

Not tolerance and discrimination. The case of discrimination against women

The theme of our meeting societal attitudes to women. Mild form of undue dominance over them - not tolerance or rigid form - discrimination. How a man can only make a theoretical contribution to the solution of this problem, that is, consider the causes, the nature, shape and mechanism of this kind of domination, offer solutions to problems. I note that the case of women - a special case of discrimination. I want to dwell on the case of the use of state power in the organization of discrimination.

Discrimination - it is an attempt of a certain group of people to establish their dominance over another group of people with the use of force. The aim is to provide specific resources from the discriminated: material, social status, sexual.

Society is by nature hierarchical. However, there are reasonable inequality - it is based on the ability of people and lead to the development and society and people, and there is an unjustified inequality - it is based on the strength and leads to the destruction and the society and people. Especially scary when the state used force for building this kind of inequality.

What are the tools to use force? The government uses the mechanism of persecution of those who defend the interests of discriminated groups - human rights defenders. The following forms of persecution - unfounded excitement administrative and criminal cases, the destruction of the forces of security services organizations of human rights defenders, a ban on assembly of human rights defenders, the stigmatization of human rights defenders in the media, a ban on the dissemination of human rights assessments in the media, a ban on communication between human rights defenders themselves, the ban on funding of human rights defenders.

I want to review the situation in the Baltic countries, in which there is discrimination of all types, and for those who defend the rights of women, and for those who defend the rights of national minorities, and for other socially disadvantaged groups.

Overview of the situation in the Baltic States is given in the book, which is released by our Institute for European Studies, and is called "The persecution of human rights defenders in the Baltic» (www.academia.edu/28645880/PROSECUTION_OF_HUMAN_RIGHTS_ACTIVISTS_IN_THE_BALTIC_STATES)

It is issued in English. It will be presented tomorrow at 18.00 in the hall of N 2.

Here is one example from the book, which deals with the protection of women's rights. Me to colleagues documentary was prepared on the situation of women, the negative impact on them of the legal system in the Baltic States. It is called "Juvenile Justice". When traveling to Estonia for filming material for this film, I was arrested and I have applied in respect of the prohibition on entry to Estonia for 10 years. The film was almost removed when the prosecutor's office in Latvia has given permission to search my home, office, garden, and I seized all computers and electronic media on which filming materials were written, the text of the script, the manuscript of my book. They were destroyed, so I did not have the opportunity to mount the film. Fortunately, there was hidden a copy of the materials and the film was produced. Here in the media serves the chief of the Security Police of Latvia Normunds Mezhvets and said that I had prepared a bad movie and can not watch. It gives the public an assessment until the completion of the installation of the film, on the basis of the drafts withdrawn my shooting. His speech is printed about three dozen publications, shown on five television channels of the country. Is not that stigmatization of human rights defender? I'm trying to organize a premiere, but the owners of cinemas, in which I apply, addresses the security police and intimidate the owners. I refuse to premiere halls in hotels, even a café. In the fifth room, where the hosts are my personal friends, I organize a screening of the film. Again, we are talking about the film, which focuses on the problem of discrimination against women in society.

I agree that I am far from Federico Fellini and my documentary can be poorly made. For this there is public criticism of Film. Not a single article with a critical analysis of a film about the fate of women in the Baltic States has not been written. The main accusation is part of the security police was that the creation of the film, I used the money from the Russian human rights fund. Head of special services publicly voiced amount of the contract on creation of the film, although it was a commercial secret and to inform the public, he had no right, since his organization had conducted a criminal case against me.

The prosecutor's office in Latvia recently filed charges against me that I, in the course of their human rights activities address the media with the wrong grades, I am now facing imprisonment for a term of five years. For what I said in the same press that is now talking to the high assembly of heads of OSCE member states. I appeal to the OSCE for the Protection of Freedom of Expression in the media, but do not get a response.

In Latvia, the Parliament is now filed a bill that gives the right to the Prosecutor's Office to arrest human rights organizations account for two months

and then decide their fate in court. The purpose of this bill to block funding, which comes from the Russian charities. This funding appears in the bill as part of a hybrid war. Let me remind you, we are talking about projects like film on women's rights.

Data of the facts in the book contains about a hundred mentioned by me. The authors regard these facts as evidence of persecution, which is carried out in respect of human rights in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. We offer the possibility to apply international legal institutions to protect human rights defenders from persecution by the state. In particular, we offer the treatment mechanism of the International Criminal Court. Formulated cases treatment in this instance for the protection of human rights defenders. In addressing the issue of discrimination in general, we solve the problem, and discrimination against women.

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