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THE FIRST INTERIM STAGE of monitoring covered the period from February 17 (official start of the campaign) to March 4, 2020. 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.

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 initial stage of 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, 28 references were recorded in favor of the conduct of Referendum, 140 - against, and 32 - neutral (*hereafter for the quantitative results of the monitoring see the attached tables*). Regarding its organization, there were 13 references in positive context, 56 in negative and 526 in neutral one. In the second thematic category (attitude to the question put to Referendum) “yes” had a slight advantage: 91 references against 86 in support of “no”, and 46 neutral references. This 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 (*see below*). The results of the second thematic category were also affected to some extent by the fact that the officially registered “No” side focuses not on campaigning, but on proper compliance with electoral procedures. Thus, media quoted the Facebook post of Ruben Melikyan, representative of that side, on the violation of the Law “On Referendum” by the Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure Suren Papikyan, who allowed campaigning from the rostrum of the RA National Assembly, that is, while performing official duties.

FROM THE STUDIED TV CHANNELS in the period from February 17 to March 4, 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 first stage of monitoring, “Armnews”, PTA First Channel and “Yerkir Media” can be conditionally classified as “actively covering”. From the media studied at this interim stage of monitoring “Armenia” TV channel was the least active in covering topics related to the Referendum. It was only slightly surpassed by the Second Armenian TV Channel. “Kentron”, “Shant” and 5th Channel are located between the two conditional groups of broadcasters.

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.

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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 first stage results, a wide range of views on this important political and legal event.

“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, the Referendum theme was never touched upon in it during the study period.

Out of all the broadcasters monitored, **“Shant”** stood out with relatively neutral coverage, which was manifested in relation to all the three thematic categories, especially to the second (question put to Referendum) and the third (organization of the Referendum) ones.

The intensity of **“Yerkir Media”** references to the Referendum theme is 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 on the air, especially at discussion programs. 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.

“Kentron” touched upon the topic of the Referendum quite often, but in small volumes. This is conditioned by the lack of discussion and “guest-in-studio” format programs on its air. Another peculiarity of “Kentron” coverage of the campaign is that a significant part of the references to the theme was recorded in “Antsudarts” (press review) program, and here mainly opposition-minded media were quoted.

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” (50 against 15 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. Due to this, the overall picture on the channel looks relatively balanced, although in “guest-in-studio” format programs the negative attitude towards the Referendum prevailed. Moreover, not only did the guests of these programs actively express their position, but also the journalists themselves.

Sharp criticism of the Referendum prevailed also on the **5th Channel** - regarding both the appropriateness and legality of its conduct (first thematic category) and the organization of the campaign (third thematic category). In particular, in case of the third category 22 references were recorded in negative context and not a single one in positive context, with 44 neutral ones. Among others, the story with the “Yes” campaign side logo was covered in a negative light, and the statement of MP from “Bright Armenia” Gevorg Gorgisyan about the alleged use of administrative resources by some heads of regional administrations was quoted.

OF ALL THE OPINIONS OF AUTHORS on the Referendum campaign the most attention (in terms of the airtime volume) was paid by the broadcasters to the group “RA NA

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independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians”, followed by the representatives of “Yes” campaign side, “Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists” and representatives of “No” campaign side. The political forces represented in the parliament significantly lagged behind the above-mentioned groups of authors. 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON MONITORING

MONITORING OF THE BROADCAST MEDIA COVERAGE of the April 5, 2020 Referendum on amendments to the RA Constitution 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 was carried out during the period of the promotion campaign preceding the Referendum, **from February 17 to April 3, 2020.**

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 April 5, 2020 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 April 5, 2020 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 April 5, 2020 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 April 5, 2020 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.

TABLES
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**First Channel of Public Television of Armenia, “Armenia”, “Yerkir Media”, “Kentron”,
Second Armenian TV Channel (h2), “Shant”, “Armnews”, 5th Channel**

February 17 - March 4, 2020

Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)														441		
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	2482	34	29	0	5	10925.5	135	12	0	123
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	2699	33	0	33	0	2332	14	0	11	3	5008.5	92	0	6	86
3.	Representatives of Government, President’s Office, local self-government bodies	1329	4	2	0	2	1458	10	6	0	4	1867	57	0	0	57
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	15	0	0	15
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	183	1	0	0	1	4659	38	0	0	38
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	“My Step” faction	365	13	6	0	7	2567	15	11	0	4	1404	48	1	0	47
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	2512	23	0	23	0	1681	8	0	8	0	399.5	13	0	1	12
	“Bright Armenia” party	424	15	0	15	0	104	1	0	1	0	405.5	14	0	6	8

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	6804	50	3	45	2	11265	39	6	30	3	1344	20	0	9	11
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	1514	14	0	5	9	4625	16	1	12	3	3979.5	23	0	6	17
10.	Media/journalists	1003.5	14	0	10	4	969	25	0	10	15	4162.5	103	0	26	77
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	13	1	1	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	311	52	38	6	8	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Others	627.5	9	0	9	0	127.5	8	0	8	0	2172.5	37	0	2	35
	Total (in units)	18439	200	28	140	32	28104.5	223	91	86	46	36827.5	595	13	56	526

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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)													69			
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	525	6	6	0	0	1194	22	1	0	21
2.	Representatives of "No" campaign side	461	3	0	3	0	783	3	0	3	0	1130	17	0	0	17
3.	Representatives of Government, President's Office, local self-government bodies	1068	2	2	0	0	886	2	2	0	0	243	9	0	0	9
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	280	8	0	0	8
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	0	0	0	0	0	160	8	0	0	8
	"Prosperous Armenia" party	40	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	3	0	0	3
	"Bright Armenia" party	49	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	169	3	0	0	3

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	2081	19	2	15	2	3704	16	4	12	0	273	10	0	2	8
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	78	2	0	0	2	410	5	0	2	3	3093.5	7	0	0	7
10.	Media/journalists	0	0	0	0	0	194	5	0	0	5	477	15	0	0	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	13	1	1	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	733.5	10	0	0	10
	Total (in units)	4012	40	9	24	7	6502	37	12	17	8	8891	121	1	2	118

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“Armenia” TV Channel

February 17 - March 4, 2020

Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													12				
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	548	12	1	0	11
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	13	1	0	1	0	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	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	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	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	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	0	6	1	0	0	1
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	17	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	“Bright Armenia” party	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0
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	13	1	0	0	1	928	28	1	0	27

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“Yerkir Media” TV Channel

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Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													70			
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	302	8	8	0	0	1596	18	2	0	16
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	786	8	0	8	0	1142	5	0	2	3	1986	24	0	1	23
3.	Representatives of Government, President’s Office, local self-government bodies	0	0	0	0	0	531	7	3	0	4	487	9	0	0	9
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	0	0	0	0	0	183	1	0	0	1	2486	8	0	0	8
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	“My Step” faction	172	8	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	156	6	0	0	6
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	167	6	0	6	0	144	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	“Bright Armenia” party	23	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	1	0	1	0

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	1964	6	0	6	0	2519	5	2	2	1	617	2	0	2	0
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	62	1	0	1	0	2064	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Media/journalists	293	2	0	2	0	126	2	0	2	0	229	5	0	5	0
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)	3505	38	4	30	4	7049	41	13	19	9	8015	79	2	9	68

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“Kentron” TV Channel

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Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													72			
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	204	3	2	0	1	1462	21	2	0	19
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	251	4	0	4	0	12	2	0	2	0	283	9	0	2	7
3.	Representatives of Government, President’s Office, local self-government bodies	64	1	0	0	1	41	1	1	0	0	270	7	0	0	7
4.	Representatives of judiciary, law-enforcement/investigative bodies, security services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	2	0	0	2
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	0	0	0	0	0	135	5	0	0	5
	“Prosperous Armenia” party	716	7	0	7	0	549	3	0	3	0	189	4	0	0	4
	“Bright Armenia” party	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	434	2	0	2	0	32	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Media/journalists	352.5	6	0	4	2	299	6	0	6	0	790.5	15	0	7	8
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	28	12	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Others	43.5	3	0	3	0	25.5	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total (in units)	2048	31	4	22	5	1190.5	32	7	22	3	3287.5	65	2	9	54

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Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													23			
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	14	2	2	0	0	436	12	2	0	10
2.	Representatives of "No" campaign side	12	2	0	2	0	70	2	0	2	0	96	4	0	0	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	56	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	456	6	0	0	6
7.	<i>Representatives of the RA National Assembly political forces:</i>															
	"My Step" faction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	"Prosperous Armenia" party	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	"Bright Armenia" party	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	82	4	0	4	0	608	2	0	2	0	64	2	0	2	0
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	232	4	0	0	4
	Total (in units)	164	12	2	10	0	722	8	2	4	2	1742	43	2	2	39

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“Shant” TV Channel

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Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													44			
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	181	3	2	0	1	826.5	18	1	0	17
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	577	5	0	5	0	325	2	0	2	0	451.5	9	0	0	9
3.	Representatives of Government, President’s Office, local self-government bodies	197	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	145	11	0	0	11
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	79	1	1	0	0	424	5	0	0	5
	“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	698	5	0	5	0	154	3	0	2	1	30	1	0	0	1
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	169	7	0	1	6	264	1	0	1	0	58	1	0	0	1
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	7	0	0	7
	Total (in units)	2062	23	1	11	11	1003	10	3	5	2	2783	68	1	0	67

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“Armnews” TV Channel

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Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													114			
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	929	5	5	0	0	4044	18	3	0	15
2.	Representatives of “No” campaign side	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	11	0	0	11
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	0	0	0	0	0
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	94	4	0	1	3
	“Bright Armenia” party	199	1	0	1	0	104	1	0	1	0	36	5	0	2	3

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8.	RA NA independent deputies, representatives of extra-parliamentary political forces, non-partisan politicians	1321	12	0	12	0	2159	8	0	8	0	253	1	0	1	0
9.	Civil society, expert community, non-formal civic activists	1056	3	0	2	1	1887	4	1	3	0	828	15	0	6	9
10.	Media/journalists	257	5	0	3	2	262	8	0	1	7	1527	42	0	2	40
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	40	4	4	0	0	283	40	34	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
17.	Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	626	5	0	0	5
	Total (in units)	4341	29	4	20	5	9089	81	50	15	16	8293	125	4	12	109

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5th Channel

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Total amount of studied TV pieces containing references to the monitoring theme (in units)													37			
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	327	7	4	0	3	819	14	0	0	14
2.	Representatives of "No" campaign side	599	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	801	15	0	3	12
3.	Representatives of Government, President's Office, local self-government bodies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	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	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	104	6	0	0	6
	"Prosperous Armenia" party	106	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	"Bright Armenia" party	115	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	139	3	0	3	0

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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	149	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Media/journalists	101	1	0	1	0	45	1	0	1	0	746	15	0	12	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	0	0	0	0	0	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)	2263	24	4	20	0	2536	13	4	4	5	2888	66	0	22	44