

**REPORT ON THE SITUATION OF LGBT+ RIGHTS IN
THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
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This report reflects the situation regarding respect for the rights of LGBT+ people and the impact of political and social situation, and homophobia, transphobia in society on LGBT+ people, as well as positive changes for LGBT+ people in the Republic of Moldova.

In December 2024, the GENDERDOC-M Information Centre together with Magenta Consulting carried out the research “Evaluation of the perceptions of residents of the city of Chisinau about LGBT+ people” on a sample of 723 respondents aged 25-45 years.

Research results showed the following:

In the 2024 survey, 9% of respondents said they had a positive attitude towards LGBT+ people, 46% said neutral. In total neutral and supportive people are 55%.

44% of respondents have a negative view of the LGBT+ community, up from just 33% in the 2022 survey, but down from 55% in 2019.

Respondents who expressed a negative view of LGBT+ people generally show more conservative attitudes towards gender roles.

Respondents to the survey were asked to name the associations that come to their the phrase “LGBT+ people”. About every fourth person said 'indifference' (28%) or 'dislike / disgust' (26%). 30% associated the term with 'abnormal'. Compared to the previous survey, there is an increase in the share of mentions with neutral and negative connotations. 55% of respondents find it acceptable for two men to hug in public (+2 p.p.), and 41% accept a friendly kiss on the cheek between them (+4 p.p.). Compared to 2022

there is a slight improvement in perceptions of public displays of affection between men. However, the share of those who find romantic kissing between men in public acceptable decreased slightly by 3 p.p. Younger and more highly educated respondents are more accepting of each type of affection between two men.

In the current survey, 24% of respondents say they would feel comfortable in the presence of an LGBT+ person (+3 p.p. compared to 2022). About a third would feel neither comfortable nor uncomfortable (32%, -5 p.p. compared to 2022).

21% of people surveyed said they would be interested in meeting an LGBT+ person, marking a 7 p.p. decrease compared to 2022.

29% of respondents said they have people in their circle of friends or acquaintances LGBT+. This share has seen a steady increase over the last five years, from 10% in 2019 to 29% in 2024, meaning LGBT Moldovans have become more open and visible.

The majority of respondents (70%) believe that same-gender marriages should not be legalized in Moldova. At the same time, the share of those who support the legalization of persons of the same gender (11%) has slightly decreased compared to the previous survey (-3 p.p.).

There is a slight increase in the share of those who believe that LGBT+ people can do whatever they want at home as long as no one sees them (90%, +4 p.p. compared to 2022). In But overall, there has been a slight decrease in the proportion of those who think LGBT+ people should have the rights listed.

Similar to previous years, the majority of respondents believe that discrimination against LGBT+ people is very or somewhat widespread (71%, -4 p.p. compared to 2022).

Overall, in the 2024 survey, respondents perceive a decrease in the prevalence of most types of discrimination compared to 2022.

Opinions on protests organized by church representatives at LGBT+ events remain divided. However, 40% of respondents expressed a negative opinion of these protests, a decrease of 7 percentage points compared to the previous survey.

The most accepted minority group are people of other origin (0.68 - respondents would accept to be related by marriage to people of other origin).

Awareness of the organization GENDERDOC-M increased slightly in 2024 (30%, +3 p.p. vs. 2023). Respondents who reported a positive opinion towards LGBT+ people are more aware of GENDERDOC-M (60%).

According to the SDI (Social Distance Index) of all the minority categories surveyed, LGBT+ people remain the group with the lowest level of acceptance, with an index of 1.75. Compared to the 2023 survey, the SDI has decreased, indicating a reduction in the level of acceptance for all the minority categories surveyed.

Focus group respondents listed the following myths about LGBT people:

Those with a neutral/positive attitude towards LGBT+ people enumerated widespread myths about LGBT+:

- LGBT+ people are aggressive;
- LGBT+ people want to attract people into their 'sect'
- If EU integration goes ahead, many LGBT+ people will come out
- Christianity is against the LGBT+ community; “on the contrary, everywhere it is stipulated that you accept the person next door no matter what they look like, and if they offend you, on the contrary, do not respond in kind”.

Opinions cited as true facts about LGBT+ by those with a neutral/positive attitude towards LGBT+ people:

- LGBT+ people can be good professionals;
- The LGBT+ community is discriminated against;
- LGBT+ people and legalized marriage are not a danger to society or children;
- Society promotes falsehoods about the LGBT+ community to induce fear in people.

Opinions mentioned in FG with respondents with negative attitudes towards LGBT+:

- LGBT+ people have cancer;
- LGBT+ people make propaganda;
- LGBT+ people should not be out in public and should “do what they want at home”;
- LGBT+ people should not work in education or medicine.

The results of the survey on the attitudes and perceptions of residents of mun. Balti towards the LGBTI community, conducted by the Centre for Sociological Analysis and Investigations CIVIS, commissioned by Lex XXI Association, from June 20 to July 11, 2023, show that 90% of respondents do not know and do not understand at all the problems faced by the queer community in the region.

The survey shows that only 6% show tolerance and understanding, accepting that everyone has freedom to live as they please. At the same time, 43% of respondents believe that the church influences society's view of LGBTI people to a large extent.

11% of respondents personally know an LGBTI person. This category more often includes people under 35 years of age. Of these, 42% have queer acquaintances or friends.

Being asked to assess degree of discrimination based on sexual orientation in mun. Balti and

36% think that discrimination against LGBTI people is, 36% are undecided and 28% think that this kind of discrimination rarely or not at all.

Looking at the degree of acceptance of the LGBTI community, the survey shows that only 5% would accept an LGBTI person as a friend or family member, and 13% would be more accepting of being a neighbour or co-worker.

The index of social distance from the LGBTI community has an average score of 5.1 points on a scale of 0 - 7 points, where 7 indicates a very high distance or exclusion from society. Thus, LGBTI members are maximally accepted as fellow citizens.

Every third respondent attributes positive characteristics such as tolerance (36%), being ambitious (30%) and being looked after (31%).

On the other hand, the negative characteristics that residents of mun. Balti attributed to members of the LGBTI community are abnormality (71%), misunderstanding (72%) and debauchery (59%).

The results of the survey show that 5% of the respondents attribute only positive characteristics, 18% attribute only negative characteristics and the rest of the respondents do not know or did not answer.

According to the study "[Perceptions of Human Rights in the Republic of Moldova, Opinion Poll Public 2023](#)", conducted by the Office of the Ombudsman, the lack of knowledge of human rights among different population groups is noted. Whether they are disadvantaged groups (low-income, disabled, elderly, etc.), schoolchildren, students, minorities (ethnic, religious, LGBT, etc.) or refugees, sceptical assessments are predominant. In the opinion of those interviewed, the rights are least respected. In the opinion of those interviewed, the rights of users of drugs and psychoactive substances are the least respected - 25.6%, the rights of LGBT people - 31.7%, the rights of prisoners and ex-prisoners - 33.4%.

According to [the study prepared by the Centre Partnership for Development](#), which presents the level of acceptance of minority groups by the population of the Republic of Moldova, a good part of society still shows discriminatory attitudes towards certain social groups. The survey was carried out on a sample of 1001 people aged 18 and over from 13 geographical regions, which coincide with territorial administrative units.

In the case of LGBT+ people, people living with HIV and ex-prisoners, the level of social distance (level of acceptance) exceeds 3, suggesting that representatives of those groups are not accepted as family members, friends, neighbours or co-workers, and in the case of LGBT+ people - not even as citizens of the country. There are also pronounced discriminatory attitudes towards people of religion Muslims, people of African origin, Roma. However, there are improving trends, with the level of acceptance increasing for most social groups. Since 2015, the level of social distancing has fluctuated over time, but in recent years there has been a slight improving trend in relation to certain social groups. In the year 2023, the level of acceptance increases relation to most groups, the most visible change being towards LGBT+ people and people living with HIV.

On 12-13 April 2024 GENDRDOC-M Information Centre organized the Conference International "[Felis Conference](#)" for parents of LGBT children. "The Felis Conference is a unique opportunity to bring together parents, education and psychology experts, activists, activists, and government representatives discuss the challenges faced by parents of LGBT people in today's society. The conference aims to facilitate exchange experiences and promote strategies that contribute to creating a supportive environment for LGBT people and their families. The event comprises a series of presentations, workshops and plenary discussions designed to encourage constructive dialog and provide participants with valuable

information and practical resources. By bringing together a broad spectrum of voices and experiences, we aim to explore ways in which we can work together to ensure a better world for all. The conference was attended by Member of Parliament, the Minister of Education, Representatives of the Ombudsman Office, representatives of Equality Council. Representatives of other ministries did not respond to the invitation.

In March-May, the Moldova Pride 2024 Festival spot was filmed. The [spot](#) involved several actors and TV8 television. Some actors, when they heard the spot was LGBT-related, refused to participate.

The population census took place in Moldova in April-June 2024. The questions in the questionnaire excluded the LGBT+ community.

When asked about gender, only two answers were possible: male or female.

When asked about relationships between the inhabitants of the apartment, if relationships of partnership/concubinage system showed a warning that read: "Beware, two people of the same sex cannot be cohabiting".

On 18.06.2024 was registered the [Draft Law](#) on the Approval of the Policy Concept A draft law the approval of the Concept of the national policy for the preservation and strengthening of spiritual and moral values in the Republic of Moldova by MPs Ulanov Denis, Tauber Marina, Jardan Petru, Apostolova Reghina, Fotescu Vadim, Lozovan Irina by MPs Ulanov Denis, Tauber Marina, Jardan Petru, Apostolova Reghina, Fotescu Vadim, Lozovan Irina. The draft contains the following articles:

14. The activity of organizations and individuals contributing to the spread of destructive ideology represents an objective threat to the national and public interests of the Republic of Moldova.

23. The realization of the strategic national priority of protection and support of traditional spiritual and moral values, culture and historical memory implies addressing the following tasks of state policy for the preservation and strengthening of traditional values:

- c) preserving, strengthening and promoting traditional family values (including the protection of the institution of marriage as a union between a man and a woman of full capacity, ensuring the continuity of generations, caring for the dignified life of the older generation, preserving and developing national identity as a major national strategic priority;
- d) providing an adoption policy exclusively for legally married or heterosexual families;
- e) not to allow any gender reassignment medical interventions;
- f) not indicating in any official documents any gender other than male or female;
- g) banning gatherings aimed at promoting non-traditional values, propaganda same-gender sexual relations, incest, adoption by non-traditional couples or by a non-heterosexual person, medical interventions related to gender reassignment or other actions that go against gender conceptions;
- h) implementation of the state information policy aimed at strengthening the role of traditional values in mass consciousness and countering the spread of destructive ideology;
- (i) education in the spirit of respect for traditional values as an essential instrument of state policy in the field of education and culture, necessary for the formation of a harmoniously developed personality;
- j) not to allow public dissemination, by any means whatsoever, of information promoting the values of propaganda of same-gender sexual relations, incest, adoption by non-traditional couples or by a non-heterosexual person, medical interventions related to gender reassignment or other actions that go against gender conceptions;

- k) not to allow the promotion in educational institutions, at any level, of information promoting non-traditional values, propaganda of same-gender sexual relationships, incest, adoption by non-traditional couples or by a non-heterosexual person, medical interventions related to gender reassignment or other actions that go against gender conceptions;
- t) any act or decision of any state body which directly or indirectly promotes non-traditional values is null and void.

On October 20, Moldova held the Referendum on amending the Constitution to introduce the following text: Reconfirming the European identity of the people of the Republic of Moldova and the irreversibility of the European path of the Republic of Moldova, declaring the integrity in the European Union as a strategic objective of the Republic of Moldova, the Constitution is completed with “Integration into the European Union” and “Accession to the constituent treaties and acts revising the constituent treaties of the European Union”. the constituent Treaties of the European Union, as well as the acts revising the constituent. Treaties of the European Union shall be determined by Parliament by organic law. 2) Following of accession, the provisions of the Treaties establishing the European Union and the other binding legal acts of the European Union shall take precedence over contrary provisions of national law, subject to the provisions of the Act of Accession. The first round of the presidential elections took place on October 20 and the second round on November 3. Maia Sandu was elected president for a second term. In the pre-election and pre-referendum period, most opposition parties used homophobic and transphobic hate speech.

Several civil servants in Moldova received e-mails on August 7 [warning](#) them that they risk being fired if they do not know English. This would “condition” of Moldova's accession to the European Union. The letter was attributed to the European Commission. The same letter states that the LGBT flag should be hung in front of Moldovan ministries, more precisely - on days when public holidays are marked sexual minorities. Chisinau government called the information false, coming from an equally false email.

On October 8, civil servants received the following letter from andrei.chistol@mcmd.com.

“The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova informs you about the new decree “On the approval of days off and non-working days for the participants of the LGBT Festival in the period October 10- October 13, 2024 in the Republic of Moldova” from October 7, 2024. In connection with the LGBT festival in Chisinau, it was decided to make paid non-working days during the festival for employees participating in festival. The resolution is attached to this letter. In the near future the resolution will be posted on the official website of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Moldova.

Please inform the staff that, in order to simplify the issuing of a certificate of participation in the event, the organizers of the LGBT Festival have created an Official Telegram bot (https://t.me/Moldovahelp_bot), which will automatically provide the employer with a certificate of participation. Upon familiarization, please let us know in a reply letter. Yours sincerely, State Secretary of the Ministry of Culture, Andrei CHISTOL ”

An order signed by Culture Minister Sergiu Prodan was attached to the letter.

On August 7, 2024, the former President of the Republic of Moldova, Igor Dodon participated in [the program](#) “Moldova Live” on Exclusiv TV. In the program Dodon said the following, *“We need a law like the one adopted in Georgia. We need tools to check what non-governmental organizations are doing in Moldova, which are becoming a separate*

branch of the government in our country and have even more power than the media and politicians. These NGOs have huge budgets - hundreds of millions. Why these organizations turn a blind eye all the lawlessness authorities? Because both the government and these NGOs are funded out of the same pocket and they can't manage between them. We have to deal with it and we will deal with it."

A channel called "For Traditional Values" has appeared on the Telegram channel, the texts are exclusively in Russian. As of August 8 it had 172 members. The purpose of the group was announced as support and inspiration and event organization for those, who support values traditional. They are also announcing protests at embassies that support alternative agendas to their own and in front of two gay clubs. A march for values has also been announced for August 4th. in the Valea Morilor park.

On September 11 the President of the Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova, Igor Dodon [published](#) on his Telegram page the following text:

"Today I was summoned to the police, there I found out that the Genderdoc-M organization has filed a criminal and misdemeanour complaint against me, on the grounds that in my political activity I admitted as an electoral pledge the phrase "We will not allow the implementation of LGBT propaganda in the schools and in Chisinau, because this is unacceptable both for most teachers and for parents and families who have children at school". According to Genderdoc-M, this promise also constitutes incitement to hatred, and according to them it also falls under the Contravention Code and the Penal Code (Incitement to violent actions on grounds of prejudice), arguing that there is no research or studies that demonstrate that society, teachers, parents, children would be bothered by the spread of LQBT in schools. Do you notice how attentive and how promptly the PAS Government reacts when Genderdoc-M representatives feel disturbed? In the case of the complaint of MP Adela Raileanu regarding the statements of PAS MP Oazu Nantoi, who brazenly insulted Moldovan women by calling them prostitutes, the police found no violation. This is even though the Council for the Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination and Ensuring Equality also found that the MP's statements were discriminatory. Not accepting LGBT propaganda in schools, is my position as citizen and a father, I have always campaigned for the preservation of healthy traditions and I will continue to support this cause, unlike Maia Sandu and PAS members, who in order to maintain power are ready to accept a foreign agenda, dangerous for our society. In our country, the traditional family is supported by the vast majority of society and does not require the confirmation of studies and research commissioned by the promoters of this ideology from outside."

The case that Dodon mentioned in reference to GENDERDOC-M concerns the newspapers Socialists in the fall 2023 election campaign. The newspapers carried homophobic messages and GENDERDOC-M filed a complaint with the police. Throughout the year Igor Dodon did not respond to police summonses and did not go until a year before the presidential elections.

In the fall of 2024, some members of Europe's LGBTQ communities received a unusual offer via dating apps: €1,500 plus accommodation and meals in exchange for traveling to Moldova during the election campaign and taking part in a photo shoot. The project was allegedly organized by one of the oldest LGBTQ organizations in Europe, as part of a European grant to promote diversity. However, investigations further revealed that the NGO did not have such a project, the local queer community in Moldova was not aware of it and there was no obvious EU grant matching the description.

HATE SPEECH, HATE SPEECH AND DISCRIMINATION

[ECRI's report on the Republic of Moldova](#), monitoring cycle VI adopted on July 2, 2024, published on November 12, made the following recommendation:

ECRI recommends that public figures, such as high-level officials, politicians and religious, business and community leaders, be strongly encouraged to take a prompt, firm and public stance against racist and LGBTIphobic hate speech and to react to any such hate speech with strong messages against hate speech and by alternative discourses, and to promote understanding between communities, including through expressing solidarity with those targeted by hate speech. Elected bodies and political parties should adopt appropriate codes of conduct prohibiting the use of hate speech, requiring their members and supporters to refrain from engaging in, supporting or disseminating it, and providing for sanctions. In this respect, ECRI refers to its General Policy Recommendation No. 15 on combating hate speech, the Committee Ministers' Recommendation CM/Rec (2022)16 on combating hate speech and the Charter of European Political Parties political parties for a non-racist and inclusive society, endorsed by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in its Resolution 2443 (2022).

According to [the report](#) "Observation Mission, Presidential Elections and Constitutional Republican Referendum October 20, 2024" conducted by PromoLex Association, Between August 20 and September 8, 2024, at least 40 cases of hate speech and other forms of manifestations of intolerance were identified. Of the 40 cases, 38 cases occurred in a political context, and of these - 28 cases occurred in an electoral context. Most cases were spread via social networks and mobile apps.

'Political affiliation', 'sexual orientation/gender identity' and 'sex/gender' were the criteria underlying most cases of hate speech identified during this period. Men (17 cases) aged between 35 and 50 (11 cases) used hate speech most often, with 17 cases generated by representatives of local/central public authorities.

The 40 instances of hate speech have been viewed over 3 million times and shared over 23 thousand times. During the period under monitoring, messages promoted intolerance towards certain social groups were identified, but also messages that reached a higher level of seriousness, such as justification of violence or direct or indirect incitement to discrimination.

On January 8, the singer Lia Taburcean made a [post \(story\)](#) on her social network Instagram: *"I'm disgusted, actually is little to say disgusted. I will always stick with my stone age thinking (as many say) and I stand by my opinion that a Man who is a Woman, I don't even know how to fucking put it, well it should not be disgusting and over pronounced. Keep yourself hell away from sane people and stop fooling around. Forgive me, my Public, but this is the first time I can't help it."*

On January 11, after being criticized by several activists and public figures, she published another video with the following message: *"If I am wrong somewhere, come and correct me, argue nicely....Imagine you now have a child, 4-5 years old... and he sees a man-man, woman-woman situation on the road and asks you, "What's going on, Dad?" and I'd really like you to give him an answer, to see how you'll answer. Because it's still going to be useful to society. I still don't know what to answer", "I don't want to talk about it anymore, I've made up my mind and I know everything"*.

On February 1, 2024 the Renaissance Party and its supporters [protested](#) in front of the Parliament. Among the protesters was former Shor party MP Marina Tauber.

The demonstrators brought with them placards reading “Resign, save Moldova”, “Down with PAS”, “We call for early elections”.

One of the protesters held a sign with the following message: *“Lesbopresident: give me the media, and they gave them to me, and I’ll make you a gaylope-licking butt-licking organ farm”, “The Baiden-nuts and a bunch of US faggots have destroyed Moldova’s economy...”*.

On February 2, 2024, in Comrat, Gagauzia, a public action dedicated to the referendum for the autonomy of Gagauzia in 2014 took place. Mihail Vlah, counselor of the Bashkan of Gagauzia, spoke during the action. Mikhail Vlah said [the following](#) (min. 36.10 translated from Russian): *“...The Moldovan people lost almost everything. They lost its statehood, lost the traditional values that their parents gave them, because today we see these non-traditional orientalist, I don’t even know how to call them, marching through the central square of Chisinau and they are guarded by 4 thousand policemen, and in front of them there are embassies accredited. But when there are processions, they especially let cars and minibuses pass, look what happened today...”*

In April, Liudmila Corsun, a presidential candidate and chairwoman of the National-Cultural Autonomous Federation of Moldovans in Russia, gave an [interview](#) to the Russian program *жизненный совет* (Life Advice), as a representative of the Federation of Moldovans in Russia. One of the main topics of the discussion was the relationship between our country and Russia, as well as its position on the war in Ukraine. Corsun mentions that the activities of the Federation of Moldovans in Russia include organizing events *“with our fellow citizens”*, concerts in military hospitals for participants in the war in Ukraine, called a *“special military operation”* by the Corsun. *“Moldovan families, under certain circumstances, went to Europe. Some have begun to return to Russia (...) They are grateful to the president of the Russian Federation for the order on the LGBT community, that it is banned here. They say this is holy”*.

On April 17, 2024 on the official website of the Shor Party (banned by law) appeared an [article](#) called: *“Moldova is a country with traditional values, it does not need European gay parades”*. The article contained the following paragraph: *‘Moldovan citizens are deeply religious people. They would not change church over gay parades. Moldova and Europe have different values and approaches life,’ the politician noted.*

On April 16 the theater director Daniela Burlaca gave an [interview](#) (min 51.06) *“Culture in Moldova, theater “stars” and intimacies on stage”*, in which she was asked whether she believes in love between two women or two men, her answer was *“No”*.

On May 20 the political bloc *“Victory”* [organized](#) in Orhei, Balti, Taraclia and Comrat *“Festival of Friendship between Peoples”*. The leader of the political bloc *“Victory”* Ilan Shor gave an online speech in front of the residents and guests of the festival. He announced the launch of the campaign *“No EU integration”*.

In Comrat, the guests were addressed by the Gagauz Bashkan Evghenia Guțul: *“We, the people of Gagauzia, are for traditional values, for people to live in prosperity, for our farmers to be able to deliver their products to the Russian Federation. We are a people united, and this is our strength”*, first deputy of the Gagauz Bashkan Ilia Uzun: *“We, the patriots of the Gagauz autonomy, will support Ilan Shor and the “Victory” bloc created by him. Only victory will return our traditional values - for us it is important to keep our mother and father, loyalty to our ancestors, we do not need LGBT parades. And we will stick to*

our traditional markets - of Russia and the EAEU countries. We go out to the referendum and say "No!" EU!"

On one of the websites with pirated movies on the eve of the referendum an [advertisement](#) was distributed a fake one talking about inclusion lessons. The advertisement which was in Russian, said that from September 1, Moldovan schools will introduce lessons on inclusion and children will be taught that we are part of the European family, where every human being deserves love and respect, love, inclusive, regardless of sexual orientation. The video showed men kissing and LGBT flags. Government representatives said the spot was part of a disinformation campaign against Moldovan citizens.

On June 21, President Maia Sandu was the protagonist of a [new "deep fake video"](#). The president's alleged speech is made in the form of a pamphlet, using artificial intelligence, and refers to an alleged LGBT membership. At the same time, the President, mocking the citizens' standard of living, also comes up with some recommendations - *"We must make a national book of Moldova. We can cook soup from a hatchet and a dumpling"*. The presidential administration has denied the veracity of the videos, describing them as *"efforts by pro-Russian forces to undermine European integration"*. This video, which features the President on the cover, is shared on Facebook among comments on other posts. The video is distributed by Facebook accounts with names not suitable for Moldova, such as - Elizabeth Miles, Maya Smith or Libby Marshall.

On July 20, Igor Dodon, President of the Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova, participated in the program ["Po factam"](#) with Yulia Fiodorova. At minute 37.35 (translated from Russian) there was a dialog containing the following messages: *"The EU insists that Maia Sandu should step up her work to promote LGBT in schools and kindergartens. And this is no joke now, nor is it a scare... You agree to join the EU with LGBT in schools, in kindergartens, and you agrarians agree that in Moldova not to have apples or grapes...? ... (about the referendum, what will be in case people vote for it: ... the consequences are serious... ... is for changing the Constitution ... some EU directives can automatically become rules of Moldovan law. And we don't know what they will think, about neutrality, or the same LGBT or other issues"*

On July 28, Igor Dodon [posted](#) on his Facebook page: *"Thanks to the organizers of the Olympic Games for showing us what has happened to European values in the last few years. We knew things were getting worse, but not really. More and more people are opening their eyes and seeing how Europe is being taken over by LGBT-ist and satanist propaganda. We don't need such a perverted and anti-Christian Europe. Better sovereign and with Christian values and traditional family, than drawn into a European Union that will impose NATO membership, buy our land and the country's heritage and will introduce compulsory propaganda of homosexual perversion in schools"*.

On July 27, a man named bax.di posted a [video](#) on the social network TikTok in which he said the following (translated from Russian): *"Chisinau opened a cafe for fags, for homosexuals, coffee and other stuff. Please find out if it's true or not, send me the address, write, we'll close this faggotry as soon as possible. Please. Find out and write."*
A complaint has been lodged with the police.

Alexandru Comerzan, a well-known chef, was a guest on Nata Albot's show ["Thanks for the](#)

[Question](#)” on July 26. Camerzan had the following to say about LGBT people: *“But it bothers me that nowadays the feminine part becomes a man and the man becomes a woman. I think it's obvious. Look at what is being done in society. LGBT promotion. I agree that they always have been, since the Roman Empire, but that doesn't mean you have to shout out loud that you want rights. I don't even kiss my wife in public, why do they do it? I don't love it. (...) Look, I have a gay friend in Italy, but he doesn't show it. He dresses, talks like me”*.

On July 26, Bogdan Tirdea, MP from the Bloc of Communists and Socialists [posted](#) on his Telegram channel: *“According to the Dutch Embassy in Moldova, it has promoted the emergence of such an institution in our country for the 'development of the LGBTQ community in Moldova, as well as for reducing the social distance towards the community. The embassy said the Queer Cafe is “a safe place for the LGBTQ community and its allies to explore their own identities and take advantage of civic opportunities.” Well, they're not going to build hospitals, schools and factories, right?”*.

On July 28, on the show [Power is in Truth](#), Renato Usatii made the following statement (min. 42.49): *“Come on, they made it to the Eurovision, this faggotry, they were there with beards, and in their tights with liurex, and without tights, they made it to the Olympics... ..and they show these pigs, now I can see that about three NGOs are going to write to me, they're going to sue me. I used to give people like them to Wiscas or Pedigreepal, to produce at once. Only we have a problem, I don't think dogs and cats eat pi, no, they know what's good. But it's a nasty thing”*

Information Centre GENDERDOC-M filed a complaint with the Equality Council, Council considered the complaint inadmissible and forwarded it to the police. A misdemeanour procedure was initiated.

On July 29, 2024, an episode during the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games reminded Christians of the “Supper”. The moment, which brought together a group of dancers and drag queens, sparked [reactions of displeasure](#).

The former Minister of Education, Corneliu Popovici, said: *“The Supper, the famous mural by Leonardo da Vinci depicting the Last Supper of Jesus Christ and the 12 Apostles, was parodied in a miserable and absolutely despicable way: Jesus was replaced by an obese woman, while the apostles were replaced by transsexuals and a child. Billions of Christians were offended”*.

Former Prime Minister Vlad Filat, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova, said: *“Christian, tolerant, understanding”, but “that sort of thing” he does not accept. “If that's what Europe is, then I don't want that kind of Europe”*.

Socialist leader Igor Dodon has [expressed](#) deep indignation over the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics, which featured parodies of the Last Supper and a trio of parody of the kissed. *“I knew things were getting worse, but I didn't think it would get this far. More and more people are opening their eyes and seeing how Europe is being influenced by LGBT and Satanist propaganda. We thank the organizers of the Olympiad for showing us what has happened to European values in the last few years. We knew things were going downhill, but not quite. More and more people are opening their eyes and seeing how Europe is being taken over by LGBT-ist and satanist propaganda. We don't need such a perverse and anti-Christian Europe. Better sovereign and with Christian values and a traditional family, than*

drawn into a European Union that will require membership of NATO, will buy our land and heritage and will make the propaganda of homosexual perversions compulsory in schools.”

On August 1 during the Olympiad in Paris, the boxing match of the women's tournament took place, between Imane Khelif from Algeria and Angela Carini from Italy. Angela Carini abandoned her duel with Imane Khelif from Algeria in less than a minute, as she was hit particularly hard by her opponent, beyond the strength of a normal woman.

The incident was followed by a wave of reactions that blamed the Games organizers for the decision to accept the pugilist from the Maghreb country to the Games, under the conditions in which she was disqualified from the last World Championships because gender tests revealed she had testosterone levels equal to men. Imane Khelif has Swyer syndrome and many people have perceived her as a trans woman, has sparked several transphobic messages from several public figures in Moldova:

Ion Chicu, former Prime Minister and leader of the Party of Development and Consolidation of Moldova, made the following [post](#): *“Enough, we put on pause our “so Europe” will. No we accept none of your “values”, you deviants. Gross and absurd. To accept a “woman-identifying” man/man beating the shit out of woman in the Olympic boxing ring ... could only be done by incurables.”*

Natalia Efros, communication expert and entrepreneur: *“My humble opinion is that we are going badly as a humanity. “We are 'squashing the world's corolla of wonders' in defiance of all common sense. To punch a woman at home behind the curtain, we call murder. To throw a punch in the ring, in your biological role as a man, but declaring yourself a woman, we call equality and the right to self-identification. Pardon me, I'm ready to jump into the wolves' mouths, but I can't understand that.”* When information came to light about her real situation, Natalia deleted the post.

Vitalie Călugăreanu journalist: *“I was really curious when such situations will start to appear. Here they are. When you have something between your legs, but you say you only have it to piss your legs, but in reality you feel like a girl. I think mankind should stop and meditate a bit. It's barely the first sign that I've got it bad.”*

When information about the sportswoman's real situation emerged, Vitalie deleted the post.

Stefan Bejan, investigative reporter for Black Box [wrote](#): *“It is very important that we all understand that tolerance also has a limit. If being tolerant with someone means someone else suffers - it's no longer tolerance, it's discrimination. And yes! Extremes feed each other.”*

Iuliana Mamaliga, journalist: *“This tolerance of yours, with all of your, with all of your, with all of your bigotry of your p... prasad”*. Iuliana also deleted the post.

Dragoș Galbur, dentist, former candidate for mayor of the capital: *“I can't help seeing this theater of the absurd. The biological man, Algerian Imane Khelif, identifies as a woman, is wreaking havoc in the boxing ring at the Olympics. The organizers' decision The Paris Olympics to allow a man to box women has reached the height of ideological misery. Pictured is Italian sportswoman Angela Carini, who today, after just 46 seconds, tearfully abandoned her boxing match after being hit by Imane Khelif, a man who identifies as a woman, shouting “it's not fair”. At the Paris Olympics, the women's boxing competition two men, Algerian Imane Khelif and Taiwanese Lin Yu-ting, ready to slaughter all the women in the ring to win the Olympic medal.”* This post has also been deleted.

Iurie Ciocan former President of the Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Moldova [wrote](#):

“Gender ideology, which distorts and perverts everything that is natural, risks plunging humanity into the abyss. After the mockery of Christians at the opening of the Paris Olympics, when one of the most sacred episodes in the earthly life of Jesus Christ has been profaned, neo- Marxism is once again manifesting itself in all its ugliness.

This time, the world is outraged that two boxers who are male but present themselves as women, “transgender” in other words, are going to fight real women in ring. This decision is not only morally and ethically absurd, it is also completely out of line from a strictly biological point of view, let alone from a sporting one. This is because, no matter “self-identifies” a man, physically he is naturally stronger than a woman. This is as true for humans as is for many other creatures on earth. Therefore, to disregard these objective factors, especially in such cases, in order to follow an ideology that defies the natural, is already way over the red line. Do the sportswomen, who will enter the ring and receive blows from these males claiming to be females, not have any rights? Are they not discriminated and disadvantaged in this case? Sport is about dignity, competition and honour. But what is happening is totally dishonourable, unfair and against human dignity! I say this as a man who has practiced boxing for many years and I know well the competitive spirit of an athlete, especially one who has gone through the Olympic trials. This ideological morass must be stopped! The world must be brought back to normal and natural! This is the greatest challenge for today's and tomorrow's politicians, but also for all people who really want to bring humanity out of the deep moral crisis in which we find ourselves. And the first task is turn to God. “I have not come to bring peace, but a sword,” Christ said, which translates thus: “I did not come to reconcile truth and lies, wisdom and foolishness, good and evil, righteousness and wickedness, “I have brought a sword to cut and to divide them, that they may not be mixed together. That, my friends, is what the fight is all about!”.

The post was sponsored on Facebook.

Veaceslav Balacci, former Head of Directorate of Tariff and Customs Regulations at the Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova [wrote](#): *“After the controversy with the mockery of the Last Supper at the opening ceremony, a new scandal is plaguing the Paris Olympics! Boxer Italy's Angela Carini had to retire after 46 seconds with a broken nose after an unequal fight with the hard-to-define Algerian boxer Imane Khelif, who has claimed other female boxing victims at the Paris Olympics. Sport, which is supposed to be outside any ideology or politics, has been mutilated and literally brought to its knees by neo-Marxist ideology and vain progressivism! Gross”.*

On August 15, the “Victory” Bloc, which brought together the pro-Russian parties in Moldova, met for the third time in Moscow. This time the congress was open and dedicated to the nomination of Vasile Bolea as presidential candidate. The event was moderated by Russian TV presenter Arina Sharapova and Moldovan artist Avelin Tabarca. Vasile Bolea said from the stage: *“This is the history of our country, not LGBT marches. In schools, our children are taught that there is no more mom and dad, there is parent No. 1 and parent No. 2. You will not see a play in theaters without a man in a dress, we have LGBT marches.”* After this, Ilan Shor, the leader of the Shor Party, took the stage and said, *“Today, our people are being told not to go to churches, but to go to gay parades”.*

On September 7, 2024 an audio file was [published](#) online in the online space in which it is

recorded English teacher of Anton Chekhov High School Polina Apostol talking to her students. Below is a summary of what the teacher told the students (some of the children are refugees from Ukraine):

“Ukrainian children's psyche is being damaged by being inoculated that Putin is a murderer; “Smart” Maia Sandu told children in a high school that after EU integration they will be able to turn from boys into girls and vice versa; In Ukraine they already install urinals in girls' toilets and same-sex marriages have been legalized; After the elections, Maia Sandu will still legalize same-sex marriages and will put Gutul in jail, if necessary she will amend the Constitution; Ukrainians are happy with the war, they have made business out of it; Zelensky is lying to his people and has agreed with the UK king to give him a palace; Russia is not to blame for the war in Ukraine, but NATO and the US who are supplying weapons”. Several children say that at this high school there are other teachers who give children similar messages, identical to Kremlin and Shor's propaganda.

During his online program [“Live with Igor Dodon”](#) on September 13, the PSRM leader said, *“At the insistence of European partners, immediately after the elections, LGBT quotas will be included in state institutions (...) Here are the police officers, they will say how many of them should be included. They now wanted to implement, but they are afraid it will affect the elections. Do not say that I did not warn you if you let Maia Sandu and PAS. That will be it. Quotas in state institutions and massive promotion in schools, kindergartens. This is what they are preparing us for. (...) That's why let's have a little bit of common sense and let's be more careful in these elections”.*

On September 20, Marina Tauber, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova from The Shor Party made the following [posts](#) on its telegram channel (which was later deleted by Telegram).

“We talked about the fact that European integration will destroy the national identity of Moldovans and that they want to impose LGBT on us. Our citizens are categorically against EU oriented visions. We want to raise healthy children; we want them to stay in our homeland”.

Later the post was redacted with the following text:

“We all observe that the collective West insistently imposes its own rules and 'values' on the world liberal”. This has already turned into a blatant totalitarian dictatorship, especially on gender issues. The difference between the sexes is blurring. The notions of “woman and man” are being destroyed. What is frightening is that this game - which involves changing genders, ignoring fundamental values and replacing concepts and landmarks – has powerful impact on children's fragile minds. Such cultural radicalism is repulsive even in Europe, among people of common sense.” “Traditionalists are not accepted in the EU. According to Borrell, the path to the “flourishing garden” is open only to the “enlightened”.

Euro-grandpa outraged: a law has been passed in Georgia banning LGBT propaganda and sex change. It's called “On Family Values”. And Borrell urges its repeal. Here are the European priorities for you. What bothered him? The fact that you can't talk about gender reassignment in kindergartens? That students won't learn about the hundreds of invented genders? And how gay parades will be organized - that is the question.”

On September 20, MP Bogdan Țirdea [posted](#) a video online, student from one of the capital's high schools waving rainbow flags. *“LGBT flags were being waved today at the “Prometheus Pro-Success” high school in the capital. According to the author*

In the video, parents are “shocked” by the action, which the school's management presented as a “celebration of Peace Day” and the flags as a “symbol of peace”. The flags were waved by primary school pupils”.

A [rally](#) organized by Mihail Vlah, councillor of the Comrat council, took place in Comrat on September 21 to show support to the Gagauz Bashkan Evghenia Gutul. The rally was attended by the councillor's supporters and dozens of residents of Comrat. Deputy Bashkan Ilia Uzun appointed representatives of the Chisinau authorities “*infidels*” who “*propagate LGBT, homosexuality and sodomy*”. The protests in Gagauzia come amid efforts by Communist and Socialist Bloc MPs Bogdan Tardea and Vladimir Odnostalco to convince the Russian public that Chisinau “*intends to ban the Orthodox Church, just like Ukraine*”.

On September 24, on the Telegram channel of Ilan Shor (later deleted from Telegram) appeared a post about the Coming out Day Festival:

“The Soros have a new gay party. They will organize it and Sandu will support it. In case anyone didn't understand - this is not a concern for gays, transsexuals and other weak and oppressed queer people, but a deliberate policy of pro-Soros NGOs. Try to build a strong family with traditional values. And a person who is convinced that they are underestimated by everyone around them is easy to win. But LGBT-fest in an Orthodox country on the eve of elections is the best anti-advertising for Sandu. Moldovans, a question. Do we need this? Write in the comments.”

On September 25, Ilan Shor posted:

“What happens if you say “NO” in the referendum on Moldova's accession to the European Union? I give my firm pledge to fulfill every point of the program of our “Victory” bloc.

- 1) Free gas - in every home! Starting December 1, all individuals - citizens Moldova - will receive gas absolutely free of charge.*
- 2) 2 billion dollars - in social infrastructure! Over the next two years, if he wins presidential election as the candidate of our team, I will invest 2 billion dollars in roads, parks, kindergartens, schools and hospitals.*
- 3) Total ban on LGBT propaganda. We will convince parliament to pass a law a total ban on LGBT propaganda and attacks on faith.*

I always keep my grandiose promises. You know I have never failed you.”

On September 25, Vasile Bolea distributed a video on his Telegram channel with the following message:

“Values imposed on the neck. Lately, we are seeing an increasing influence of LGBT propaganda in Moldovan schools. This trend is becoming increasingly visible and persistent. A recent example the events at the opening of the Olympic Games, where not only LGBT values, but also other controversial ideologies, broadcast to billions of people around the world via television. Last week at a high school in Chisinau, children took part in an activity where they displayed rainbow-colored flags, a symbol of the LGBT movement. Although the school management explaining that the event was dedicated to peace, this was perceived by many as part of a script to promote the LGBT agenda in schools. In the context of the constitutional referendum on October 20, there are concerns that, with the adoption of amendments making European directives binding, this propaganda will become the norm in Moldova. If we look at other countries such as Georgia, which has adopted legislative measures against the promotion of these values, we see how such decisions can protect national values. I urge citizens to protect the traditional values of our

society. We must join forces and prevent these external influences from affecting the future generations of the Republic of Moldova.”

Later his channel was deleted.

On September 26, Renato Usatii [announced](#) during a meeting with citizens that Teleradio-Moldova had rejected an electoral material. *“I tell you one thing. Sooner the whole leadership of the Republic of Moldova will be excluded than I will change my position on banning LGBT propaganda in schools. We'd rather not have TV spot, I'll go and talk to people all over the country, but I'm not going to follow someone's formula”*. According to Usatii, the public broadcaster asked him to exclude from the video the phrase *“I am in favor of banning LGBT propaganda in schools”*.

The candidate said he would go to the Court of Appeal. The director of Teleradio Moldova, Vlad Turcanu, said that he did not cancel or ban the broadcasting of the election promotion message, but only discussed it with the contestant and the CEC (Central Electoral Comity).

On September 27, Victoria Furtună, during a [press conference](#) she called *“in defence of the Moldovan Orthodox Church”*, made several electoral promises. These were justified by arguments related to *“our Christian values”*. *“I promise to use the president's right to veto every law that doesn't meet orthodox values. I promise ban LGBT propaganda, following the example of Georgia.”*

On September 28 the following text was published on Marina Tauber's Telegram channel: *“93 percent of our country's population are Orthodox Christians. It is for this reason, it seems, that the promise of the head of the 'Victory' bloc Ilan Shor to pass a law on a total ban on LGBT propaganda and attacks on faith has resonated so widely among Moldovans. We all saw already in June, at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Paris, how non-traditional values are being actively imposed on us. Do we want to see the same bacchanalia on the streets of Chisinau some time from now? I am sure do not. But, unfortunately, in a few weeks we will have to: between October 10 and 13, with the silent approval of Sandu-PAS, an LGBT festival will take place in the capital. One might object here: we live in a democratic country and we have no right to deny people the right to demonstrate. But, as we know, one man's freedom ends another man's freedom begins. Do we want to hurt the feelings of 9 out of 10 citizens to be perceived as people with broad European visions? I very doubt it. Just as I doubt that anyone would want children waving rainbow flags in the courtyards of Moldovan schools, happened recently in one of the capital's high schools. Only toilet cubicles - gender-neutral, as in European schools - are unlikely to appear here any time soon. Of course, not because the Moldovan government would be adequate (we cannot hope for), but for purely economic reasons...”*

On September 28, an announcement was published on the [Telegram](#) channel Youth Victory: *“The youth organization “ Victory” organized an open-air film screening in the Riscani sector of Chisinau. Young inhabitants of the capital enjoyed the last warm days, exchanged news and communicated with friends. We invite everyone to come next weekend! We actively support youth and implement various cultural programs. Our young people have energy, potential and the will to change for the good of the Homeland! The current government ignores youth initiatives and replaces them with LGBT festivals and similar cafes. But a healthy young, free-thinking generation like ours will not fall prey to these influences!”*.

On September 29, independent candidate Tudor Ulianoschi [launched](#) electoral campaign for the presidential elections on October 20. During the official event he listed several plans and actions he will undertake as president and for a “normal Moldova”. In his launch speech he said: *“We will never allow our children to be exposed to gender propaganda in schools or in the public space. A normal Moldova is of the traditional family, of mother and father.”*

On November 10 in the Chisinau municipality a [protest](#) was organized by the Party Socialists of the Republic of Moldova. One person took part in the protest with the following message on a placard: *“Stand up, great country! Stand up for the fight to the death! With the dark fascist-Roman fascist force, with the gayropean horde and the yellow plague and with Maika Sanda”*.

Every year in November, in the “Stefan Voda” high school in Vadul lui Voda, the organizes tolerance week. This year, one of the activities was for students to come dressed in different colored clothes every day.

During one of Igor Dodon's live speech, a person asked him the question: *“Do students from Vadul lui Voda, are forced to dress in the colours of the LGBT community?”*. He did not directly confirm or deny the information, but addressed the mayor of the capital, Ion Ceban: *“Look at this...What is happening in Chisinau municipality?”*.

Moldova Pride Festival 2024

After the Information Center GENDERDOC-M published the Moldova Pride program, the fugitive oligarch Ilan Shor, sentenced to 15 years in prison in the “Bank Fraud” case, published the following [text](#) on his Facebook page: *“I knew that the authorities would destroy us, wiping us identity, traditions, history. They will pretend there is no Victory Day. But there is a “Europe Day”, where weapons are on display - without which no day can be lived in the European” world”. And then, of course, the “LGBT festival”. The Moldovan people are peaceful and tolerant, but everything has a limit. We appeal to the authorities. Find the courage to respect our Moldovan traditions. Respect your families, who educated you. Sandu didn't live with “parent 1 and 2”, he? This propaganda destroys our values and deprives our children of the strong foundation -the traditional family.”*

On May 26 in the online program [“Power is in Truth 25”](#), with Gheorghe Gonta and politician Renato Usatii, the following dialog took place (min. 8.35):

Usatii - Yes, if we also have the world day of zadneprivododniie (a sinonim to the word faggot), you know how, change the mustard

Gonta - A. They are likely to have a march in Chisinau, we have to see this time who is going to the march, because in the past years many current MPs, who were in opposition at the time, were present at the march.

Usatii - Listen, with all marches, with golubiiie (faggots), rozovâie (dykes), țvet radughi (rainbow coloured), I don't know anything else who are interested in marches, those who somehow promote, they go to open marches. But those who are for real, I mean with the broken calenval, both from the ruling party, and those from the socialists, they never go to these marches. That bothers me, why don't they make a coming out and say yes, we are a handful of MPs, and concretely, about 18% of the current legislature, who have decided “at a certain age to change our orientation”. By the way, most of them still criticize parades. And that's generally cynical. I'm not going to name names, because it's not

*fair, as one of them has children, but there is a concubinage between a PAS MP and a socialist MP. Gonța you are nervous I don't know why, did one of them bother you?
Gonța - I don't want to talk about nausea, let's move on...*

On June 11 the following [article](#) was published on the official website of the Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova:

“Dear fellow citizens!

Year after year, an artificially created sexual minority group, supported by outside forces, insults our country, our people, our Orthodox faith and the centuries-old traditions of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. An anti-family ideology is being imposed on our people, intensively promoted by LGBT. Having deprived us of our own Moldovan nationality and language, they are trying to convince us that we have to give up our human identity, the traditional family consisting of mother and father.

Every year anti-Christian festivals are organized in front of all citizens, including children and teenagers. Year after year, we watch these shameful marches, massively protected by the police, attended by foreign ambassadors, PAS party MPs, Soros Foundation employees and numerous media cameras. And they are all called 'pride parade'.

Note that the event will take place this Sunday, June 16, when the Orthodox Church will honour the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

As in previous years, the team of the Party of Socialists of the Republic of Moldova is categorically against this shameful spectacle in the centre of Chisinau. As a political party that has always advocated and advocates for the protection of the traditional family and the Christian values of our people, PSRM initiates a National Family March.

We call on the citizens of our country, other parties and public organizations, the clergy of the Orthodox Church of Moldova, to participate in this march in defence of our people, our faith and our family. Together let us protect the values and things sacred to us. Let us show that Moldovans are for a traditional family and spiritual education of children!”

Journalist Viorica Tataru [surprised](#), in the centre of the capital, on Bucharest Street, in the area where the Pride march participants demonstrated, several people dressed in “protective suits”, equipped with disinfecting containers. Asked who they were, one of the people replied that they were demonstrators from the “Victory” political bloc created by Ilan Shor. When asked “What kind of action is going on, they replied “*мы очищаем город от всякой нечисти*” (*we are cleaning the city from the evil*). The young people after that set off on the march route shouting “*Stop gay propaganda*”.

Another [counter-demonstration](#) against the LGBT+ march took place near the monument of Stephen the Great and Holy.

People participating in the demonstration were equipped icons, crosses and placards. Some of the participants were dressed in priests' vestments. The main messages they were chanting were “*Shame*”, “*Stop the propagation of homosexuality*”, “*When the Orthodox are silent, the stones cry*”.

AGORA operator, Vasile Frecauțan, was [intimidated](#) by a demonstrator who came to the center the capital to protest against the organization of the Pride March. Specifically, he was sprayed with a liquid, allegedly holy jelly, while filming the protest.

At the end point of the Moldova Pride march, where the Pizzeria on the hearth is located, some participants wanted to go to buy water, but the local closed the door and put a sheet on the door that read “inventory,” even if he had customers inside.

On June 16, Gabriel Stati, the businessman and vice-president of Ascom Group [posted](#) a homophobic picture on his Facebook page, in which a man is protecting his children from rainbows.

Albina Ciuprin, a GENDERDOC-M employee, was walking with a rainbow umbrella on Shchusev Street and heard some young men walking in front of her saying: *'how nice it would be to find some of these guys and beat them up'*.

An aggressive man approached participants during the march with shouts about god and sin. He was forcibly removed by carabinieri.

Participants of the Rhythms of Resistance (RoR) march marched after the march to the Queer Cafe, were met by 3-4 counter-protesters and at least one of them was aggressive in his expression. He addressed a non-binary person, who was in a skirt and with an LGBT flag on her, telling her that she was a disgrace and should not exist. The person asked him "what?" and he hurled a vulgar retort at her.

After Pride, at the intersection of Sf. Țării and București streets, a person approached a group of five Moldova Pride participants and repeatedly shouted "Pidar (Faggot)" about fifteen times. They were not able to take pictures/video as the person seemed aggressive, at one point he seemed to want to throw something at them, so they tried to distance themselves as quickly as possible. Also, before that, when they passed the police cordon that was then at S.Lazo corner of Sciusev, there was a priest who approached them to shout "Shame". The individuals communicated that it was a traumatizing event for them.

During the march, a young man named Celpan [posted](#) a video on TikTok complaining that the police did not allow them to reach the demonstrators to beat them and *that "if he sees them, he will beat them, what he can do, he must somehow gather some athletes, and beat them"* he said. *"Organize a riot, so that the paedophiles are not left in the country on the central streets"*.

The video had 2491 likes 234 shares.

Another young man with the TikTok name petrebujenitaa [posted](#) a video saying following: *"I am against LGBT marches and against the ideas they are promoting with this march... trans people for me...are sick people. They have mental disorders and they want us to believe that these disorders are normal. This is not normal and it will never be normal and trans people need a psychologist but not our support. ...I'm thinking that children must be isolated from such information and such propaganda, and LGBT marches must not even be shown anywhere on the news ...Pride marches should be banned"*. Video had 4797 likes 693 shares

On June 18 a young man by the name liftodi on the Tiktok network [published](#) a video about the Moldova Pride march. In the video he says the following:

"They are guarded.... ...lest they be attacked on the road by the louse. Lately in this country... ... it's all backwards. Instead of promoting the good, they promote stupidity, laughter and lepers who are brought out in interviews for the whole country to see. they organize a celebration of laughter of these boxes and the pidar (faggot) who take them out on the streets of Chisinau Moldavians don't like those sluts. If I had the power in this country, I'd still organize parades, celebrations.just without any police. I'd swarm 'em all like ants at a

candy bar, and when I saw they'd all swarmed, I'd announce so loud, take them and fuck 'em. Maybe then the country would at least be rid of the laughter”.

Video had 15900 likes 1650 shares

On June 23 a young man by the name of Tiktok zuzzymafuzi [posted](#) a video saying the following: *'A normal guy called a teacher's son a faggot, because he's a faggot, he called him what he is.... ..and she said that you won't get a grade. First of all, you shouldn't stay in the educational institution, because your son is a faggot and you couldn't educate a man, then what education can you give to thousands of students who will come to you all year round, will you make them all faggots in this educational institution? No, we don't need, or you'll be teaching children of others to be faggots like your son... ..the faggots are multiplying and we 'll die, we'll be on our way disappear, the day after tomorrow they'll put us in the red book”.*

Video has 1672 likes 124 shares

The same young man with the TikTok name zuzzymafuzi [posted](#) another video in which he says the following:

“You know what's not enough in our country? Faggots, leave the starving old woman to starve we organise parades for faggots. We're gonna let them walk on the road, steal up their asses, all normal...those faggots who organized the parade of the faggots who gave permission to the faggots to walk freely on the road, they had to be caught and fucked with the head of the side of the road. But you can't lay your hands on them, or you'll be punished, fucking shit, you as a parent to feel what it's like when your son's ass is stinking by another pidar (faggot) How do you go to church, how do you believe in god, if you fuck are for the little beggars... ..you will die in your mother's pussy in hell you will go... in the bible it says ... the Punishment through blood, I mean nahui, rasstreleati dva ray (fuck, shot them twice). Understood?”

A trans person named Amity (she/her), shortly after the Pride March, was walking towards Zemstvey Museum. At the intersection of Sergei Lazo and Alexei Shchusev Streets she and a person from RoR were commented by 2-3 police officers stationed there, one of them saying *“look at these guys. well, are these boys? (in a derogatory intonation)”.*

Cases reported by beneficiaries of the GENDERDOC-M Information Center

Case 1: Mircea, a gay man, posted some pictures of his husband on his social network. After that, on May 5, he received hate messages from his relatives living in the Russian Federation. The messages contained licentious words, insults and threats. Later, the same relatives wrote to Mircea's sister, who replied that it was none of their business, to which she was also insulted and threatened with sexual violence. Mircea's mother was similarly cursed at. A police complaint has been filed.

VIOLENCE AND INCIDENTS MOTIVATED BY PREJUDICE

On 21.04.2022 [the Law No. LP111/2022](#) on the amendment of some normative acts on bias motivated crimes and speech was passed. The law contains the protected criteria “sexual orientation and gender identity”.

[ECRI's report on the Republic of Moldova](#), monitoring cycle VI adopted on July 2, 2024, published on November 12, made the following recommendation: ECRI recommends that the authorities take further steps to ensure that all cases alleged hate crimes are effectively investigated and prosecuted, by consistently taking into account any possible biased motivations from the outset at the beginning of the investigation and in any subsequent criminal proceedings.

On February 19 an unknown elderly man threw in the yard of the GENDERDOC-M office two pieces of dried round bread with a cross on it (anaf), which are used in Orthodox Christian worship in the ritual called “communion”.

On February 23, unknown persons wrote on the roof of the car of the leader of the Home Democracy Party Vasile Costiuc the following: “Costiuc bulangiu (faggot), Costiuc pidar (faggot), Poponar (faggot) - Costiuc”.

On the night of July 17-18, the door of the new office of Queer cafe in Chisinau, 69 Mateevici St., which organizes events for queer people, was vandalized. On the door was written in yellow paint “Muie LGBT 24 (Fucking LGBT 24)”. A police complaint has been filed.

On October 10, 2024 the first [Comingout Day Fest](#) event organized by GENDERDOC-M was held. The event was to take place in the Cărturești bookstore, which is located in the premises of the Museum of History of the Republic of Moldova. At 16.30 employees organization, who were in the bookstore to prepare the space, were asked to leave the building because of [the bomb alert](#). As a result, the event was organized in another space.

On October 11, there was a [new alert](#) at the next venue where the festival events were to be held. The event was to be held at the Mediacor venue. Police arrived on the scene and evacuated all participants. Even though no suspicious or explosive objects were found during the checks by the specialized services and the police announced that the alert turned out to be false, the police nevertheless issued a verbal report banning the use of the building for 72 hours, which meant that the entire festival could not be organized in this venue. The GENDERDOC-M Information Centre asked the Prosecutor's Office to verify whether these measures were appropriate to the situation, the Prosecutor's Office refused examine the case.

On November 20, during the ceremony commemorating the victims of transphobia in the office yard, two minors threw a firecracker over the fence. The firecracker hit the crowd and scared the participants of the ceremony. The minors were detained, police were called and a complaint was filed.

Cases reported by beneficiaries of the GENDERDOC-M Information Centre

Case 1: On 01.01.2024, around 21.30, in a shop on Ismail Street in the centre of the capital, a conflict between several people took place. The victim, I. Timofei, a beneficiary of the GENDERDOC-M Centre, a refugee from the Russian Federation had a conflict with store employees which was instantly smoothed over. In the process of defusing this conflict, a man intervened who allegedly presented himself as a lawyer who could help mediate the conflict. The man later realized that Timofei was gay and became very

aggressive. The perpetrator used hate and discriminatory language on the principle of Timofei's sexual orientation, calling him: “pidor, pederast” (faggot), applying physical violence by a slap on Timofei's face. Witnesses to these events were a social worker of the GDM Centre, who was passing by and recognized Timofei and seeing this situation immediately called 112 requesting police intervention. The assailant again became extremely violent and staff the store had to request the intervention of the Bercut base agency. In the conversation videotaped on the phone, the aggressor emphasizes again about Timofei's homosexual orientation, using homophobic insults. A report was made; the aggressor was fined.

Case 2: A transgender boy was verbally harassed, threatened and even spat on while riding a trolleybus in Chisinau. The case happened on January 21 on trolleybus route 22 in the Botanica sector of the capital. The young man managed to videotape his attacker, and his harassment was also supported by the trolleybus conductor.

The young man told the GENDERDOC-M Information Centre that the assailant forced him to say whether he was a “boy or a girl”, insulted him with obscene and homophobic words, made comments about his appearance and long hair, and then spat at him. When the young man began filming his attacker (video attached), further insults or threats of physical violence can be heard on the video.

“That's right, demean him, he's not human, he's a monster,” a voice, identified by the victim as the trolley taxi driver, is heard in the background.

The case has been made public and the police and the Public Transport Authority have investigated the case.

Case 3: On March 15, [Franz](#), a young queer man shopping in a supermarket, was pulled by the hair by several people. Being very confused, he asked a gentleman in around if he works there. He replied that he was only a consultant and that there was the security guard a few meters away from them who was present during the incident. Franz looked at the guard expecting him to get involved, but the guard smiled at him. After he left the building, the aggressive gang followed him, filming him and shouting insulting words at him.

Case 4: A young lesbian was [assaulted](#) on the trolley by a MAI employee. The reason - a rainbow-colored bracelet. The incident happened on May 27, in a trolleybus on route 10 in Chisinau. The young woman, named Cristina, claims that after a few addresses from the man in the seat next to her, the conversation degenerated into physical and verbal aggression. The threats allegedly started over the rainbow bracelet the girl was wearing. The case has come under police scrutiny. Interior Ministry officials have confirmed that the State Security Services Enterprise, which employs the man in the pictures, has investigated the case. The situation will also be investigated internally.

Case 5: On June 16, during the Moldova Pride march, there was a homophobic incident by the mother of a trans person participating in the march. The woman physically and verbally assaulted several participants and volunteers and was forcibly removed by police representatives outside the cordon.

Case 6: On June 16, immediately after the march, on Bucharest street, two GENDERDOC-M volunteers were chased by an aggressive man who shouted homophobic threats and insulting words. The man then caught up with two other marchers, two guest from Ukraine and started shoving them and shouting insults at them including against Ukrainians but also Roma. Volunteers called the police, a hate incident complaint was filed.

Case 7: On June 16, during the Moldova Pride march, a young man, apparently a teenager, pulled down the rainbow flag from the UN building.

The same young man threw a urine balloon in the direction of the marchers in front of the Zemstvey Museum building where the Queer Caffee is located.

Case 8: On June 16 after the Moldova Pride march a young man boarded the trolley 12, an elderly gentleman entered the trolley, hit the young man on the back of the head, started to threaten him, lifted him with forced himself out of the chair, sat down in his seat and said, *“That's because you were at the march.”*

Case 9: On the night of July 19-20, near the club Piannaia Vishnea, a young LGBT man stripped some parts of his body and was attacked by several men nearby. They threw several objects at him and then started beating him, knocking him to the ground. Several people called the police who were patrolling nearby but they said they were not getting involved. There were several calls to the police but by the time they arrived, the beating had dragged on. The [video](#) was posted on several Telegram channels with hundreds of homophobic comments.

Case 10: On July 31 at 22.30 in the square of Chekhov Theater, Chisinau municipality, a homophobic attack took place. A young man named Cristi was sitting with his girlfriend on a bench, next to a gang of 6 young men between the ages of 16-18 were passing by. A young man of about 16 approached Cristi and several times called him “pidar” (faggot). Cristi asked him to leave him alone and to leave, and he hit him several times in the face with the back of his hand. Cristi fell down and received another kick to the chest. Another young man from the gang approached the attacker to calm him down and told Cristi and his girlfriend to shut up. The assailant approached another group of youths and attacked another boy. A group of carabinieri were next to him, they approached late, stopped the assault but they let the offender go without taking action and calling the police. Cristi lodged a complaint with the police and have the forensic expertise done. A misdemeanour file was opened.

Case 11: On December 15, 2024 a young queer man named Franz was verbally assaulted and by a group of three young men. Franz went to the police to file a complaint but there they told him that he had to go after these young men to see where they were going, because now the police won't be able to find them, and that the salvation of the drowning is in the hands of the drowning.

EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

[The Law on Ensuring Equality](#) in the Republic of Moldova, passed in 2012, includes 'sexual orientation' and 'gender identity' as protection criteria from 2022. To implement the law, the Council for Equality was created in 2013. The members of the Council are appointed by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova for a 5-year term. The current composition includes: Ian Feldman, Victorina Luca, Andrei Brighidin, Svetlana Doltu, Evghenii Golosceapov. The Council's mission is to prevent and protect against discrimination, ensure equality, promoting equal opportunities and diversity.

[ECRI's report on the Republic of Moldova](#), monitoring cycle VI adopted on July 2, 2024, published on November 12, made the following recommendation:

ECRI recommends that the authorities work towards the adoption of a legal framework that will give same-sex couples the opportunity to have their relationship recognized and protected in order to address practical issues related to the social reality in which they live, in accordance with ECRI's General Policy Recommendation No. 17 on preventing and combating intolerance and discrimination against LGBTI persons and with other relevant Council of Europe standards. Following the ECHR decision *Fedotova v. Russia*, 5 LGBT couples applied to the Public Services Agency to register their marriage. The agency's refusal was challenged in court. Three decisions were handed down during 2024. The court dismissed the claims as unfounded. An appeal has been lodged.

On the website pentru.md, set up to promote the referendum on European integration, at “Fighting for fakes” column in string of falsehoods about EU membership - from prices to Agriculture to education - which supposedly makes many Moldovans have reservations about European integration, the following text was posted:

“Lie 2: “If we join the EU, we will be forced to legalize LGBT+ marriages.”

Truth: There is no such obligation in any EU document. Romania and Bulgaria -

Two EU member countries have not done so and keep their own decisions at national level.

Only the countries themselves can decide whether to allow this. Moreover, Article 17 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU clearly says: “The Union respects and does not prejudice the status under national law of churches and associations or religious communities in the Member States.”

The General Inspectorate for Migration (IGM) of the Republic of Moldova has refused to grant refugee status to seven people from the Russian Federation - five gay men, one transgender woman and one non-binary person. In the documents issued, which are identical for all applicants, the IGM claims that “mere membership of a social group is not a reason” to grant refugee status. The document shows that the IGM does not consider that the applicants have presented justified risks and are not in danger if they are in Russia.

Five young men, M. D. M. and V. D. M. applied for refugee status because of risk of being mobilized for war, but also because they are gay. All applications were rejected. The same happened with the application of a young transgender woman, D., who said she feared for her safety and life, but also that she was afraid of joining the army and did not want to participate in the war against Ukraine. In all the responses issued, the IGM argues that “individuals have a certain obligation to the defence of his country, and his avoidance of military service in the Russian Federation does not constitute a risk of being exposed to persecution”. In the IGM's response in the transgender woman's case, the authority writes that it “did not provide sufficient details and evidence that would confirm that she is being targeted by state authorities” and that she would be in danger because of her LGBT membership. However, the IGM itself points out that Russia does indeed have a law against “LGBT propaganda” and that queer people are subject to harsh punishments, including imprisonment. All responses were also based on press materials, as well as references to Freedom House reports or the UNHCR Handbook. However, the IGM's response to D., the transgender woman, states that the person “did not identify any compelling reason for fear, but related a case that would could be described as an “applicant's adventure”. “It can be assumed that in general a person would not leave their home and country unless compelled to do so for compelling reasons, except when they do so in search of adventure or simply to see the world,” migration authority adds. In all cases, the institution emphasizes that the applicants left the country freely and lawfully, “which establishes that he was not on the radar of state authorities as a person who would present a national danger”. Furthermore, it

concluded that “the country of origin does not present a danger to life and security” of applicants.

The cases were taken up by the GENDERDOC-M Information Centre and the refusals appealed to the courts.

The Court of Appeal has dismissed a lawsuit brought by GENDERDOC-M against seven Moldovan MPs, including Vladimir Voronin and Marina Tauber. In 2022, the seven were sued by the “GENDERDOC-M” Information Centre after a discriminatory flash mob they organized at the Parliament. However, the Chisinau Court, Chisinau Centre, removed the case from the. The judges of the first court considered that the application was filed by GDM with violations procedural. This is despite the fact that a discrimination claim does not require a prior legal procedure. Although this did not mean any gain for the MPs, Diana Caraman, for example, used this file in her election campaign for the mayor of the capital.

On October 24 during the electoral debates on ProTV, Caraman said, “We won the lawsuit against GENDERDOC today (...) And we will not allow LGBT propaganda in schools, it is a principled position”.

On June 17 the Information Centre GENDERDOC-M received a request Gagauziya Radio Television to participate in the program “[Let's Talk Together](#)” About the events that took place last weekend in the capital of the Republic of Moldova with the theme “Pride march in Chisinau” moderated by Irina Cara, guests Nicolai Ormanji, deputy speaker of the Gagauz People's Assembly, Serghei Lazarev, a priest from Ceadir-Lunga, Aliona Cozâri, deputy head of the Health and Social Protection of Gagauzia and Tomas Mavroghenis, leader of the youth organization of the Shor party. All four participants in the broadcast are persons who have declared homophobic attitudes and the only intervention of the representative of the organization GENDERDOC-M was by telephone, about 15 minutes, without the possibility to hear what is being said outside this intervention and without the right to reply. The moderator, even though she repeated several times that she could not come up with her own opinions was biased, sometimes complementing or helping the speakers in formulating their homophobic views. GENDERDOC-M representative Angela Frolov's intervention was short and her questions were manipulative. Her answers were immediately rephrased in such a way as to change the meaning of what was said, and repeated answers were needed to correct them interpretations. In the middle of the interview there was the following discussion (quote from memory): the moderator when discussing police protection (she was trying to instill that society does not accept LGBT marches if protection was needed, and that would mean that marches should not be organized) asked, “*A trans activist from Russia wrote on social media about the march in Chisinau: “the police came to protect us. This is unbelievable.”, why did the activist write this post?*” Angela Frolov replied, “*Because he was pleasantly surprised that in our country the police actually protect us, because Putin's regime uses the police for oppression against its own citizens.*” After this answer the moderator interrupted Angela, not allowing her to speak, talking over her, saying that their program is not a political one, even though before and after this discussion the moderator asked about the participation of PAS MPs in the march. In the end this dialog was removed from the program (at 21.20 min. you can hear how the moderator with a high tone of voice tries to stop it). The following statements were made during the program: Nicolai Ormanji: “*I'm sure that even if someone will pass the law for marriages of same sex, the people's assembly will adopt a law that will counteract it, and on the territory of Gagauzia will be its own law, which will be against same-sex marriages This is imposed on us by outside... We have Christian faith and family values*”.

Sergei Lazarev: *“I think we pay too much attention to these people who in percentage ratio are probably 1-1.5%...In holy scripture it says about two cities, Sodom and Gomorrah, in which this disease flourished and god burned them and wiped them from the face of the Earth and in place of these cities by now is the Dead Sea.... Yes such people have always been, but there have always been murderers and thieves.”*

Aliona Cozari: *“Every man's amoral way of life, I think, should be in his family, and if they hold non-traditional views, they should be in the family.”*

Tomas Mavroghenis: *“We put on chemical protective suits, special thermal imagers, so that we don't somehow contaminate ourselves with these trends, and we went right after the LGBT march, from the beginning to the end and we were cleaning this aura, these trends.”*

A complaint was filed with the Audiovisual Council and the Equality Council. The Equality Council found incitement to discrimination and the Audiovisual Council sanctioned the station with 15 000 MDL.

On August 2, 2024 Prime Minister Dorin Recean in an [interview](#) for NewsMaker, asked his attitude towards the LGBT community said the following:

“It is very important for people to be able to realize the rights and senses that they have and at the same time respect the rights and senses of others in society.”

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Case 1: P. E. is an actor and a drag queen. On the evening of July 16, P. was to go to the nightclub where he had a performance. He called Yandex taxi, he received a notice that a Ford BNQ 141 automobile, driver Vavrin Igor, was coming. When P. came out in his stage costume and makeup and was seen by the taxi driver, he started the engine and drove off.

SITUATION OF TRANS PEOPLE

[ECRI's report on the Republic of Moldova](#), monitoring cycle VI adopted on July 2, 2024, published on November 12, made the following recommendation:

ECRI recommends, a matter of priority, that authorities develop the legal framework by explicitly regulating the conditions and procedure for the legal recognition of gender and establish clear guidelines on the provision of gender-affirming health care in line with ECRI's General Policy Recommendation No. 17 on preventing and combating intolerance and discrimination against LGBTI persons and with other relevant Council of Europe standards.

According to the 2019 International Classification of Diseases and Health Problems (ICD-11) issued by the World Health Organization (WHO), the term 'gender identity disorder' has been updated to 'gender incongruence'. This reclassification now places gender incongruence in the sexual health chapter, distinguishing it from the previous category of 'mental disorder'.

Despite this change at international level, the Republic of Moldova has not yet aligned its system accordingly. For a change of gender and name in identity documents, persons trans people are still required to provide a certificate indicating a diagnosis of 'transsexuality'. At present, changes to these documents depend on court decisions, a procedure that generally takes between 24 and 48 months.

On December 12 a [draft law](#) was proposed to the Parliament for first reading on the approval of the draft law on civil status documents. This draft contains Article 48.

Amendment of the civil status act; The amendment of the civil status act by the authority is possible, if there are no disputes between the persons concerned, in the following cases:
g) a change of sex is requested.

Article 49 - Procedure for amending the civil status record

(1) The civil status record be amended at the request of the holder or the person entitled, accompanied by supporting documents or, where appropriate, ex officio by the Public Services Agency.

On December 21, 2023, [the Law](#) was passed to supplement with Article 191 the Law no. 1409/1997 on medicines: “Article 191. Special conditions for the circulation of medicinal products containing anabolic steroids and androgens.

It shall be prohibited to import, manufacture, distribute, market, prescribe and dispense medicines containing anabolic steroids and androgens, with the exception of medicines with international non-proprietary names, the nomenclature and quantity of which are approved annually by the Ministry of Health and which are procured by public tender.” The law entered into force at the beginning of 2024.

This law by definition bans the preparations that trans men use in hormone therapy. Several trans people have contacted the organization to say that they can no longer procure the preparations even with a doctor's prescription. We have notified the Ministry of Health about this problem. The Ministry representatives said that they are now in charge of procuring the medicines for all those who need them through prescriptions and will also take into account trans men. But now many trans men are in a position to discontinue therapy, which will negatively affect their health.

On October 10 a meeting of representatives of the Ministry of Health and GENDERDOC-M Information Centre, at this meeting discussed the need to create a working group that will create a protocol for endocrinologists. This protocol should include clear recommendations on:

- Psychological and medical assessment of patients.
- Personalized hormone treatment regimen.
- Continuous health monitoring of trans people under treatment.
- Access to consultations and quality health care.

The Health Ministry said that the hormone treatment will be covered by the insurance policy and will be prescribed by specialized doctors.

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Case 1: On March 10, Nicholas, a trans boy went to the Riscani Police Inspectorate because of a theft. When he filed the complaint and presented identity documents, the police officer saw that he had the name given at birth and the female gender and asked him, “*Well, are you a girl or a boy?*”, and then, “*What, you found yourself being different?*”, “*What, you really don't like boys at all?*”, “*But what do you do when you take your shoes off?*”.

Case 2: Sonia is a 17-year-old trans girl from Transnistria, she lived with her mother and her mother's boyfriend. In March her parents found some female-specific personal belongings hidden from her and hormones that Sonia was taking. The parents started yelling at her, after which the stepfather slapped her across the face. Sonia tried to run away but couldn't find her documents, her parents hid them along with her cell phone. Sonia was forced to cut her hair and threatened to if she doesn't, she'll be beaten and kept in the basement. Sonia has also been threatened that if she “doesn't change” she will be committed to the psychiatric hospital to be licked there. Sonia contacted the GENDERDOC-M Information Centre and asked for help.

The GENDERDOC-M Information Centre filed several complaints to the Ministry of Social Protection, the Children's Ombudsman and the police. Sonia was also urged to call 116111 children. Initially she was told that they could not help her because she is from Transnistria, but after GENDERDOC-M wrote them a letter in which they asked the ministry to get involved because Sonia is a citizen of the Republic of Moldova, they formed a commission on her case. On April 2, the representatives of this commission contacted the teenager's mother to tell her that her child had filed a complaint on violence. After hearing about it from her mother, Sonia had to leave home because she feared that she would be subjected to even more violence. Because she had nowhere to go, she was accommodated in the refugee shelter of the GENDERDOC-M Centre. The next day several meetings with police representatives were organized, the Directorate for the Protection of Children's Rights and the centre's lawyer. State representatives in all cases showed respect for the adolescent's identity, understanding and support. Today, Sonia is in the GDM shelter with grandmother, who has taken custody of her.

TRANSNISTRIAN REGION

In January 2024, the Transnistrian government declared 2024 as the Year of Family Values, “emphasizing the protection of traditional family values in the context of growing movements that promotes non-traditional sexual relations among young people. The state is concerned that such movements undermine demographic and economic growth by challenging traditional institutions of family and marriage. Consequently, the government has developed measures to combat the spread of non-traditional sexual relationships and the denial of family values, with strict legal consequences for those found to be propagating these ideas. The initiative aims to protect the moral, intellectual and psychological safety of society, without discrimination on grounds of personal sexual preference”.