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THE CURRENT REPORT covered the period from February 17 (official start of the promotion campaign) to March 15, 2020 - prior to the announcement of state of emergency in Armenia on March 16, and the Referendum and, accordingly, the campaign were postponed. From March 16, 2020, the monitoring was suspended and will continue after the resumption of the campaign. The object of the study were the programs aired in the evening prime time of six national (First Channel of Public Television of Armenia, “Armenia”, “Yerkir Media”, “Kentron”, Second Armenian TV Channel and “Shant”) and two capital based (“Armnews” and 5th Channel) terrestrial broadcasters. The monitoring focused on the references of the studied media to the theme of the Referendum. At the same time, the relevant pieces were distributed into three conditional thematic categories - “Legality and appropriateness of the conduct of Referendum”, “Attitude to the question put to Referendum” (statements in favor of non-participation in the vote were equated to the position of “no”) and “Assessment of the organization of the Referendum”.

Applying quantitative and qualitative research methods, Yerevan Press Club monitoring team determined the airtime volume and frequency of references to a certain position, as well as the attitude (positive, negative, neutral) to the three topics mentioned above. These data were distributed among different groups of authors of statements in the context of the Referendum campaign (*see below the monitoring methodology*). Such an approach to the study allows, first of all, to reveal the level of attention to the Referendum, the degree of balance in the coverage of the campaign by the media monitored, and eventually, their readiness to assist Armenian citizens to take a conscious position on the Referendum.

THE GREATEST ATTENTION was paid by the media studied to the issues related to the organization of the Referendum campaign. Here they reported on the formation and activities of “Yes” and “No” campaign sides, the legislative regulation of the campaign and voting, the attitude to the composition of electoral commissions, as well as opinions regarding the freedom, transparency and fairness of the whole process.

This thematic category turned out to be almost as “full” as the other two combined. The coverage directly related to the question put to Referendum in terms of frequency of references and airtime volume slightly surpassed the topic of appropriateness and legality of the Referendum. Detailed direct and remote discussions unfolded on the air. On the one hand, arguments were voiced on the need to overcome the crisis around the Constitutional Court and thereby pave the path towards an independent judiciary and the completion of the agenda of the “velvet” revolution. Supporters of the termination of powers of seven judges of the Constitutional Court argued that this body is politicized, operates in the interest of the previous authorities and impedes reforms in various spheres of the country's life.

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On the other hand, positions were presented in favor of the unconstitutionality of the initiative to conduct Referendum. The ruling political force was accused of trying to subjugate the Constitutional Court and the judiciary in general, spending 2.5 billion drams on a Referendum for the sole purpose - getting rid of the unwanted Chairman of the Constitutional Court, instead of working consistently on a comprehensive update of the Main Law. A number of opponents of the country's political leadership claimed that the latter shifted responsibility for making a decision to citizens, and through the society seek to establish full control over all branches of power. There was also a suspicion that control, in particular, over the Constitutional Court is necessary for the ruling force to freely achieve goals that are contrary to national interests. Calls to postpone or cancel the Referendum in connection with the spread of coronavirus, as well as the linkage of tension on the borders of Armenia with the inappropriateness of Referendum occupied a special place in this row.

The ratio of positions on the first (appropriateness and legality of the Referendum) and the third (organization of the Referendum) conditional thematic categories, based on the results of the February 17 - March 15, 2020 monitoring, worked clearly in favor of the opponents and critics of the initiative of the ruling political force. According to the cumulative data of the eight media studied, 33 references were recorded in favor of the conduct of Referendum, 186 - against, and 40 - neutral (*hereafter for the quantitative results of the monitoring see the attached tables*). Regarding its organization, there were 15 references in positive context, 159 in negative and 847 in neutral one. In fact, compared to the data of the first interim report covering the period from February 17 to March 4, 2020, the gap in both categories increased in favor of negative assessments. This happened, among other things, due to the attention of some of the studied broadcasters to the incident in the subway, when a girl tore and threw the campaign booklet at the RA Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan. This video sequence, in spite of not containing verbal expressions, was recorded by the monitoring team as negative in relation to the "Yes" campaign side.

In the second thematic category (attitude to the question put to Referendum) support for "yes" had a certain advantage: 214 references against 152 in support of "no", and 101 neutral references. And here the gap in favor of "yes", recorded in the first interim report, increased. If in the period until March 4, 2020, the advantage of "yes" was conditioned by the active coverage of the fundraising event for the "Yes" campaign side, which, in particular, was given special attention by "Armnews" TV channel, then in the following days this advantage was strengthened mainly due to the Second Armenian TV Channel and 5th Channel. A positive "yes" balance between March 5 and 15, 2020 was also recorded on the air of the PTA First Channel, "Yerkir Media", "Kentron" and "Armenia". The results of the second thematic category were also affected to some extent by the fact that the officially registered "No" side focused not on campaigning, but on proper compliance with electoral procedures. For example, its representatives considered as violations the appeal of the Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure Suren Papikyan from the rostrum of the National Assembly to vote for the amendment to the Constitution, the use of a helicopter by the Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan to reach campaign events in Syunik, etc.

FROM THE STUDIED TV CHANNELS in the period from February 17 to March 15, 2020, the Referendum campaign was most intensively covered by "Armnews". This can be explained by the news, and social and political profile of the broadcaster. Among general profile TV channels, the PTA First Channel and "Yerkir Media" have approximately the same indicators in terms of intensity of campaign coverage. Based on the data of the February 17- March 15, 2020 monitoring, "Armnews", PTA First Channel and "Yerkir

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Media” can be conditionally classified as “actively covering”. Before the suspension of the campaign, from the media studied “Armenia” TV channel was the least active in covering topics related to the Referendum. The Second Armenian TV Channel showed more attention to the Referendum than “Armenia”, but in terms of the intensity of coverage, it was also significantly behind not only the three leaders (by airtime allocated to the Referendum theme), but also the 5th Channel, “Kentron” and “Shant”, which had “average” indicators in this regard.

HERE IT SHOULD BE once again emphasized that digital terrestrial broadcasting in Armenia is carried out through a public multiplex operator, and this imposes certain obligations on television companies. In particular, from holders of licenses, which imply news or general profile, one should have expected due attention to the topic of the Referendum, contribution to a conscious orientation of the country's public ahead of the vote. Whatever decision is made by the Armenian citizen - to speak “in favor” or “against” the initiated amendments to the Constitution, or boycott the referendum - it must be the result of maximum awareness, weighing of a variety of arguments. The media, first of all terrestrial broadcasters, are the main assistants of the public in this regard.

THE MENTIONED COMMITMENT is most relevant to the Public Television and Radio Company. Overall, its **First Channel** paid sufficient attention to the main aspects of the Referendum and presented, according to the monitoring results, a wide range of views on this important political and legal event. Especially balanced was the coverage by the public broadcaster of the positions on the question put to Referendum (the second thematic category).

“**Armenia**” TV channel, as noted above, at this stage of the campaign did not consider its coverage as one of the priority topics of its news programs, and there were no discussion or “guest-in-studio” format programs within its broadcasting.

Almost the same thing can be said about the **Second Armenian TV Channel**, although it significantly surpassed “Armenia” in terms of frequency of references and volume of airtime allocated to the campaign. In spite of the fact that current affairs program “Right to Speech” is aired on the Second Channel, during the study period the Referendum theme was touched upon in it only with two guests (moreover, in one of these cases only for 13 seconds).

“**Shant**” TV channel, which out of all the broadcasters monitored, stood out with relatively neutral coverage in the period between February 17 to March 4, in the following 11 days until the suspension of the campaign showed more critical approach to the Referendum theme. This was especially related to the second (question put to Referendum) and third (organization of the Referendum) thematic categories. In case of the first thematic category (appropriateness, legality of the conduct of the Referendum) negative attitude had been shown before March 4 as well.

The intensity of “**Yerkir Media**” references to the Referendum theme was probably influenced by the fact that this broadcaster (as well as a number of other media) had difficulty with hosting representatives of the ruling political force at discussion programs. Representatives of the “Yes” campaign side never appeared on the air of this TV channel. Given the desire to maintain a certain balance - taking into account the monitoring by the Commission on Television and Radio - the opponents of the authorities were less often invited to these programs. Overall, this broadcaster had more or less balanced coverage of the second thematic category (question put to Referendum): the indicators of “yes” and “no” turned out to be close enough - 21 and 24 references, respectively. However, in case

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of the two other thematic categories a significant imbalance was recorded in favor of a critical attitude to the Referendum.

“**Kentron**”, like “Armenia”, has no discussion-oriented programs on its air. Apart from news programs, where, according to the representatives of the TV company, they faced difficulties in covering the positions of the “No” campaign side - due to the fact that they do not conduct campaign events, the Referendum was covered in “Antsudarts” program (press review), which, on the contrary, quoted mainly opposition-minded media.

A distinctive feature of “**Armnews**” was the fact that on the air of this broadcaster - the only one among the studied media - the support for “yes” was heard more often than “no” (55 against 35 references, respectively). This ratio was the result of live-stream and rerun of certain episodes of the “Yes” side campaign kick-off event of February 25, 2020. Overall, in the coverage of the Referendum by this channel negative attitude towards it prevailed. This was especially manifested in “guest-in-studio” format programs. Moreover, not only did the guests of these programs actively express their position, but also the journalists themselves.

On the **5th Channel**, where before March 4, the day the first interim monitoring report was completed, a sharply critical attitude towards the Referendum also prevailed, later the picture, according to purely quantitative indicators, slightly changed. Thus, in the second thematic category (the question put to Referendum) “yes” for the entire period until the suspension of the campaign and, accordingly, the monitoring, even received a significant advantage over “no” (47 versus 10). However, the general effect on the audience, from the pieces, in which people in the streets spoke out in favor of “yes”, cannot be defined as favorable for the authorities who initiated the Referendum: the emphasis was placed on the public not understanding the essence of the issue put to a nationwide vote. The position of this broadcaster was even more clearly manifested when covering topics related to the organization of the Referendum (third thematic category) - 42 references with a negative context and not a single positive reference with 78 neutral ones.

OF ALL THE AUTHORS OF REFERENCES regarding the Referendum, in the period before the suspension of the campaign (from February 17 to March 15, 2020), a considerable advantage was received by “Yes” campaign side – due to the conduct of active campaigning. Further, according to the cumulative airtime of all eight broadcasters studied, the groups “RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians” and “Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists” followed. The “No” campaign side and the political forces represented in the parliament significantly lagged behind the three leaders.

Of the three parliamentary forces, “My Step” faction and the “Prosperous Armenia” party received roughly equal attention (in terms of airtime volume). However, here it should be acknowledged that a number of representatives of “My Step” faction were identified in the framework of this monitoring as “Yes” side and often as representatives of the authorities. In other words, they were recorded as authors of statements in three different groups and were thus out of competition in terms of coverage compared to other political forces. Their advantage would be even more convincing if they had not avoided accepting invitations from a number of television companies. “Bright Armenia” party received significantly less attention from the broadcasters studied than the other two political forces represented in the parliament and even some extra-parliamentary parties. This fact indicates a continuing advantage of access to the air of those political forces with which specific terrestrial broadcasters are associated.

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON MONITORING

MONITORING OF THE BROADCAST MEDIA COVERAGE of the Referendum on amendments to the RA Constitution (originally planned for April 5, 2020) was carried out by Yerevan Press Club within the framework of “Media for Informed Civic Engagement” project supported by the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Media Initiatives Center.

The monitoring covered the period from **February 17** (official start of the promotion campaign) to **March 15, 2020**. On March 16, 2020, due to the spread of coronavirus, state of emergency was announced in Armenia, and the Referendum and, accordingly, the campaign were postponed. From March 16, 2020, the monitoring was suspended and will continue after the resumption of the campaign.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MONITORING were to define and determine through analyzing quantitative and qualitative data:

- level of attention of the broadcast media of Armenia to the Referendum;
- level of balanced presentation of various positions regarding the conduct of the Referendum, “for” and “against” opinions;
- comprehensiveness of information for the electorate on the draft amendments to the Armenian Constitution regarding the termination of powers of the members of the RA Constitutional Court put to Referendum;
- consistency of coverage of the issues related to the organization of the whole process of Referendum;
- compliance of media with the legislative provisions regulating the coverage of the promotion campaign, principles of journalistic ethics, as well as their contribution to confronting disinformation.

In order to fulfill the above-mentioned objectives, the monitoring included quantitative and quantitative-qualitative study methods. The quantitative methods were limited to purely arithmetical calculations of frequency and volume of television content. Quantitative-qualitative methods were based on the calculations of content units, subjected to certain analysis by the monitoring team.

MONITORING COVERED 8 broadcast media:

- *national terrestrial TV channels* - **First Channel of Public Television of Armenia (PTA First Channel)**, “**Armenia**”, “**Yerkir Media**”, “**Kentron**”, **Second Armenian TV Channel (h2)** and “**Shant**”;
- *capital based terrestrial TV channels* - “**Armnews**” and **5th Channel**.

On the above-mentioned TV channels the study covered the news programs, news and comment programs, as well as current affairs/discussion programs aired in the evening prime time (**18.00-00.00**).

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The object of the monitoring were the TV pieces containing references by representatives of various segments of society towards:

- legality and appropriateness of the conduct of the Referendum;
- question on the amendments to the Armenian Constitution regarding the termination of powers of the members of the RA Constitutional Court put to Referendum;
- organization of the Referendum.

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 separate story in the newscast;
- a separate communication, presented by the program host;
- a part (section, story) of the program, touching on different issues/problems, made distinct by theme, composition and design (with a bloom, a jingle, etc.);
- announcements of the pieces within the programs 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 programs** were divided into stories, and each story was treated as a separate independent piece;

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

1. If the program was devoted to one topic, it was treated as one independent piece;
2. If the program was tessellated, i.e. divided into independent thematic units, then every unit was treated as a separate independent piece.

II. Monitoring team recorded the duration of the air studied on a daily basis: news programs, news and comment programs, as well as current affairs/discussion programs aired from 18.00 till 00.00. The program that started but did not end till **18.00** was not considered: the monitoring started after the end of the program. The program that started but did not end till **00.00** was studied in full, until its end.

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Monitoring ***did not include***:

- Promotion slots on the Referendum;
- Commercial/social advertisement/announcements;
- TV tickers.

III. Monitoring team ***determined and recorded***:

1. Total amount of TV 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 conduct of the Referendum; the question on the amendments to the Armenian Constitution regarding the termination of powers of the members of the RA Constitutional Court put to Referendum; organization of the Referendum.

2. References to the theme of the monitoring in TV pieces

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

AUTHORS OF REFERENCES

1.	Representatives of “Yes” campaign side
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side
3.	Representatives of the RA Government, President’s Office and local self-government bodies
4.	Representatives of the RA judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services
5.	Representatives of the RA Constitutional Court
6.	Representatives of Central Electoral Commission, Commission on Television and Radio, RA Human Rights Defender’s office
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>
	“My Step” faction
	“Prosperous Armenia”/“Bargavach Hayastan” party
	“Bright Armenia”/“Lusavor Hayastan” party
8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists
10.	Media/journalists
11.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies
12.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh
13.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora
14.	Foreign officials
15.	Representatives of the foreign public
16.	Vox populi
17.	Others

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OBJECTS OF REFERENCES

1.	Legality and appropriateness of the conduct of the Referendum
2.	Question on the amendments to the Armenian Constitution regarding the termination of powers of the members of the RA Constitutional Court put to Referendum
3.	Organization of the Referendum

Authors' references to the monitoring theme were studied in the following way:

- The monitoring team measured (*in seconds*) the **airtime** allocated to the authors' statements on the monitoring theme - the conduct of the Referendum, the question put to Referendum and its organization;
- The team calculated the number of **authors' references** (*in units*) to the monitoring theme;
- The team determined the authors' **attitude** towards the monitoring theme (*in units*) - **positive (+), negative (-) or neutral (0)**.

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, representing different or the same group, to one or several objects, then all of them (like the nature of reference) were recorded in the appropriate columns;
- References of representatives of the group of "media/journalists" were recorded in this group only when they made statements in their primary capacity (in particular, if the journalist appeared in the capacity of the author or the anchor of a TV program). In all other cases the monitoring team classified them as belonging to other groups: e.g. journalist, giving an interview, depending on the specific case and the way he/she was represented in the piece, could be classified as member of civil society, expert community, civic activists.

The "connotational" attitude (positive or negative) was understood as such in cases when the piece contained a statement/position by an author in support (+) or against (-) the conduct of Referendum, the question put to Referendum, as well as an author's positive or negative assessment of aspects connected with the organization of the Referendum. All the doubts of the monitoring team regarding the uncertainty of the nature of reference were interpreted in favor of neutral reference.

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First Channel of Public Television of Armenia, “Armenia”, “Yerkir Media”, “Kentron”,

Second Armenian TV Channel (h2), “Shant”, “Armnews”, 5th Channel

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Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													794			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES														
		Legality and appropriateness of the conduct of the Referendum					Question put to Referendum					Organization of the Referendum				
		Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)		
				+	-	0			+	-	0			+	-	0
1.	Representatives of “Yes” campaign side	1096	18	12	0	6	9387.5	83	70	0	13	19723	275	14	0	261
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	2997	39	0	39	0	2754	20	0	17	3	7550.5	129	0	20	109
3.	Representatives of Government, President’s Office, local self-government bodies	1444	8	4	0	4	1458	10	6	0	4	2098	69	0	0	69
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	840	23	0	0	23
5.	Representatives of the RA Constitutional Court	12	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Representatives of Central Electoral Commission, Commission on Television and Radio, Human Rights Defender’s office	86	2	2	0	0	183	1	0	0	1	5663	41	0	0	41
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	“My Step” faction	365	13	6	0	7	3328	28	23	0	5	2262	77	1	0	76
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	2512	23	0	23	0	1681	8	0	8	0	1059.5	29	0	4	25
	“Bright Armenia” party	424	15	0	15	0	161	2	0	1	1	1716.5	49	0	23	26

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	9564.5	66	3	60	3	15501.5	67	9	51	7	3534	46	0	20	26
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	3724	38	1	25	12	9365	50	2	36	12	11916.5	62	0	23	39
10.	Media/journalists	1212.5	18	0	13	5	1895	43	0	14	29	7258.5	163	0	57	106
11.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	34	1	0	1	0	56	1	0	1	0
13.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Foreign officials	97	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Representatives of the foreign public	21	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Vox populi	73.5	5	4	1	0	1768	144	10 4	14	26	182.5	14	0	7	7
17.	Others	627.5	9	0	9	0	596.5	10	0	10	0	2558.5	43	0	4	39
	Total (in units)	24256	259	33	186	40	48112.5	467	214	152	101	66418.5	1021	15	159	847

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First Channel of Public Television of Armenia

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Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														108		
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES														
		Legality and appropriateness of the conduct of the Referendum					Question put to Referendum					Organization of the Referendum				
		Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)		
				+	-	0			+	-	0			+	-	0
1.	Representatives of "Yes" campaign side	102	3	2	0	1	2615	16	14	0	2	2778	31	1	0	30
2.	Representatives of "No" campaign side	461	3	0	3	0	1125	5	0	5	0	1601	22	0	0	22
3.	Representatives of Government, President's Office, local self-government bodies	1068	2	2	0	0	886	2	2	0	0	267	11	0	0	11
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	457	13	0	0	13
5.	Representatives of the RA Constitutional Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Representatives of Central Electoral Commission, Commission on Television and Radio, Human Rights Defender's office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1051	9	0	0	9
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	"My Step" faction	120	4	2	0	2	404	4	4	0	0	200	10	0	0	10
	"Prosperous Armenia" party	40	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	161	5	0	0	5
	"Bright Armenia" party	49	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	287	5	0	0	5

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	2822	24	2	19	3	4663	27	4	20	3	395	12	0	2	10
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	257	5	0	2	3	976	15	0	7	8	3534.5	10	0	0	10
10.	Media/journalists	0	0	0	0	0	432	17	0	0	17	502	16	0	0	16
11.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Foreign officials	97	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Representatives of the foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Vox populi	0	0	0	0	0	172	17	9	2	6	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	733.5	10	0	0	10
Total (in units)		5016	49	9	30	10	11273	103	33	34	36	11967	154	1	2	151

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“Armenia” TV Channel

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Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													18			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES														
		Legality and appropriateness of the conduct of the Referendum					Question put to Referendum					Organization of the Referendum				
		Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)		
				+	-	0			+	-	0			+	-	0
1.	Representatives of “Yes” campaign side	0	0	0	0	0	373	3	2	0	1	809	15	1	0	14
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	3	0	0	3
3.	Representatives of Government, President's Office, local self-government bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	1	0	0	1
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	2	0	0	2
5.	Representatives of the RA Constitutional Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Representatives of Central Electoral Commission, Commission on Television and Radio, Human Rights Defender's office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	3	0	0	3
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	“My Step” faction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	1
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	17	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	“Bright Armenia” party	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	0	1	0

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	2	0	0	2
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	1	0	0	1
10.	Media/journalists	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	0	0	1	15	1	0	0	1
11.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Foreign officials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Representatives of the foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Vox populi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	3	0	0	3
Total (in units)		44	3	0	3	0	386	4	2	0	2	1334	33	1	1	31

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“Yerkir Media” TV Channel

February 17 - March 15, 2020

Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														137		
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES														
		Legality and appropriateness of the conduct of the Referendum					Question put to Referendum					Organization of the Referendum				
		Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)		
				+	-	0			+	-	0			+	-	0
1.	Representatives of “Yes” campaign side	0	0	0	0	0	507	12	12	0	0	3688	48	2	0	46
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	786	8	0	8	0	1142	5	0	2	3	2480	30	0	4	26
3.	Representatives of Government, President's Office, local self-government bodies	0	0	0	0	0	531	7	3	0	4	550	12	0	0	12
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	1	0	0	1
5.	Representatives of the RA Constitutional Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Representatives of Central Electoral Commission, Commission on Television and Radio, Human Rights Defender's office	86	2	2	0	0	183	1	0	0	1	2500	9	0	0	9
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	“My Step” faction	172	8	4	0	4	208	4	4	0	0	582	16	0	0	16
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	167	6	0	6	0	144	3	0	3	0	52	4	0	0	4
	“Bright Armenia” party	23	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	436	13	0	9	4

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	1997	9	0	9	0	2552	8	2	5	1	685	8	0	2	6
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	862	9	0	8	1	2089	7	0	7	0	2676	10	0	2	8
10.	Media/journalists	293	2	0	2	0	580	3	0	3	0	752	14	0	13	1
11.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Foreign officials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Representatives of the foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Vox populi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Others	38	4	0	4	0	38	4	0	4	0	402	5	0	0	5
Total (in units)		4424	51	6	40	5	7974	54	21	24	9	14827	170	2	30	138

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“Kentron” TV Channel

February 17 - March 15, 2020

Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														127		
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES														
		Legality and appropriateness of the conduct of the Referendum					Question put to Referendum					Organization of the Referendum				
		Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)		
				+	-	0			+	-	0			+	-	0
1.	Representatives of “Yes” campaign side	161	4	4	0	0	711.5	9	8	0	1	2303	33	2	0	31
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	251	4	0	4	0	41	3	0	3	0	283	9	0	2	7
3.	Representatives of Government, President's Office, local self-government bodies	179	5	2	0	3	41	1	1	0	0	392	11	0	0	11
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	3	0	0	3
5.	Representatives of the RA Constitutional Court	12	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Representatives of Central Electoral Commission, Commission on Television and Radio, Human Rights Defender's office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	2	0	0	2
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	“My Step” faction	0	0	0	0	0	45	2	2	0	0	135	5	0	0	5
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	716	7	0	7	0	549	3	0	3	0	553	9	0	3	6
	“Bright Armenia” party	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	235	6	0	2	4

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	710.5	3	0	3	0	308.5	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	297	2	0	2	0	208	1	0	1	0	208	1	0	1	0
10.	Media/journalists	561.5	10	0	7	3	314	7	0	6	1	1966.5	33	0	18	15
11.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Foreign officials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Representatives of the foreign public	21	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Vox populi	33.5	1	0	1	0	28	12	4	6	2	52	2	0	2	0
17.	Others	43.5	3	0	3	0	25.5	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total (in units)	3000	44	6	30	8	2271.5	44	15	25	4	6322.5	114	2	28	84

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Second Armenian TV Channel (h2)

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Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														46		
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES														
		Legality and appropriateness of the conduct of the Referendum					Question put to Referendum					Organization of the Referendum				
		Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)		
				+	-	0			+	-	0			+	-	0
1.	Representatives of "Yes" campaign side	50	2	2	0	0	523	11	11	0	0	826	19	2	0	17
2.	Representatives of "No" campaign side	12	2	0	2	0	70	2	0	2	0	533	9	0	5	4
3.	Representatives of Government, President's Office, local self-government bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180	6	0	0	6
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	182	4	0	0	4
5.	Representatives of the RA Constitutional Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Representatives of Central Electoral Commission, Commission on Television and Radio, Human Rights Defender's office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	456	6	0	0	6
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	"My Step" faction	0	0	0	0	0	46	2	2	0	0	47	3	0	0	3
	"Prosperous Armenia" party	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	2	0	0	2
	"Bright Armenia" party	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	197	5	0	2	3

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	620	5	0	5	0	788	5	2	3	0	64	2	0	2	0
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	0	0	0	0	0	148	2	0	2	0	312	2	0	0	2
10.	Media/journalists	0	0	0	0	0	30	2	0	0	2	222	7	0	0	7
11.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Foreign officials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Representatives of the foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Vox populi	0	0	0	0	0	54	18	18	0	0	58	2	0	2	0
17.	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	232	4	0	0	4
Total (in units)		702	13	2	11	0	1659	42	33	7	2	3389	71	2	11	58

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“Shant” TV Channel

February 17 - March 15, 2020

Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													85			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES														
		Legality and appropriateness of the conduct of the Referendum					Question put to Referendum					Organization of the Referendum				
		Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)		
				+	-	0			+	-	0			+	-	0
1.	Representatives of “Yes” campaign side	348	4	1	0	3	503	9	6	0	3	1642	42	1	0	41
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	785	9	0	9	0	376	5	0	5	0	1254.5	14	0	3	11
3.	Representatives of Government, President's Office, local self-government bodies	197	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	148	12	0	0	12
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Representatives of the RA Constitutional Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Representatives of Central Electoral Commission, Commission on Television and Radio, Human Rights Defender's office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	535	9	0	0	9
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	“My Step” faction	73	1	0	0	1	137	2	1	0	1	590	8	0	0	8
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29.5	2	0	0	2
	“Bright Armenia” party	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29.5	2	0	0	2

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	790	6	0	6	0	347	6	1	3	2	474	13	0	5	8
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	227	12	0	5	7	485	7	0	7	0	135	4	0	0	4
10.	Media/journalists	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	156	3	0	0	3
11.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Foreign officials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Representatives of the foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Vox populi	0	0	0	0	0	14	2	0	2	0	37.5	3	0	3	0
17.	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	9	0	0	9
Total (in units)		2420	33	1	20	12	1862	31	8	17	6	5163	121	1	11	109

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“Armnews” TV Channel

February 17 - March 15, 2020

Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													202			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES														
		Legality and appropriateness of the conduct of the Referendum					Question put to Referendum					Organization of the Referendum				
		Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)		
				+	-	0			+	-	0			+	-	0
1.	Representatives of “Yes” campaign side	12	2	0	0	2	3338	11	10	0	1	6402	62	5	0	57
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	90	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	365	25	0	1	24
3.	Representatives of Government, President's Office, local self-government bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	332	7	0	0	7
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Representatives of the RA Constitutional Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Representatives of Central Electoral Commission, Commission on Television and Radio, Human Rights Defender's office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	990	2	0	0	2
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	“My Step” faction	0	0	0	0	0	2477	13	10	0	3	419	17	1	0	16
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	1456	2	0	2	0	988	2	0	2	0	164	5	0	1	4
	“Bright Armenia” party	199	1	0	1	0	161	2	0	1	1	307	10	0	4	6

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	2401	17	0	17	0	4754	15	0	15	0	1809	7	0	7	0
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	1428	6	0	5	1	3188	10	1	9	0	2691	28	0	16	12
10.	Media/journalists	257	5	0	3	2	440	11	0	3	8	2296	58	0	2	56
11.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	34	1	0	1	0	56	1	0	1	0
13.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Foreign officials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Representatives of the foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Vox populi	40	4	4	0	0	845	47	34	2	11	35	7	0	0	7
17.	Others	0	0	0	0	0	469	2	0	2	0	978	9	0	2	7
	Total (in units)	5883	39	4	30	5	16694	114	55	35	24	16844	238	6	34	198

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5th Channel

February 17 - March 15, 2020

Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													71			
AUTHORS OF REFERENCES		OBJECTS OF REFERENCES														
		Legality and appropriateness of the conduct of the Referendum					Question put to Referendum					Organization of the Referendum				
		Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)			Airtime allocated to authors (in seconds)	Number of authors' references (in units)	Nature of authors' references (in units)		
				+	-	0			+	-	0			+	-	0
1.	Representatives of "Yes" campaign side	423	3	3	0	0	817	12	7	0	5	1275	25	0	0	25
2.	Representatives of "No" campaign side	599	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	907	17	0	5	12
3.	Representatives of Government, President's Office, local self-government bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	182	9	0	0	9
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5.	Representatives of the RA Constitutional Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Representatives of Central Electoral Commission, Commission on Television and Radio, Human Rights Defender's office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	1
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	"My Step" faction	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	0	0	1	283	17	0	0	17
	"Prosperous Armenia" party	106	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	2	0	0	2
	"Bright Armenia" party	115	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	177	7	0	5	2

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	224	2	1	1	0	2089	3	0	2	1	88	2	0	2	0
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	653	4	1	3	0	2271	8	1	3	4	2263	6	0	4	2
10.	Media/journalists	101	1	0	1	0	86	2	0	2	0	1349	31	0	24	7
11.	Representatives of Artsakh official bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12.	Representatives of the public of Artsakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Representatives of the Armenian Diaspora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Foreign officials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Representatives of the foreign public	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Vox populi	0	0	0	0	0	655	48	39	2	7	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Others	546	2	0	2	0	64	1	0	1	0	20	3	0	2	1
Total (in units)		2767	27	5	22	0	5993	75	47	10	18	6572	120	0	42	78