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### **IN THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD**

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THE RESEARCH AT THIS STAGE included the main news and political programmes of six national terrestrial TV channels - First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1), "Armenia", "Yerkir Media", "Kentron", Second Armenian TV Channel (h2) and "Shant", as well as two online media regularly occupying high places in rankings - 1in.am and News.am. At the same time on News.am all the pieces were studied, while on 1in.am discussion political video programmes aired in prime time became the object of the monitoring (*see below the monitoring methodology*).

The dates of the start and the end of the current monitoring period are conditioned by the day of resignation of the Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan (October 16, 2018), which practically made the conduct of snap parliamentary elections in December inevitable, and the day (November 1, 2018), when these elections were officially announced and scheduled for. Taking into consideration the fact that the changes, which occurred in the country in the last months, brought significant uncertainty to the set-up of the political forces, the first stage of the pre-election monitoring was devoted not to the coverage of the parties and blocs by a number of leading Armenian media, but to the most pressing political issue: identifying the attention and attitude towards the new Government, its leader, its activities and initiatives, including the possibility of conducting snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and adoption of the draft amendments to the RA Electoral Code presented by the Government. For a schematic and addressed understanding on the reflection of the monitoring theme in the media the authors/sources of references, as well as the objects of this references were divided into several categories (*hereafter for the quantitative results of the monitoring see the attached tables*).

THE MOST INTENSIVE from the studied broadcasters was PTA First Channel's coverage of the monitoring theme (in this, the significant part of First Channel's coverage were pieces of official nature). The least intensive coverage was on "Shant" TV channel. At the same time it should be acknowledged that all the studied TV channels paid much attention to the theme. The high indicator of News.am and the relatively low indicator of 1in.am are not conditioned by the difference in the interest towards relevant issues, but by the total amount of the studied pieces on these online media.

According to the cumulative indicators of the six studied TV channels, out of all the objects of references the Prime Minister and the Government in general received most attention. This observation is also true for each individual TV channel. The leading category is followed by snap elections/draft amendments to the Electoral Code, and specific ministries/agencies. Almost the same picture was recorded in the pieces of News.am, while in the discussion programmes of 1in.am the topics of snap elections and the draft amendments to the Electoral Code were in the leading positions.

FROM ALL THE CATEGORIES of authors/sources representatives of the Government, President's Office and local self-government bodies distinguished themselves by the most active references to the theme of the monitoring. It was their statements that were most often demanded by the studied TV channels and News.am. And only 1in.am significantly more often touched upon the representatives of expert community, which is explained by the specifics of the pieces of this media, which became the object of the current study. In

general, it can be noted that the studied media presented a wide spectrum of opinions by different layers of the Armenian public - officials, main political forces, experts, representatives of civil society. At the same time, foreign authors/sources, including representatives of the Armenian Diaspora, were in much less demand. This circumstance to a certain extent can be explained by the society's recent months' focus of itself, internal relationships and self-esteem.

AS FOR THE ATTITUDE of authors/sources of references to the thematic categories, the largest percentage of connotational references that appeared on TV air fell to the lot of snap elections and the draft amendments to the Electoral Code (51.1% of the total number of connotational references on the six studied channels). Moreover, a positive attitude towards the draft and the snap elections was mentioned significantly more often than a negative one (218 against 68). Out of the 18 categories of authors/sources a negative balance of references to this topic was recorded among representatives of the Republican Party of Armenia (RPA), ARF-Dashnaktsutyun and the expert community. However, if in case of RPA the negative attitude dominated (6 positive against 37 negative references), ARF-Dashnaktsutyun had rough parity (18 against 20). Another five categories of authors/sources either did not refer to the topic or had a zero balance. The draft amendments to the Electoral Code and snap elections received the greatest support in the studied media by "Prosperous Armenia" party/Tsarukyan bloc. In this regard "Way Out" bloc and the representatives of the Government had similar indicators.

Relatively controversial was the coverage by the TV channels of the Prime Minister and the Government in general (about 25% of connotational references of the total number of references to the category, including 115 positive and 61 negative). Negative balance of references was recorded in five categories of authors/sources (most of the criticism towards the activities of the Government was voiced by the representatives of RPA and experts community). Also, five categories of authors/sources did not refer to the topic or had a zero balance on the studied TV air.

If to speak about separate media studied, then a trend different from the general one was recorded on News.am and "Yerkir Media" TV channel, where the balance of connotational references to the Prime Minister and the Government in general was negative. Moreover, on "Yerkir Media" such balance was formed as a result of the critical statements of journalists themselves (7 out of 14 negative references). In certain media negative balance of connotational references was recorded in relation to specific ministries/agencies, as well as to "Civil Contract" party/"My Step" and "Way Out" blocs. However, in these cases the connotational coloring was not that apparent as in the above-mentioned two media. 1in.am appeared to be the only media studied, where the expert community had positive balance of connotational references to the Prime Minister and the Government in general, while this balance was zero on PTA First Channel, "Armenia" and "Shant", and negative on the remaining four - News.am, Second Armenian TV Channel, "Yerkir Media" and "Kentron".

SUMMARIZING ALL THE THEMATIC CATEGORIES, it can be noted that the positive references were mainly recorded in the pieces devoted or related to the draft amendments to the Electoral Code and snap elections, the 17th Summit of the International Organization of La Francophonie, the amnesty and in broad context the Velvet Revolution carried out in Armenia. In the period studied the latter was touched upon in particular by foreign officials and representatives of the Diaspora (President of Lebanon Michel Aoun, US President's National Security Advisor John Bolton, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia Aram I). At the same time the draft amendments to the Electoral Code/snap elections and the amnesty often became reason for negative references. Another frequent reason for criticism was the personnel policy of the new authorities, mainly the appointment of the RA Police former Deputy Chief Hunan Poghosyan as Governor of Syunik region.

# MONITORING METHODOLOGY

## FIRST STAGE

OCTOBER 16 - NOVEMBER 1, 2018

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

*The following was regarded as a TV piece:*

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

- a separate story in the newscast;
- a separate communication, presented by the programme host;
- 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.);
- announcements of the pieces within the programmes were viewed as a part of the story they referred to;
- 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.

*The following was regarded as an online piece:*

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

- a separate article, news report, interview, etc.;
- announcements of the publications were viewed to be a part of the publication they referred to;

- headline/subheadline, the lead (i.e. the text after the headline/subheadline that introduces the publication and bears the main message of the publication) were considered to be a part of the story they referred to;
- editorial comment on a certain publication, distinguished by words “Editor’s note”, “Editorial comment”, etc. was considered to be a part of the story they referred to;
- photograph (pictures, cartoons, collages, illustrations, charts, etc.) that was not a part of a publication, but contained a headline or a text or had a message was considered as a separate piece. If the photograph accompanied the publication, it was considered to be part of the piece it referred to;
- If the text material was accompanied by a video or audio then it was considered as one multimedia publication;
- If the video or audio material was not part of the publication, but was a separate material (with headline, text, etc.), then such material was considered as a separate multimedia publication.

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

#### 1. Total amount of pieces studied containing references to the theme of the monitoring

The monitoring team determined and recorded the number of pieces, which contained references to the possibility of conducting snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the activities of the RA new Government.

#### 2. The number of references to the theme of the monitoring in pieces

The monitoring team determined and recorded the number of references to the possibility of conducting snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the activities of the RA new Government.

Lists of subjects-authors of references, as well as objects of these references were developed.

### AUTHORS OF REFERENCES

1.	Representatives of the RA Government, President’s Office and local self-government bodies
2.	Representatives of the RA judiciary
3.	<i>Political forces represented in the RA National Assembly:</i> Republican Party of Armenia
	“Prosperous Armenia” party
	“Way Out” bloc
	Armenian Revolutionary Federation-Dashnaktsutyun party
4.	RA NA independent deputies
5.	Representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces/non-partisan politicians
6.	Experts/representatives of NGOs/CSOs
7.	Media/journalists
8.	Well-known public figures
9.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies
10.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh
11.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora
12.	Foreign officials
13.	Representatives of foreign public
14.	Vox Populi
15.	Others

## OBJECTS OF REFERENCES

1.	Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and the Government of Armenia in general
2.	Members of the Government and ministries/agencies chaired by them
3.	“Civil Contract” party, “My Step” parties bloc, “Way Out” bloc
4.	Snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the draft Electoral Code presented by the Government ( <i>from October 22, 2018</i> )*

\* *The draft law on the RA Electoral Code became an object of reference from October 22, 2018, on the day of its submission by the RA Government to the National Assembly of Armenia.*

Hereafter the following principle applied: the reference (nature of reference) of the same author to the same object in the same piece was recorded once regardless of how many times it was repeated in the piece. If in the piece the same author referred to different objects, then each of them was recorded (also once) in the appropriate column. If the piece contained references of several authors to one or several objects, then all of them (like the nature of reference) were recorded in the appropriate columns.

### 3. Nature of references

Monitoring team determined and recorded the attitude of the author of reference to its object contained in the piece in the following way:

- **positive (+)**
- **negative (-)**
- **neutral (0)**

In this the principle mentioned in Point 2 applied also in this case.

All the doubts of the monitor regarding the uncertainty of the nature of reference were interpreted in favor of neutral reference.

All the above-mentioned categories were measured in ***units***.

## **TABLES**

**OCTOBER 16 - NOVEMBER 1, 2018**



**First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1), “Armenia”, “Yerkir Media”,  
“Kentron”, Second Armenian TV Channel (h2), “Shant”  
October 16 - November 1, 2018**

Total amount of studied pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														823			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES															
		Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Armenian Government in general				Members of the Government and ministries/agencies chaired by them				“Civil Contract” party, “My Step” parties bloc, “Way Out” bloc				Snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the draft Electoral Code presented by the Government (from October 22, 2018)			
		Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references		
			+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0
1.	Representatives of the RA Government, President’s Office and local self-government bodies	266	26	0	240	399	19	8	372	42	6	0	36	122	49	0	73
2.	Representatives of the RA judiciary	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	3
3.	<i>Political forces represented in the RA National Assembly:</i>																
	Republican Party of Armenia	32	4	20	8	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	8	70	6	37	27
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	73	14	0	59	6	0	0	6	8	1	0	7	94	59	0	35
	“Way Out” bloc	79	14	1	64	16	4	0	12	41	8	0	33	80	47	0	33
	ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	25	6	4	15	3	0	0	3	7	0	0	7	56	18	20	18
4.	RA NA independent deputies	34	0	0	34	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	5	2	0	3
5.	Representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces/non-partisan politicians	7	2	5	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	20	6	3	11
6.	Experts/Representatives of NGOs/CSOs	58	6	18	34	28	4	16	8	7	0	1	6	27	4	7	16
7.	Media/journalists	34	4	10	20	13	1	4	8	18	0	5	13	29	3	1	25
8.	Well-known public figures	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
9.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	5	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
12.	Foreign officials	45	32	0	13	4	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	31	19	0	12
13.	Representatives of foreign public	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
14.	Vox Populi	20	1	3	16	14	1	6	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Others	25	2	0	23	13	1	4	8	1	0	1	0	6	1	0	5
	<b>Total (in units)</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>263</b>

**First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (h1)  
October 16 - November 1, 2018**

Total amount of studied pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														217			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES															
		Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Armenian Government in general				Members of the Government and ministries/agencies chaired by them				“Civil Contract” party, “My Step” parties bloc, “Way Out” bloc				Snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the draft Electoral Code presented by the Government (from October 22, 2018)			
		Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references		
			+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0
1.	Representatives of the RA Government, President’s Office and local self-government bodies	72	7	0	65	119	4	2	113	10	2	0	8	33	14	0	19
2.	Representatives of the RA judiciary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
3.	<i>Political forces represented in the RA National Assembly:</i>																
	Republican Party of Armenia	9	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	22	1	12	9
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	15	2	0	13	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	15	6	0	9
	“Way Out” bloc	18	2	0	16	3	1	0	2	9	1	0	8	16	8	0	8
	ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	4	1	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	13	4	5	4
4.	RA NA independent deputies	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces/non-partisan politicians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1
6.	Experts/Representatives of NGOs/CSOs	12	0	0	12	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
7.	Media/journalists	10	4	1	5	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	4	9	1	0	8
8.	Well-known public figures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Foreign officials	11	9	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	10	6	0	4
13.	Representatives of foreign public	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Vox Populi	6	0	0	6	9	1	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Others	7	1	0	6	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
	<b>Total (in units)</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>68</b>

**“Armenia” TV channel  
October 16 - November 1, 2018**

Total amount of studied pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														122			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES															
		Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Armenian Government in general				Members of the Government and ministries/agencies chaired by them				“Civil Contract” party, “My Step” parties bloc, “Way Out” bloc				Snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the draft Electoral Code presented by the Government (from October 22, 2018)			
		Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references		
			+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0
1.	Representatives of the RA Government, President’s Office and local self-government bodies	47	5	0	42	76	2	2	72	4	0	0	4	20	5	0	15
2.	Representatives of the RA judiciary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
3.	<i>Political forces represented in the RA National Assembly:</i>																
	Republican Party of Armenia	5	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	15	0	10	5
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	3	0	4
	“Way Out” bloc	10	0	0	10	1	0	0	1	8	1	0	7	11	7	0	4
	ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	2	3	2
4.	RA NA independent deputies	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces/non-partisan politicians	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
6.	Experts/Representatives of NGOs/CSOs	4	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.	Media/journalists	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
8.	Well-known public figures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Foreign officials	10	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	2
13.	Representatives of foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Vox Populi	6	0	2	4	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Others	6	0	0	6	4	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total (in units)</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>37</b>

**“Yerkir Media” TV channel  
October 16 - November 1, 2018**

Total amount of studied pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														107			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES															
		Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Armenian Government in general				Members of the Government and ministries/agencies chaired by them				“Civil Contract” party, “My Step” parties bloc, “Way Out” bloc				Snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the draft Electoral Code presented by the Government (from October 22, 2018)			
		Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references		
			+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0
1.	Representatives of the RA Government, President’s Office and local self-government bodies	36	1	0	35	38	3	0	35	6	0	0	6	17	6	0	11
2.	Representatives of the RA judiciary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	<i>Political forces represented in the RA National Assembly:</i>																
	Republican Party of Armenia	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5	1	2	2
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	3	0	1
	“Way Out” bloc	8	1	0	7	5	2	0	3	8	3	0	5	8	6	0	2
	ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	8	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	10	3	2	5
4.	RA NA independent deputies	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces/non-partisan politicians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
6.	Experts/Representatives of NGOs/CSOs	9	0	4	5	3	0	2	1	2	0	0	2	8	1	3	4
7.	Media/journalists	14	0	7	7	2	0	1	1	11	0	4	7	11	0	1	10
8.	Well-known public figures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
12.	Foreign officials	6	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	4	0	2
13.	Representatives of foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Vox Populi	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Others	5	0	0	5	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total (in units)</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>39</b>

**“Kentron” TV channel  
October 16 - November 1, 2018**

Total amount of studied pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														132			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES															
		Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Armenian Government in general				Members of the Government and ministries/agencies chaired by them				“Civil Contract” party, “My Step” parties bloc, “Way Out” bloc				Snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the draft Electoral Code presented by the Government (from October 22, 2018)			
		Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references		
			+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0
1.	Representatives of the RA Government, President’s Office and local self-government bodies	40	3	0	37	74	3	1	70	11	2	0	9	25	10	0	15
2.	Representatives of the RA judiciary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	<i>Political forces represented in the RA National Assembly:</i>																
	Republican Party of Armenia	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	9	2	5	2
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	29	8	0	21	4	0	0	4	3	1	0	2	41	30	0	11
	“Way Out” bloc	14	4	0	10	4	0	0	4	8	2	0	6	16	9	0	7
	ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	10	3	6	1
4.	RA NA independent deputies	8	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
5.	Representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces/non-partisan politicians	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	5
6.	Experts/Representatives of NGOs/CSOs	12	2	5	5	19	4	12	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2
7.	Media/journalists	4	0	1	3	6	0	3	3	1	0	1	0	5	2	0	3
8.	Well-known public figures	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Foreign officials	7	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1
13.	Representatives of foreign public	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Vox Populi	4	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Others	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total (in units)</b>		<b>131</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>48</b>

**Second Armenian TV Channel (h2)  
October 16 - November 1, 2018**

Total amount of studied pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														140			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES															
		Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Armenian Government in general				Members of the Government and ministries/agencies chaired by them				“Civil Contract” party, “My Step” parties bloc, “Way Out” bloc				Snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the draft Electoral Code presented by the Government (from October 22, 2018)			
		Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references		
			+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0
1.	Representatives of the RA Government, President’s Office and local self-government bodies	39	4	0	35	57	5	3	49	4	1	0	3	10	5	0	5
2.	Representatives of the RA judiciary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
3.	<i>Political forces represented in the RA National Assembly:</i>																
	Republican Party of Armenia	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	0	5	2
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	5	1	0	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	12	9	0	3
	“Way Out” bloc	9	2	1	6	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	12	7	0	5
	ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	2	2	2
4.	RA NA independent deputies	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
5.	Representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces/non-partisan politicians	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	2
6.	Experts/Representatives of NGOs/CSOs	15	2	7	6	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	11	3	3	5
7.	Media/journalists	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
8.	Well-known public figures	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
9.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Foreign officials	10	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	3
13.	Representatives of foreign public	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
14.	Vox Populi	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Others	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
<b>Total (in units)</b>		<b>98</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>

**“Shant” TV channel  
October 16 - November 1, 2018**

Total amount of studied pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														105			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES															
		Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Armenian Government in general				Members of the Government and ministries/agencies chaired by them				“Civil Contract” party, “My Step” parties bloc, “Way Out” bloc				Snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the draft Electoral Code presented by the Government (from October 22, 2018)			
		Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references		
			+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0
1.	Representatives of the RA Government, President’s Office and local self-government bodies	32	6	0	26	35	2	0	33	7	1	0	6	17	9	0	8
2.	Representatives of the RA judiciary	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
3.	<i>Political forces represented in the RA National Assembly:</i>																
	Republican Party of Armenia	8	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	12	2	3	7
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	15	3	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	8	0	7
	“Way Out” bloc	20	5	0	15	2	1	0	1	6	1	0	5	17	10	0	7
	ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	6	1	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	10	4	2	4
4.	RA NA independent deputies	8	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	2
5.	Representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces/non-partisan politicians	3	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	1	0
6.	Experts/Representatives of NGOs/CSOs	6	1	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1
7.	Media/journalists	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
8.	Well-known public figures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Foreign officials	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
13.	Representatives of foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Vox Populi	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Others	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total (in units)</b>		<b>104</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>40</b>

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Total amount of studied pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														55			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES															
		Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Armenian Government in general				Members of the Government and ministries/agencies chaired by them				“Civil Contract” party, “My Step” parties bloc, “Way Out” bloc				Snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the draft Electoral Code presented by the Government (from October 22, 2018)			
		Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references		
			+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0
1.	Representatives of the RA Government, President’s Office and local self-government bodies	11	5	0	6	4	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	4	3	0	1
2.	Representatives of the RA judiciary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	<i>Political forces represented in the RA National Assembly:</i>																
	Republican Party of Armenia	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	2
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1
	“Way Out” bloc	6	1	0	5	2	0	0	2	6	3	0	3	15	4	0	11
	ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
4.	RA NA independent deputies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces/non-partisan politicians	15	7	6	2	6	1	3	2	8	1	3	4	21	14	3	4
6.	Experts/Representatives of NGOs/CSOs	50	11	8	31	14	1	7	6	23	1	3	19	43	22	4	17
7.	Media/journalists	10	1	3	6	3	1	1	1	6	0	0	6	14	6	0	8
8.	Well-known public figures	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0
9.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Foreign officials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Representatives of foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Vox Populi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Others	3	1	0	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
<b>Total (in units)</b>		<b>102</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>45</b>



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Total amount of studied pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														764			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES															
		Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Armenian Government in general				Members of the Government and ministries/agencies chaired by them				“Civil Contract” party, “My Step” parties bloc, “Way Out” bloc				Snap parliamentary elections in December 2018 and the draft Electoral Code presented by the Government (from October 22, 2018)			
		Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references			Number of references (in units)	Nature of references		
			+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0		+	-	0
1.	Representatives of the RA Government, President’s Office and local self-government bodies	149	9	2	138	263	12	4	247	26	2	0	24	43	20	0	23
2.	Representatives of the RA judiciary	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
3.	<i>Political forces represented in the RA National Assembly:</i>																
	Republican Party of Armenia	36	3	20	13	4	0	0	4	3	0	1	2	64	2	21	41
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	37	3	0	34	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	44	18	0	26
	“Way Out” bloc	42	3	1	38	1	0	0	1	17	0	0	17	36	9	0	27
	ARF-Dashnaktsutyun	9	1	6	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	12	3	4	5
4.	RA NA independent deputies	26	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
5.	Representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces/non-partisan politicians	17	1	10	6	5	0	4	1	2	0	0	2	15	4	2	9
6.	Experts/Representatives of NGOs/CSOs	12	0	8	4	7	0	2	5	1	0	1	0	7	1	2	4
7.	Media/journalists	12	0	4	8	25	0	9	16	12	0	4	8	13	0	0	13
8.	Well-known public figures	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	7	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
12.	Foreign officials	20	11	0	9	11	0	0	11	2	2	0	0	19	7	0	12
13.	Representatives of foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Vox Populi	7	0	1	6	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Others	9	1	1	7	8	1	4	3	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	4
<b>Total (in units)</b>		<b>385</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>166</b>