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News programs of Belarus Channel 1

During the second quarter of 2021, the main topics of social and political reporting and their claims made on the Glavniy efir (Main Air) news program included the following:

External attacks on Belarus and extremist activities

- The new laws are designed to “prevent the rehabilitation of Nazism and cool the fervor of extremists.” Television presenter: “The country will not turn a blind eye to the injection of Nazism and calls for violence.”
- The aggressive information war by Western states and military exercises near the border with Belarus.
- Foreign intelligence and special services are active in destabilizing Belarus and encouraging radicalization in society. They have attempted to assassinate the president. Western diplomats are interfering in the country’s internal affairs.
- A “decent arsenal of weapons and ammunition» was discovered and **Sidorakin**, a specialist in explosive substances whose group was used by foreign special services, was detained. There were plans to abduct businessmen and security officials.
- The “color revolution” in Belarus failed, so the West used the landing of the Ryanair plane as a new pretext for pressure.
- The West is putting pressure on Belarus to subsequently destabilize Russia.

Discrediting Belarusian political opponents and the protest movement in Belarus

- The marginalized, extremists, and terrorists continue to take part in the protests. Alcoholic ex-convicts are the faces of protest. Some of them are into drugs and have gone to protests for money.
- Anarchists want to destabilize the situation in the country.
- Opposition activists are tied to money, work with the Polish special services, and trade in drugs. They are indifferent to the fate of the country, and they are profiting off the blood of the people.
- Abroad, the opposition eagerly divides up grants and tries to earn the respect of the West. Activists steal from and devour each other.
- The white-red-white flag is pro-Nazi. Reporter: “The collaborator’s flag of Nazi accomplices on the stele ‘Minsk – Hero City’ is a spit on the graves of at least 2.3 million Belarusians who died in that war.”

The situation in Ukraine

- All socio-economic problems in Ukraine are blamed on **Vladimir Putin**.
- Unfriendly relations towards Belarus: Ukraine is entering a conflict by order of the West.
- Nazism and the glorification of Nazism take place in Ukraine.
- In Ukraine, they were vaccinated against a “color revolution.”
- Over the past year, Ukrainians have become impoverished.
- Ukrainian special services led radical and terrorist groups aimed at Belarus.
- The West perceives Ukraine as a raw material appendage and a training ground. Western countries are not going to help it seriously.

An aggressive Poland

- Combat maneuvers on the Polish-Belarusian border. Poland is waging a hybrid war on the territory of the former USSR.
- Poland honors war criminals in defiance of Belarus and falsifies history.
- Warsaw is introducing its values to Belarus and openly interfering in internal affairs.
- Poland is following U.S. orders, but the destabilization of Belarus harms Poland itself.

Coronavirus infection and vaccination

- The rate of vaccination in the EU, where they have a “sanitary dictatorship,” is poor.
- With anti-quarantine protests in the EU and the U.S. the people are responded to with truncheons.
- Powerful institutes for vaccine development remained in Russia after the USSR. Russia will already present its fourth coronavirus vaccine.

The decline of Western countries

- Authorities in Florida allowed drivers to crush protesters and gun owners to shoot at vandals.
- In the West, there is a war on truth. It is forbidden to celebrate the victory over the Nazis and Nazism is flourishing.
- The digital gulag of corporations in the U.S. leads to any compromising information being removed from Google servers.
- Lack of solidarity among Western countries.

Western sanctions

- The sanctions are directed against the Belarusian people, not against the state apparatus.
- Eurasian integration will mirror the West's response to sanctions.
- The EU will suffer losses from its own sanctions.
- Sanctions are a method of unfair competition in the global marketplace.
- With the help of sanctions, the West hopes to generate hunger riots in Belarus and then carry out a raider seizure of the country, as was done in Ukraine.

News programs of the television channel ONT

During the second quarter of 2021, the main topics of social and political reporting and their claims on the Kontury (Contours) television program included the following:

External attacks on Belarus and extremist activities

- The West is waging a desperate war: through changes in Belarus, it wants to leave Russia without allies.
- The plan was to ignite a civil war in Belarus so that radicals with fascist ideals would come to power. Reporter: "For Western coordinators [conspirators] are expendable and already tested material used to divert attention from the main factor: that Belarus as a sovereign country has already been sentenced to democratization. At what price and for how much blood does not matter."
- The West was planning a coup and physical reprisals against the president and his family.
- The West falsifies history to try to sow distrust in society and to lower moral and ethical barriers.
- Special services discovered several cells in which dangerous caches of weapons were found. Guns, ammunition, and explosives were found in other caches. A group of militants who were training in Ukraine set fires in Belarusian cities.
- Foreign special services wanted to get hold of secret documents and created a network of agents in Belarus.

U.S. aggression

- A new round of the U.S. sanctions war against Belarus.
- The U.S. created centers that funded and managed protests.
- Washington orders the assassinations of world leaders, and Belarus is no exception.
- Washington raises the topic of Russian aggression to divert attention from internal problems.

Coronavirus infection and vaccination

- Everyone criticized Belarus, but now it is obvious that it took the right approach in the fight against the epidemic, both for people and for the economy.
- The AstraZeneca vaccine causes blood clots.
- There is nothing wrong with the Russian Sputnik V and the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine.

Relations between Belarus and Russia

- The ultimate target of Western sanctions is not Belarus, but Russia. The West only wants to use Belarus as an anti-Russian tool. Reporter: “Most of our people think and understand that our Western partners do not have anything against Lukashenko personally; they just need an anti-Russian president. And all the support for some kind of democratic change is not about the desire for freedom, equality, and brotherhood. It is about the dream of leaving Russia without allies and throwing its borders back from Brest and Grodno (the border of the Union State) towards Smolensk.”
- A war is being waged against both Belarusians and Russians, therefore it is necessary to unite and coordinate efforts.
- Russia will always support Belarus.
- Belarus is the last outpost to resisting Western pressure on the way to Russia.

The situation in Ukraine

- Tension in the Donbass: Ukraine does not want to follow the peace agreements.
- Ukraine aggravates the situation and challenges the security of Belarus.
- The President of Ukraine speaks from a prompter written by the Americans.
- Ukraine is turning into an impoverished, useless quasi-public entity.
- In Ukraine, they legalized military structures with Nazi symbols and fascist ideology as a state.

An aggressive Poland

- Poland assents to attempts to glorify bandits and war criminals.
- Poland wants to see Belarus as part of the Polish establishment.
- Poland cares more about Belarusian protesters than about its own citizens because of financial considerations.

Western sanctions

- Sanctions never harm leaders. They hit ordinary people.
- The EU uses sanctions for its own benefit to edge out Belarusian goods from foreign markets.
- The EU states did not make decisions on their own. They were forced to subscribe to the opinion of certain European officials.

Discrediting Belarusian political opponents

- Anything that comes from political opponents is a situational lie.
- The runaways are calling for sanctions not because of a “fight for freedom,” but to finish up their orders.

The decline of Western countries

- In Europe, the police violently disperse any protests.
- There is no unity in the EU. Countries are not able to agree even on important internal matters.
- In Germany there is a dictatorship and in Great Britain the law has been destroyed. The most extreme ideas of right-wing extremists have penetrated European society.
- Neo-Nazism is popular in the countries of the anti-Hitler coalition.
- American society is heated and divided.

News programs of the television channel STV

During the second quarter of 2021, the main topics of social and political reporting and their claims made on the television program Nedelya (The Week) included the following:

External attacks on Belarus and extremist activities

- The idea of a civil war in Belarus was born long before the elections.
- They want to turn Belarus into a limitrophic state.
- Legal chaos: in Germany they are requesting a criminal case be brought against the legitimate president of an independent, sovereign country.
- The USSR defeated not Nazi Germany but a united Europe. However, fascism in the West is still alive. Grigory Azarenok: "The spirit of Hitler did not leave Europe. Hitler's Drang nach Osten plan remains at the heart of every politician in the Old World."
- The U.S. is planning to transfer troops to Europe and is working out options for striking against Belarus and Russia.
- By equating the Nazi and Soviet regimes, the West distorts history. This is being done for subversive reasons, at a cost to Belarus's national security.

The decline of Western countries

- States that have taken the path of dispersing powers among government bodies (parliamentary or semi-parliamentary republics) are colonies of external players.
- Anyone in the U.S. who is in favor of changing the existing system is censured. Biden is fighting dissent.
- The U.S. is losing its power over the world, which is why their aggression is growing.
- In Florida they allowed protesters to be shot and run over by cars.
- In Germany, police beat musicians and journalists.
- Fascist tendencies in the West: SS marches.
- Americans control everything in Latvia.

The situation in Ukraine

- Ukraine is paying in blood for its flawed domestic policy. It should be engaged in the saving of its people and not fighting for the rights of others.
- The authorities in Ukraine are rejecting the heroic legacy of their ancestors.
- The EU is turning a blind eye to political persecution in Kyiv.
- Poland may remind Ukraine soon of the restoration of historical justice and regain the regions illegally acquired by Ukraine.

An aggressive Poland

- Poland has many interests in Belarus, which is viewed as the “gateway to Smolensk.” The construction of new military facilities and the conduct of military exercises in Poland are reminiscent of a pre-war stage.
- Aggressive actions were manifested through espionage and other actions of the Polish special services, as well as through Protasevich’s “Polish” Telegram channels.

Western sanctions

- Sanctions are not terrible for Belarus, as it will become an outpost of Eurasia. Belarusian producers will benefit from import substitution and redirecting exports to a growing Asia instead of an aging Europe.
- The sanctions hit people foremost, not the regime.
- The sanctions were being prepared in advance, even before the landing of the Ryanair plane. The West needed a tough formal excuse.

Discrediting Belarusian political opponents

- The goal of the opposition is to get Western funding. The conspirators (**Feduta, Kostusev, Zenkovich**, etc.) are petty swindlers and thieves.
- **Sergei Tikhanovsky** is “a scumbag and totally arrogant, crazy bull.”
- **Franak Viačorka** is “Tikhanovskaya’s lover,” **Stepan Putila’s** great-grandfather was a “Nazi lackey,” and **Anton Motolko** is a “stupid rat.” Grigory Azarenok: “You, those who raised the white-red-white-flag over yourselves, you are the heirs of the collaborators and the Nazis. You are traitors to your homeland and millions of deaths, blood, fear, pain, and the suffering of our people are on you. You are anti-Soviet degenerates and fascists.”
- Belarusian emigrants in Poland are bums.
- The opposition is getting rid its own (in the case of Roman Protasevich) because there is too little money and because of the unsuccessful “color revolution.”

Presidential decree and protection of Belarusian sovereignty

- The decree guarantees that the fate of the country will never be decided on the street or from outside the country, even if a coup succeeds. Alexander Lukashenko: “This is not a funeral for the president, as some say, but on the contrary, it is a warning that turning the country off the path along which it is developing will not work.”
- Lukashenko loves his country, not power; therefore, the decree that was adopted is insurance for the state in the event of the violent elimination of Lukashenko.