-transy-i-degradatsiya-normalnoy-semi-kak-na-zapade-navyazyvayut-novye-tsennosti-/](https://www.tvr.by/videogallery/informatsionno-analiticheskie/eto-drugoe/lgbt-transy-i-degradatsiya-normalnoy-semi-kak-na-zapade-navyazyvayut-novye-tsennosti/)



Children are being raised into “biomass”: Latvians tell why they left the EU for Belarus

Massive propaganda of LGBT movement is gaining momentum in Western countries. Adherents of non-traditional values are actively supported by government institutions and large corporations, and gay and transgender people are increasingly appearing on the air on central television channels.

<https://sputnik.by/20231103/iz-detey-rastyat-biomassu-latviytsy-rasskazali-pochemu-uekhali-iz-es-v-belarus-1080894608.html>

Poland: elections without choice

Just again, the fundamental disagreements boil down, in essence, to the abortions, the rights of LGBT community, including same-sex marriage. “The left wingers” also advocate the closure of the Institute of National Remembrance, which became notorious for its manipulation of historical facts that was often used to discredit certain politicians.

<https://www.sb.by/articles/polsha-vybory-bez-vybora-gigin.html>



“Due to LGBT propaganda a family left for Belarus after 20 years of living in Ireland”

“This is everywhere in everyday life, it is on the streets, in stores, on television, this is LGBT propaganda, which is becoming more and more aggressive and begins to attack and get into the heads of our children more aggressively... At school they say that there are 50+ genders, and some of them can still change during the day,” Iveta says.

<https://sputnik.by/20231108/iz-za-propagandy-lgbt-semya-uekhala-v-belarus-posle-20-let-zhizni-v-irlandii-1080978823.html>



Is Kaczynski gay and a Soviet spy? Skeletons from a Polish closet for the astonished public

Who is this person who loves cats so much that at a Parliamentary session he studies an atlas of cat breeds instead of bills?



Meet Jaroslaw Kaczynski. He is not the prime minister or the president, but at the same time he is the shadow and sole leader of Poland.

<https://mlyn.by/06102023/kachinskij-gej-i-sovetskij-shpion-skelety-iz-polskogo-shkafa-dlya-izumlennoj-publiki/>



Crimes are committed under rainbow flags

More and more people in the ruling class of Western society are coming out as homosexual and transsexual. Apparently, only they are capable of arranging the so-called "color" revolution, which is happening not only on city streets, but also in the scientific field, the media and cinema.

<http://www.knews.by/?p=120095>



The influence of morals on the political sphere: dualism in economics and society

Queer politics: from Moscow "bohemianism" to fugitive apeism. So that people become imbeciles, so that they are on the leather leash of basic instinct. A feast a la Woland's during the Special Military Operation. A den of depravity.

<https://mlyn.by/25122023/vliyanie-nravov-na-politicheskuyu-sferu-dualizm-v-ekonomike-i-obshhestve/>



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