

**Programmatic Cooperation Framework for  
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus**



***EU/CoE Joint Project***  
**Promote Professional and Responsible Journalism**  
**by Supporting Regional Network of Self-Regulatory Bodies**

**INTERIM REPORT ON  
MONITORING OF ARMENIAN BROADCAST MEDIA  
COVERAGE OF ELECTIONS TO  
RA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN 2017  
(MARCH 5-31, 2017; FEBRUARY 15 - MARCH 4, 2017)**



**YEREVAN PRESS CLUB**

***This document has been produced using funds of a Joint Project between the European Union and the Council of Europe. The views expressed herein can in no way be taken to reflect the official opinion of the European Union or the Council of Europe.***



**YEREVAN PRESS CLUB**

**[www.ypc.am](http://www.ypc.am)**

## CONTENTS

<b>INTERIM REPORT ON MONITORING OF ARMENIAN BROADCAST MEDIA COVERAGE OF ELECTIONS TO RA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN 2017</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>GENERAL INFORMATION ON MONITORING</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>MONITORING METHODOLOGY</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>PARTIES/BLOCS INCLUDED IN     THE LIST OF MONITORING</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>TABLES. PRE-ELECTION PROMOTION (MARCH 5-31, 2017)</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>TABLES. AHEAD OF PRE-ELECTION PROMOTION (FEBRUARY 15 - MARCH 4, 2017)</b>	<b>30</b>

**INTERIM REPORT ON  
MONITORING OF ARMENIAN BROADCAST MEDIA  
COVERAGE OF ELECTIONS TO  
RA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN 2017  
(MARCH 5-31, 2017; FEBRUARY 15 - MARCH 4, 2017)**

**MARCH 5-31, 2017**

**PRE-ELECTION PROMOTION**

ACCORDING TO THE CUMULATIVE DATA of the five studied TV channels during the pre-election promotion (**March 5-31**) it can be spoken about a relatively balanced attention of the broadcasters towards parties/blocs running in the parliamentary elections. At the same time, while in terms of frequency of references all the participants of the electoral race had rather comparable results on all the TV channels, in terms of airtime volume the indicators considerably varied.

The smallest gap was recorded on **First Channel of Public Television of Armenia** (PTA), where Republican Party of Armenia (RPA), the “leader” in terms of airtime, surpassed 1.5 times Communist Party of Armenia, holding the last place in terms of this indicator (*hereafter for the quantitative results of the monitoring see the attached tables*).

The largest gap was recorded on “**Armenia**”, where RPA received more than 6.5 times more airtime, than “Free Democrats” party. Even Tsarukyan bloc, which was the second in terms of that indicator, was surpassed two times by RPA on that TV channel. Moreover, the imbalance in general on “**Armenia**” emerged mainly during the last week of the pre-election promotion.

THE NATURE OF COVERAGE OF PARTIES/BLOCS was not so balanced, as in the case of such cumulative data of the studied TV channels as frequency of references and airtime volume. The opposite picture was recorded in the ratio of positive and negative references to RPA and Tsarukyan bloc: respectively, 26:47 (minus 21) and 36:6 (plus 30). Moreover, the biggest “contribution” to that difference was brought by “**Kentron**” TV channel, where RPA received 2 positive and 22 negative references, and Tsarukyan bloc - 24 positive and zero negative references. A situation with connotation references to parties/blocs, similar to that on “Kentron”, was recorded on “**Yerkir Media**” TV channel, where RPA had zero positive and 19 negative references, while ARF-Dashnaktsutyun - 12 positive and 1 negative references. It is noteworthy that on **PTA First Channel** Republican Party of Armenia, on the contrary, received the most favourable coverage out of all the parties/blocs running in the elections: 15 positive and 2 negative references. The other two studied TV channels, “**Shant**” and “**Armenia**”, sought to avoid connotatively coloured coverage of parties/blocs. “**Shant**” made a certain “exception” for RPA, which was discussed in a positive context 6 times and 4 times in negative context. All together 3 positive (all to RPA) and no negative references to parties/blocs were recorded on “**Armenia**”.

Such differences in the nature of references indicate a certain political bias of some TV channels. The share of connotation references, increased on TV channels in comparison to the previous cycle of national elections, merits attention: during the 2012 parliamentary elections it was 3.5% of the aggregate number of references of all the studied channels, during the 2013 presidential elections - 2.2%, and in the course of the current pre-election promotion - 6.8%. Of course, this number (first of all negative references) to a large extent was formed through the statements of representatives of parties/blocs about each other, but at the same time it allows speaking about a certain lack of neutral coverage of the campaign.

ANOTHER PRINCIPAL ISSUE, recorded in the course of the current electoral campaign, was the lack of equal conditions for those candidates who were running for parliamentary seats on the basis of territorial lists. Though nominally Armenia has introduced a 100 percent proportional electoral system, “territorial candidates” were solving their individual electoral goals, therefore, when some of them received access to TV (both on the national and regional levels) and their competitors did not receive it, this was an obvious ground for criticism.

The monitoring carried out by Yerevan Press Club did not include among its goals quantitative measuring of the frequency of references to candidates running by territorial lists, or of the airtime they received. However, it was impossible to avoid mentioning this problem.

Along with this, the issue of coverage of state officials, presumably during the performance of their official duties, remains an unsolved problem of pre-election TV air in Armenia. Most of all, this refers to Karen Karapetyan, RA Prime Minister and First Deputy Chairman of the Republican Party of Armenia, who was not included in the electoral list of the party, but carried the main burden of the party’s electoral campaign. The content of TV pieces featuring Karen Karapetyan often did not allow to determine whether this was coverage of an electoral promotion event or of the official activities of the head of the Government. In particular, the text of the piece told the viewer about a working visit of the Prime Minister, but RPA’s electoral campaign’s symbols appeared in the background. Here it is worth to remind once again that the frequent appearance of campaigning politicians in the capacity of officials is undesirable, even in case these politicians are not on the ballot themselves.

MONITORING DURING THE PRE-ELECTION PROMOTION showed that according to the cumulative indicators of the five studied channels, both in terms of frequency of references and the airtime volume, leadership belonged to the Republican Party of Armenia. Tsarukyan bloc followed the RPA. At the same time, even the Communist Party of Armenia, which occupied the last place and was not noted for active campaigning, had comparable indicators. Moreover, it has to be stressed that on those days when certain parties/blocs did not have campaign events, TV channels especially in the first weeks of the pre-election promotion tried to secure balance using reports and interviews, produced on their own initiative.

Talking about individual TV channels, we can note the leadership, which has become traditional, of “**Kentron**” and “**Yerkir Media**” in terms of intensity of elections coverage. These two channels led in terms of the airtime volume allocated to parties/blocs and their leaders/representatives. In terms of airtime, allocated to electoral campaign, they were followed by **PTA First Channel** and “**Shant**”. “**Armenia**” was the fifth, according to both indicators. **PTA First Channel**, however, was ahead of all the studied TV channels in terms of frequency of references to parties/blocs, though in about one third of cases these

were merely mentionings of parties/blocs (basically the appearance of their electoral campaign's symbols or leaders in the TV frame without any additional information).

The relatively balanced coverage of parties/blocs was reflected in such indicator as representation of political forces in the programmes of the format "guest-in-studio"/talk show/interview. The studied TV channels mainly tried to reflect the diversity of the participants of the electoral race. To some extent an exception was "**Kentron**", in whose programmes the representatives of Tsarukyan bloc were invited 16 times (hereafter the repetitions of the same programmes in the studied evening TV air are also considered), followed by Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc (12) and ARF-Dashnaksutyun (9). The last on the list was Communist Party of Armenia, whose representatives were invited three times. The rest of the broadcasters had less difference in the frequency of participation of representatives of parties/blocs in the programmes of the format "guest-in-studio"/talk show/interview. During the official pre-election promotion the appearance of actors, who were not directly involved in the electoral race, i.e., experts and civil society representatives, in the programmes of such format was very rare. This circumstance led to lack of analysis, comments on the electoral process, pre-election programmes of its participants, which was pointed out many times by a number of observers as a factor, hindering the full-fledged orientation of electorate prior to the vote.

THROUGHOUT THE 27 DAYS OF OFFICIAL PRE-ELECTION PROMOTION 34 violations of ethical norms on the level of statements/video episodes were recorded on the five studied TV channels. The intensity of these violations significantly increased in the second half of the campaign. One of the factors, which conditioned this unfavorable quantitative dynamic, was the participation of RA First President and Congress-PPA parties bloc leader Levon Ter-Petrosyan in the **PTA First Channel** discussion programme "Orakargits Durs"/"Beyond the Agenda" on March 21, 2017, as well as in "**Kentron**" discussion programme "Urvagits"/"Circuit" on March 28, 2017 (issued at 22.35 and repeated on March 30, 2017 at 23.55). In the programmes the guest voiced statements, which were insulting in their harshness, regarding all competitors, except RPA. The ratio of connotation references to Congress-PPA bloc on the studied TV channels can be considered as some kind of response to Levon Ter-Petrosyan: 12 negative and zero positive references. In most of the cases these were feedbacks on the position of the bloc and its leader on Karabagh issue.

Another example, when the guests of the same programme made insulting statements that became the basis for recording several ethical violations, was "**Kentron**" programme "Urvagits" on March 20, 2017 (issued at 22.35) with the participation of representatives from Congress-PPA bloc, "Free Democrats" party and "Way Out" bloc.

In the above mentioned cases the broadcasters themselves, as a rule, cannot be held responsible for ethical violations. However, in case of the issues of "**Yerkir Media**" news and comment programme "Ditaketum"/"In the Center of Attention", journalist's condemning remarks (without personification) were combined with video images of specific campaign participants, which allows us to consider this an ethnical violation on the part of the authors of the pieces.

In general, throughout the pre-election promotion the majority of ethical violations on the level of statements/video episodes was recorded on three out of five studied channels: "**Yerkir Media**" - 13, "**Kentron**" - 12, **PTA First Channel** - 8. On "**Armenia**" there was one case, and there were no violations recorded on "**Shant**".

Besides, quite typical were the violations of ethical norms on the level of a piece as a whole. One of the most frequent violations was the use of the same footage of electoral events on various TV channels (26 cases). In a number of cases, 4 out of 5 studied broadcasters used the same footage, though, with a different length. The essence of the issue is that editorial coverage should be different in principle from the promotion materials, provided as political promotion by the parties/blocs. The TV viewer can expect the media coverage that has been produced by the media itself rather than an interpretation produced by someone else, e.g., by the party/bloc itself or another broadcaster.

Another quite typical violation of ethical norms of campaign, reflected also in the media coverage, was the use of children in the pre-election promotion, which is contrary to all international standards of political struggle. Obviously, in many cases the broadcasters cannot exclude episodes with participation of children from a campaign event, without harming the coverage. Therefore, the responsibility for this violation lies, first and foremost, with the parties/blocs themselves.

It should be noted that all the remarks, comments of the monitoring group regarding violations of ethical norms are exclusively of recommendatory nature and cannot cause legal consequences. The overcoming of ethical issues is conditioned by necessity of enhancement of efficiency of media self-regulation system, as well as the culture of public policy in general.

### **FEBRUARY 15 - MARCH 4, 2017**

#### **AHEAD OF PRE-ELECTION PROMOTION**

MEDIA MONITORING in the period preceding the official election campaign is important since it allows to assess the editorial policies of TV channels in conditions, when the legal norms ensuring balanced coverage of the campaigns of parties/blocs are not functioning. Accordingly, the possible bias of the media toward certain participants of the electoral process is more obvious.

In this sense, the official pre-election promotion significantly differed from the two weeks (February 15 - March 4) preceding that period, when, in the absence of clear legal regulation and without monitoring by the National Commission on Television and Radio, the balance, on the whole, was not respected. At the same time, it is obvious that many voters make their choice between parties/blocs long before the beginning of the official promotion period, which in 2017 was limited to 27 days only. Outside that period, the absence of legal guarantees that would allow the political parties to inform citizens about themselves and their programmes means that the conditions for carrying out electoral campaigns cannot be considered equal. Hence we have to underline once again how important it is to ensure political pluralism on Armenian television for a longer period.

ACCORDING TO THE CUMULATIVE DATA OF FIVE STUDIED BROADCASTERS, the most frequent were the references of the TV channels to the Republican Party of Armenia. However, according to the volume of the airtime allocated to parties/blocs during the period **February 15 - March 4**, Tsarukyan bloc was the undisputed leader. The volume of airtime allocated to RPA was one and a half times less. In terms of airtime it was followed by ARF-Dashnaktsutyun, Congress-PPA parties bloc, "Armenian Renaissance" party, Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc, "Free Democrats" party and "Way Out" bloc. Communist Party of Armenia received the least amount of attention from the channels studied, both in

terms of frequency of references and the airtime allocated. Moreover, the gap between the first and the last places was significant: the indicators of the “leaders” surpassed the indicators of the “outsider” 5 times on average.

Tsarukyan bloc received more favourable coverage also by such indicator as the ratio of connotation references (24 positive and zero negative). This bloc was the only one that had a positive balance. “Way Out” bloc, “Armenian Renaissance” party and Communist Party of Armenia had a zero balance, and the other five participants of the electoral race had a negative balance. RPA had the most unfavourable balance recorded (5 and 20, respectively).

“**Kentron**” TV channel was ahead of the other four studied TV channels according to the intensity of the elections’ coverage both in terms of frequency of references and the volume of airtime. It is thanks to “**Kentron**” that Tsarukyan bloc received its cumulative advantage: 74% of cumulative airtime and 100% of the positive references were recorded on this very channel. RPA, though it had the highest frequency of references on “**Kentron**”, received almost four times less airtime than Tsarukyan bloc, while Communist Party of Armenia, which had the last place, received 28 times less airtime. None of the eight competitors of Tsarukyan bloc received on “**Kentron**” any positive references, while RPA had the most unfavourable coverage in this regard (16 negative references).

“**Yerkir Media**” was the second, according to the volume of airtime allocated to the elections, and third, according to frequency of references to all parties/blocs. “**Shant**” was third (in terms of airtime) and second (in terms of references). On “**Yerkir Media**” ARF-Dashnaktsutyun was the undisputed leader. Roughly equal attention in terms of airtime was allocated to RPA, Tsarukyan bloc and Congress-PPA parties bloc, even though references to RPA were twice as frequent. In general, with the exception of ARF-Dashnaktsutyun and obvious “outsider” Communist Party of Armenia, all the other parties/blocs were covered by “**Yerkir Media**” with more or less equal intensity. This TV channel refrained from connotation references. None of the participants of the electoral race was mentioned in the positive context and only three received negative references: Congress-PPA bloc (3), RPA (2) and “Free Democrats” (1).

On “**Shant**”, out of the five studied channels, the smallest gap in terms of airtime volume was recorded: from the smallest - Communist Party of Armenia (2,025 sec.) to the largest - “Free Democrats” (3,801.5 sec.). Here only four connotation references were recorded, while their balance for eight parties/blocs was zero. Only Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc had a negative balance (no positive references and two negative ones).

**First Channel of Public Television of Armenia**, out of the studied broadcasters, was fourth according to the frequency of references and the fifth according to the airtime allocated to election participants. “**Armenia**” TV channel was fifth (in terms of references) and fourth (in terms of airtime). Relatively limited attention of these broadcasters to the topic of elections ahead of official pre-election promotion led to a situation, in which several parties/blocs that were not invited to participate in “guest-in-studio”/talk show/interview format programmes, received minimal coverage during this period. These included: “Free Democrats” - 8 references and 112 sec. of airtime on “**Armenia**”, 10 references and 138.5 sec. on **PTA First Channel**; Tsarukyan bloc - 14 references and 285 sec. on “**Armenia**”, 17 references and 357.5 sec. on **PTA First Channel**; “Way Out” bloc - 16 references and 351 sec. on “**Armenia**”, 14 references and 305 sec. on **PTA First Channel**. For comparison, “Armenian Renaissance” party, thanks to an interview of its leader to **PTA First Channel**, received 2,988 sec. of coverage on that channel, and RPA -



6,361 sec. on “**Armenia**” (this party was the only one, which was twice invited to “guest-in-studio” format programmes on that channel).

On **PTA First Channel** and “**Armenia**” the smallest number of connotation references to parties/blocs was recorded (respectively, 2 and 3). In both cases all such references (2 positive, 1 negative on “**Armenia**” and 2 positive on **PTA First Channel**) concerned RPA.

IN GENERAL, it is possible to claim that while **PTA First Channel** and “**Armenia**” were not active in the coverage of the electoral struggle in the run-up to the official pre-election promotion, “**Kentron**” and “**Yerkir Media**”, on the contrary, worked during the two weeks studied in a format, which was as close as possible to the pre-election one.

Out of 38 guests of “**Kentron’s**” “guest-in-studio”/talk show/interview format programmes 28 were representatives of parties/blocs (9 times of Tsarukyan bloc), and on “**Yerkir Media**” - 33 out of 44 (10 times representatives of ARF-Dashnaktsutyun).

In that sense “**Shant**” occupied a middle ground: representatives of parties/blocs were often guests of its programmes (12 times, “Free Democrats” candidates more often than others - 3 times), but given the overall number of all guests (28), they were not in the center of attention.

DURING TWO WEEKS OF THE MONITORING on five TV channels we recorded 31 cases of violations of ethical norms in connection to the upcoming elections. Only in one case it was the author of the piece who was responsible for the violation of ethical norms, in all other cases other persons were responsible for the breach. In situations, when the media outlets are in the unwilling role of a mirror that reflects unethical behavior or conveying unethical statements of politicians (or addressed to politicians), they, as a rule, cannot be held responsible. However, in certain circumstances, media/journalist, even not being the direct distributor of the content that breaches ethical norms, cannot be viewed as passive and unbiased. Thus, a precedent was recorded on “**Kentron**”. Out of 31 violations 21 were recorded on this very TV channel, of which 11 were related to the same topic. These were the excessively harsh, even insulting reactions of representatives and supporters of Tsarukyan bloc to the criticism of Gagik Tsarukyan’s 15 electoral programme points by “Free Democrats” party. Such coverage of controversies between two political forces gives every reason to see obvious partiality of the TV channel.

THE MAIN CONCLUSION of the monitoring of broadcasters during the two weeks, preceding the official pre-election promotion, is the following: lack of proper regulation of the activities of broadcast media in this period, which directly influences the voters’ mood and affects their sympathies and antipathies, creates problems from the point of view of balanced coverage of the campaign and ensuring equal opportunities for competitors in the political struggle.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ON MONITORING

The monitoring of Armenian broadcast media coverage of the 2017 elections to the RA National Assembly was carried out by Yerevan Press Club in the framework of the project “Promoting Ethical Norms in Media Coverage of RA Parliamentary Elections 2017 by Broadcast Media of Armenia”, with support of the Council of Europe and European Union Programmatic Cooperation Framework Regional Project entitled “Promote Professional and Responsible Journalism by Supporting Regional Network of Self-Regulatory Bodies”.

The monitoring was conducted in two stages: **the first stage** covered the period of February 15 - March 4, 2017 (ahead of pre-election promotion); **second stage** covered the period of March 5-31, 2017 (pre-election promotion).

**Objectives of the monitoring** were to define and determine through analyzing quantitative and qualitative data:

- the level of attention of the broadcast media of Armenia to the elections to RA National Assembly in 2017;
- how free, impartial and ethical the Armenian broadcast media were in informing the voters of the parties/blocs running in elections to the RA National Assembly by national electoral lists, ensuring their access to air to express their views and opinions, thus assisting the voters in making an independent and conscious choice;
- how compliant the media were with the legislative provisions, regulating the coverage of the pre-election promotion;
- to what extent the media respected the commonly accepted ethical norms and relevant recommendations in covering the elections to the RA National Assembly.

In order to fulfil the objectives mentioned above the monitoring included quantitative and quantitative-qualitative calculations/measuring.

The quantitative measuring was limited to purely arithmetical calculations of units and volume of television content. Quantitative-qualitative measuring was based on the calculations of content units, subjected to certain analysis by the monitors.

The record of data in the framework of the monitoring was carried out on three levels: form and nature of references to parties/blocs running in the elections to the RA NA by national electoral lists, in TV pieces; airtime volume allocated to a party/bloc in TV pieces; statements and video episodes about a party/bloc contained in TV pieces in the aspect of their compliance with principles of professional ethics.

### **Monitoring covered 5 broadcast media:**

*national TV channels* - **First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1)**, “**Armenia**”, “**Yerkir Media**”, “**Kentron**” and “**Shant**”.

**On the above-mentioned TV channels** the study covered the main issue of news programme, news and comment programmes as well as current affairs/discussion programmes aired in the evening prime time (**18.00-00.00**). Monitoring did not include pre-

election promotion slots within the programmes, commercial/social advertisement as well as TV tickers.

**The object of the monitoring** were all TV pieces, which contained references to parties/blocs/their leaders/representatives, running in elections to the RA NA by national electoral lists.

### MONITORING METHODOLOGY

I. The main unit of the study was **TV piece**.

#### *The following was regarded as a TV piece:*

The airtime unit, distinct in its theme, composition and design, i.e.,

a. a separate story in the newscast;

b. a separate communication, presented by the programme host;

c. a part (section, story) of the programme, touching on different issues/problems, made distinct by theme, composition and design (with a bloom, a jingle, etc.);

d. announcements of the pieces within the programmes were viewed as a part of the story they referred to;

e. the text of the host, introducing the TV piece (report, etc.), was viewed as a part of this piece (report, etc.).

Of these:

- **News/news and comment programmes** were divided into stories, and each story was treated as a separate independent piece;

- **Current affairs/discussion programmes** were treated in the following way:

1. If the programme was devoted to one topic, it was treated as one independent piece;

2. If the programme was tessellated, i.e. divided into independent thematic units, then every unit was treated as a separate independent piece.

II. Monitors recorded the duration of the air studied on a daily basis: main issue of news programme, news and comment programmes as well as current affairs/discussion programmes aired from 18.00 till 00.00. The programmes that started but did not end till **18.00** were not considered: the monitoring started after the end of the programme. The programmes that started but did not end till **00.00** were studied in full, until their end.

Monitoring **did not include**:

- Pre-election promotion slots;

- Commercial/social advertisement;

- TV tickers.

**III. Monitors *determined and recorded*:**

**1. Number and form of references to parties/blocs/their leaders/representatives in TV pieces**

Monitors determined and recorded in the appropriate table sections the presence and form of reference to a party/bloc/their leaders/representatives in a TV piece.

**Leaders** were understood to be:

1. Persons, **holding the first three positions in the national electoral lists**
2. **The first persons of the parties** that officially **entered the blocs**, irrespective of their position in the national electoral lists.

**The form of reference** to a party/bloc/its leaders/representatives was differentiated in the following way:

**A.** A piece **fully** dealing with a party/bloc/its leaders/representatives

A piece was considered fully dealing with party/bloc, even if it included reference to another party/bloc, or other topic(s) outside of the scope of the subject of the current monitoring, but such reference was **subordinate** to the main topic. If such piece contained a reference (of subordinate nature) to another party/bloc, this party/bloc was also recorded in the appropriate table section, according to the form of the reference to it (partly dealing or a mentioning).

**B.** A piece **partly** dealing with a party/bloc/its leaders/representatives

A piece was considered partly dealing with party/bloc, when it contained an **equivalent** reference to another party/bloc or other topic(s) outside of the scope of the subject of the current monitoring. If such piece contained equivalent references to two or more parties/blocs, each one of these parties/blocs was also recorded as "partly".

**C.** A piece containing **mentioning** of a party/bloc/its leaders

As mentioning were considered those cases, when in a piece a party/bloc/its leaders were simply named, but no supplementary information or characteristic about it was given.

Any appearance of a party/bloc/its leaders (***the first three persons in the national electoral list***, as well as ***the first person of a party that entered a bloc***) on TV screen was also considered as mentioning. If appearance on the screen was part of a TV piece, already containing a reference (fully or partly) to that party/bloc/its leaders, then it was not additionally recorded as mentioning. If the appearance of a party/bloc/its leaders took place in a TV piece, which did not contain any references to it, then it was considered as separate mentioning.

As mentioning were also recorded pieces, which dealt with activities of a foreign party, having common origins and history with the party of the same name that was object of the current monitoring, including the cases where nothing was said about the links between

that party and the party of the same name in Armenia.

Any appearance of the leaders of a party/bloc, holding the first three positions in the electoral list or the first person of a party that entered a bloc was considered as a reference to that party/bloc, irrespective of the capacity in which these persons appeared (even if they were presented in the TV piece as performing their non-party official or professional duties). And therefore, any such reference was studied according to all categories mentioned above and below (form and nature of the reference, airtime).

With regard to other representatives of a party/bloc a reference (its form, nature and airtime) was recorded only in those cases, when their party/bloc affiliation was somehow stressed in the piece.

Any reference to the current ruling coalition in Armenia, irrespective of the fact whether the piece identified the membering parties, was considered as a reference to the two coalition parties - Republican Party of Armenia and ARF-Dashnaktsutyun and was, hence, studied under all categories mentioned above and below (form and nature of references, airtime).

In each piece only 1 reference and only 1 form of reference to each party/bloc/its leaders/representatives was recorded.

These categories were measured in *units*.

## **2. Nature of references to parties/blocs/their leaders/representatives in TV pieces**

Monitors determined and recorded in the appropriate table section the nature, **positive (+)**, **negative (-)** or **neutral (0)**, of the reference to a party/bloc/its leaders/representatives in a TV piece.

The connotational (positive, negative) references were understood to be those that were contained in pieces leaving on the audience an obvious positive or negative impression about the party/bloc or its leaders/representatives. When the tone was not that obvious, reference was recorded as neutral. All the doubts of the monitor were also interpreted in favour of neutral reference.

Besides, if the piece informed that a certain individual/organization has publicly announced its support/non-support to a party/bloc during the elections to RA National Assembly, the reference to this party/bloc was recorded as positive/negative, respectively.

In each piece only one connotation (+, - or 0) to each party/bloc/its leaders/representatives was recorded.

This category was measured in *units*.

## **3. Airtime in TV pieces, fully or partly dealing with parties/blocs/their leaders/representatives**

In case a piece was fully or partly devoted to a party/bloc, the monitors determined and recorded the **airtime**, allocated to the party/bloc/its leaders/representatives for expressing their views and opinions, as well as judgments and narrations about the party/bloc by other persons.

The measurement of airtime, allocated to a party/bloc/its leaders/representatives for expressing their views and opinions, as well as judgments and narrations about the party/bloc by other persons, was made in the following way:

- 1) if the piece was fully dealing with this or that party/bloc, its whole airtime was recorded by monitors as belonging to that party/bloc;
- 2) if the party/bloc was covered in a part of a piece, the monitors recorded only the part of the airtime covering the party/bloc as belonging to that party/bloc;
- 3) if the piece, fully dealing with party/bloc (conventionally named X), quoted the statements of other party/bloc (conventionally called Y), other than referring to party/bloc X, or the judgments, narrations of other persons about Y were presented (**with no comparison with X**), Y received the airtime of this part of the piece;
- 4) if the piece, fully dealing with party/bloc X, quoted its words about another party/bloc Y, or the statements of Y about X were quoted, or judgments, narrations of other persons about Y **in comparison with X** were presented, **50% of relevant airtime** was classed by the monitors to belong to X and Y each.

This category was measured in **seconds**.

#### **4. Assessment of statements and video episodes about parties/blocs/their leaders/representatives contained in TV pieces from the point of view of their compliance with principles of professional ethics, enshrined in the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists**

Monitors assessed and recorded whether the statements, video episodes (in the current study video episode was understood to be a television frame, not accompanied by words) about the parties/blocs/their leaders/representatives contained violations of norms of professional ethics. At the same time monitors also assessed the statements by the parties/blocs/their leaders/representatives themselves.

The assessment was based on the main ethical principles outlined in the [Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists](#), whose provisions could be applied when assessing statements/video episodes:

- Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality (in particular, points 1.3, 1.5 and 1.6)
- Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights (in particular, points 4.1, 4.3, 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7)
- Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values (points from 5.1 to 5.4)
- Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums (in particular, points 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.5).

If statements, video episodes about the parties/blocs/their leaders/representatives contained violations of ethical principles, monitors also recorded who they had been committed by:

1. Programme hosts/authors of pieces
2. Other individuals (heroes of pieces, participants of programmes, interviewees, persons quoted, etc.)

At the same time, the media representatives, journalists, which not being hosts/authors, appeared in a piece/programme as its heroes/participants were also recorded in the category "Other individuals".

Besides, TV pieces in general were also assessed from the point of view of their compliance with the professional norms. In addition to the Principles mentioned above, these are:

- Principle 2. Integrity in relations with sources of information
- Principle 3. Editorial independence
- Principle 6. Integrity in relations with the public.

#### **IV. Recording the participants of the programmes studied**

At the evening prime time (**18.00-00.00**) of the TV channel studied the monitors recorded in separate lists the participants of programmes in "**guest-in-studio**"/**talk-show/interview** format (including participants of news programmes that had the given format). The names of the programmes, the names of the invitees and their positions were specified in the lists.

**PARTIES/BLOCS INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF MONITORING**

Object of monitoring were 5 parties and 4 blocs, registered by the RA Central Electoral Commission for running in the elections to RA National Assembly by national electoral lists.

**PARTIES/BLOCS RUNNING IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BY NATIONAL ELECTORAL LISTS\***

1.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan
2.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan
3.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan
4.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan
5.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan
6.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan
7.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan
8.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan
9.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian

*\*The list of the parties/blocs is presented in accordance with Armenian alphabetical order*

**PARTIES THAT OFFICIALLY ENTERED THE BLOCS**

1.	<b>“Way Out” bloc:</b> “Bright Armenia” party “Republic” party “Civil Contract” party
2.	<b>Tsarukyan bloc:</b> “Prosperous Armenia” party “Alliance” party (Chairman is Tigran Urikhanyan, number 7 in the electoral list) “Arakelutyun” party Armenian National Movement (Board Chairman is Ararat Zurabyan, number 6 in the electoral list)
3.	<b>Congress-PPA parties bloc:</b> Armenian National Congress party Popular Party of Armenia
4.	<b>Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc:</b> “Heritage” party (Board Chairman is Raffi Hovanissian, number 11 in the electoral list) “Unity” party



**TABLES.**  
**PRE-ELECTION PROMOTION**  
**MARCH 5-31, 2017**

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1), “Armenia”, “Yerkir Media”, “Kentron”, “Shant”

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	435	130	230	75	26	47	362	73679.4
2.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	323	133	142	48	36	6	281	65872.3
3.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	315	117	164	34	0	12	303	50295.8
4.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	303	130	127	46	16	5	282	57116.7
5.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	302	115	143	44	5	10	287	41379
6.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	297	106	152	39	2	5	290	45694
7.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	279	107	127	45	2	5	272	35383.9
8.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	258	101	126	31	3	3	252	39967.1
9.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	251	101	109	41	4	2	245	31622.8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2763</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>1320</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2574</b>	<b>441011</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1), “Armenia”, “Yerkir Media”, “Kentron”, “Shant”

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/bloc	Partly dealing with party/bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	8	0	8	0	3	5	0	0	0	8
2.	Others	7	5	2	0	2	5	0	0	7	0
3.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	4	1	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	4
4.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
5.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	3	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
6.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
7.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
8.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
9.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
10.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1)

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	106	28	42	36	15	2	89	9213.5
2.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	90	29	27	34	4	2	84	7026.5
3.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	88	26	28	34	2	2	84	8561.5
4.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	88	30	29	29	1	2	85	6911
5.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	87	27	36	24	0	2	85	8339.5
6.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	86	24	37	25	0	2	84	6801.5
7.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	78	23	26	29	0	1	77	6062.5
8.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	77	27	27	23	2	2	73	8211
9.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	77	24	26	27	2	2	73	6885
<b>Total</b>		<b>777</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>68012</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1)

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/bloc	Partly dealing with party/bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
2.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
3.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
4.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
5.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
6.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
7.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
8.	Others	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
9.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

“Armenia”

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	60	24	21	15	3	0	57	10351.5
2.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	42	23	18	1	0	0	42	4437.4
3.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	41	21	18	2	0	0	41	4750.9
4.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	37	20	17	0	0	0	37	5295.9
5.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	36	15	17	4	0	0	36	4476.5
6.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	34	13	19	2	0	0	34	2320.5
7.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	31	13	17	1	0	0	31	2140.9
8.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	31	13	18	0	0	0	31	2042.9
9.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatour Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	29	10	17	2	0	0	29	1559.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>37376</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

“Armenia”

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/bloc	Partly dealing with party/bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	Others	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
2.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

“Yerkir Media”

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	88	15	67	6	0	19	69	15729
2.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	82	37	39	6	12	1	69	21628.5
3.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	72	17	51	4	8	3	61	11806.5
4.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	71	15	51	5	0	3	68	11291
5.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	67	13	52	2	1	3	63	10030.5
6.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	65	16	45	4	0	4	61	10508
7.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	63	17	42	4	0	3	60	7447
8.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	58	10	45	3	0	1	57	9358.5
9.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	53	18	32	3	0	1	52	9904
	<b>Total</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>107703</b>



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

“Yerkir Media”

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/bloc	Partly dealing with party/bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	4	0	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
2.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
3.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
4.	Others	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
5.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
6.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
7.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
8.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

“Kentron”

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	121	32	77	12	2	22	97	27354.4
2.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	81	44	33	4	24	0	57	31480.4
3.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	72	25	45	2	0	7	65	19459.9
4.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	68	24	40	4	1	4	63	13331.6
5.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	66	32	31	3	1	0	65	19433.5
6.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	66	29	33	4	2	2	62	17825.7
7.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	61	30	27	4	0	0	61	15261
8.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	54	26	26	2	0	0	54	13563.1
9.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	51	25	22	4	3	0	48	7963.4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>165673</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

“Kentron”

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/bloc	Partly dealing with party/bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
2.	Others	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0
3.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
4.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
5.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
6.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
7.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

“Shant”

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	60	31	23	6	6	4	50	11031
2.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	45	26	13	6	2	1	42	8728
3.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	44	24	13	7	0	0	44	7108
4.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	43	27	14	2	0	0	43	6768
5.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	42	25	12	5	0	0	42	6301
6.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	40	28	11	1	1	0	39	7275
7.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	38	25	13	0	0	0	38	5762
8.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	38	22	12	4	1	0	37	5552
9.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	36	17	11	8	1	0	35	3722
	<b>Total</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>62247</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

March 5-31, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

“Shant”

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/bloc	Partly dealing with party/bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10.	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**TABLES.**  
**AHEAD OF PRE-ELECTION PROMOTION**  
**FEBRUARY 15 - MARCH 4, 2017**

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1), "Armenia", "Yerkir Media", "Kentron", "Shant"

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	300	77	197	26	5	20	275	22403.5
2.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	186	34	89	63	0	4	182	20712
3.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	180	69	102	9	24	0	156	33849
4.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	155	45	101	9	0	5	150	12945.5
5.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	118	14	89	15	0	3	115	15362
6.	"Way Out" bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	102	11	80	11	0	0	102	8730
7.	"Armenian Renaissance" party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	97	16	70	11	0	0	97	13163
8.	"Free Democrats" party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	84	8	69	7	0	8	76	11217.5
9.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	72	12	56	4	0	0	72	6091.5
<b>Total</b>		<b>1294</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>144474</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1), “Armenia”, “Yerkir Media”, “Kentron”, “Shant”

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/bloc	Partly dealing with party/bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	12	0	8	0	0	12	0	0	0	12
2.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	8	0	5	0	0	8	0	0	0	8
3.	Others	6	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	4	2
4.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	3	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	2
5.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaksutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
6.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1)

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	48	11	32	5	2	0	46	2494
2.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	27	2	15	10	0	0	27	645
3.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	22	4	17	1	0	0	22	634
4.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	18	1	14	3	0	0	18	367.5
5.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	17	1	14	2	0	0	17	357.5
6.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	15	4	11	0	0	0	15	2561.5
7.	"Way Out" bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	14	1	13	0	0	0	14	305
8.	"Armenian Renaissance" party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	13	3	10	0	0	0	13	2988
9.	"Free Democrats" party: Khachatour Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	10	0	10	0	0	0	10	138.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>10491</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1)

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/bloc	Partly dealing with party/bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
2.	Others	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
3.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

“Armenia”

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	50	14	29	7	2	1	47	6381
2.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	24	2	12	10	0	0	24	589.5
3.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	18	2	14	2	0	0	18	3020.5
4.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	18	5	13	0	0	0	18	723
5.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	16	1	12	3	0	0	16	351
6.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	14	0	13	1	0	0	14	285
7.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	11	2	9	0	0	0	11	381
8.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	10	0	9	1	0	0	10	189
9.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	8	0	8	0	0	0	8	112
<b>Total</b>		<b>169</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>12032</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

“Armenia”

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/bloc	Partly dealing with party/bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
7.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
10.	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

“Yerkir Media”

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	63	17	20	26	0	0	63	12259.5
2.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	40	4	34	2	0	2	38	4294
3.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	25	6	17	2	0	0	25	3650
4.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	22	1	20	1	0	0	22	4565.5
5.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	19	3	14	2	0	3	16	4661
6.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	19	1	17	1	0	0	19	1279.5
7.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	14	0	12	2	0	1	13	3604
8.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	13	1	11	1	0	0	13	2732.5
9.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	9	1	8	0	0	0	9	230
<b>Total</b>		<b>224</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>37276</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

“Yerkir Media”

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/ video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/ bloc	Partly dealing with party/ bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
2.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
3.	Others	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
4.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

“Kentron”

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	119	42	66	11	0	16	103	6395
2.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	98	61	33	4	24	0	74	24987
3.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	59	25	28	6	0	3	56	4941.5
4.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	50	7	28	15	0	4	46	5047
5.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	38	5	25	8	0	0	38	4699.5
6.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	34	7	19	8	0	0	34	5092.5
7.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	33	5	21	7	0	0	33	2797
8.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	31	2	24	5	0	7	24	3561.5
9.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	21	1	16	4	0	0	21	894
	<b>Total</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>58415</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

“Kentron”

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/bloc	Partly dealing with party/bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	11	0	7	0	0	11	0	0	0	11
2.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	4	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
3.	Others	4	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	1
4.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
5.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>



PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Number, form and nature (positive, negative, neutral) of references, airtime, allocated to parties/blocs

“Shant”

	Party/Bloc	Number of references to party/bloc (in units)	Form of references to party/bloc (in units)			Nature of references to party/bloc (in units)			Airtime of pieces, fully or partly dealing with party/bloc (in sec.)
			Pieces, fully dealing with party/bloc	Pieces, partly dealing with party/bloc	Mentionings about party/bloc	+	-	0	
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	43	6	36	1	1	1	41	2839.5
2.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	31	5	26	0	0	2	29	2997
3.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	29	6	22	1	0	0	29	3654
4.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	26	3	23	0	0	0	26	2544.5
5.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	25	3	22	0	0	0	25	2613.5
6.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	22	6	14	2	0	0	22	2171
7.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	21	6	15	0	0	0	21	3801.5
8.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	21	5	15	1	0	0	21	3614
9.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	16	4	12	0	0	0	16	2025
	<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>26260</b>

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2017

February 15 - March 4, 2017

Violations of principles of professional ethics in statements/video episodes about parties/blocs

“Shant”

	Party/Bloc	Number of violations of ethics in statements/video episodes about party/bloc (in units)	Form of piece, containing violation (in units)			Source of statement/video episode about party/bloc (in units)		Nature of violation (in compliance with the principles of the Code of Ethics of Armenian Media and Journalists)			
			Fully dealing with party/bloc	Partly dealing with party/bloc	Containing mentionings about party/bloc	Programme host/author of piece	Other individuals	Principle 1. Accuracy and impartiality	Principle 4. Respect for privacy and other human rights	Principle 5. Respect for representatives of different groups and for universal values	Principle 7. Integrity in covering elections and referendums
1.	Republican Party of Armenia: Vigen Sargsyan, Taron Margaryan, Arpineh Hovhannisyan	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
2.	Ohanyan-Raffi-Oskanian bloc: Seyran Ohanyan, Armen Martirosyan, Vardan Oskanian	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
3.	“Free Democrats” party: Khachatur Kokobelyan, Hrant Bagratyan, Styopa Safaryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.	“Way Out” bloc: Edmon Marukyan, Aram Sargsyan, Nikol Pashinyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Tsarukyan bloc: Gagik Tsarukyan, Ishkhan Zakaryan, Naira Zohrabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Congress-PPA parties bloc: Levon Ter-Petrosyan, Stepan Demirtchyan, Levon Zourabyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party: Armen Rustamyan, Aghvan Vardanyan, Davit Lokyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Communist Party of Armenia: Tatchat Sargsyan, Vazgen Safaryan, Gagik Manukyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	“Armenian Renaissance” party: Artur Baghdasaryan, Mher Shahgeldyan, Heghineh Bisharyan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>