



# Media Coverage of the Second Round of the 2016 Parliamentary Elections in Georgia

## Monitoring of Radio Channels

10 – 25 October, 2016

Internews-Georgia is monitoring radio channels within the frameworks of the EU-UNDP funded project “Study and Research on Election Media Coverage for Parliamentary Elections in Georgia”. The monitoring started on 20 May and will last through 19 December, 2016. Evening news releases of 12 radio broadcasters are monitored. The list of broadcasters includes Radio 1 (Public Broadcaster), Imedi, Fortuna, Radio Liberty, Palitra, The First Radio, City, Maestro, Hereti (Lagodekhi), Rioni (Kutaisi), Atinati (Zugdidi) and Ajara (Batumi).

This report presents the monitoring results only for independent candidates as well as the three political parties whose candidates participate in the second round of majoritarian elections.

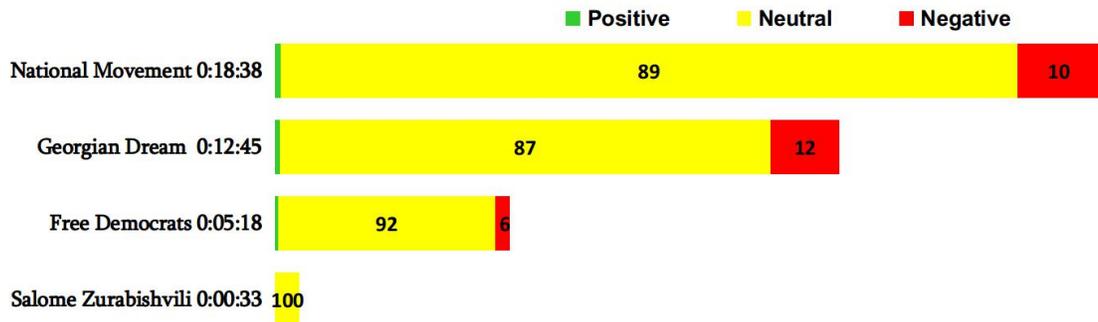
The monitoring has revealed the following **key findings**:

- All monitored radio channels allocated almost equal time to “Georgian Dream – Democratic Georgia” and “United National Movement”, while the coverage of “Free Democrats” was substantially lower;
- Journalists paid little attention to individual candidates and mainly covered activities of their parties;
- The independent majoritarian candidates did not get any coverage;
- Journalists displayed significant interest in the second round of majoritarian elections. Subsequently statements by the political parties, the Central Election Commission, and the civil society organisations were broadcasted. However, not a single case of deep analyses of candidates’ programmes was identified;
- Competing political parties often blamed each other and made conflicting statements. Journalists, meanwhile, were not active enough to get additional information and clarify the issues under discussion;
- Radio journalists were unbiased and refrained from openly expressing their sentiments towards particular political groups;
- Important developments related to specific political parties were reported by all radio channels.

**"Radio 1" (Public Broadcaster)**

**Time allocated to the subjects on the "Radio 1" according to the tone (%)**

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**"First Radio"**

**Time allocated to the subjects on the "First Radio" according to the tone (%)**

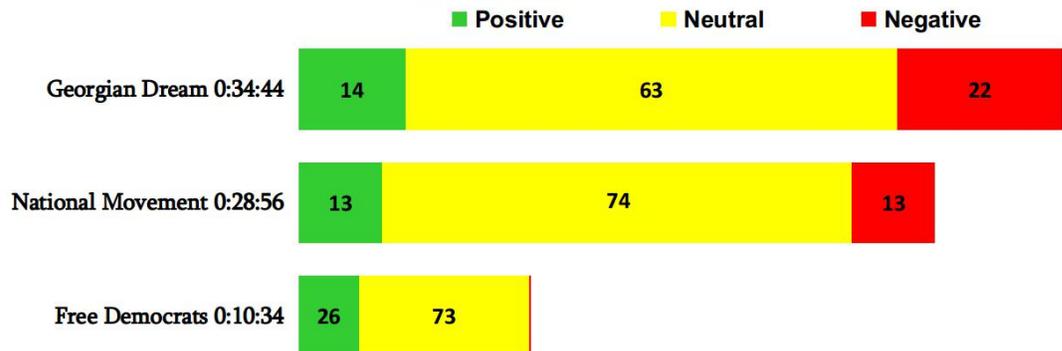
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**"Radio Palitra"**

**Time allocated to the subjects on the Radio "Palitra" according to the tone (%)**

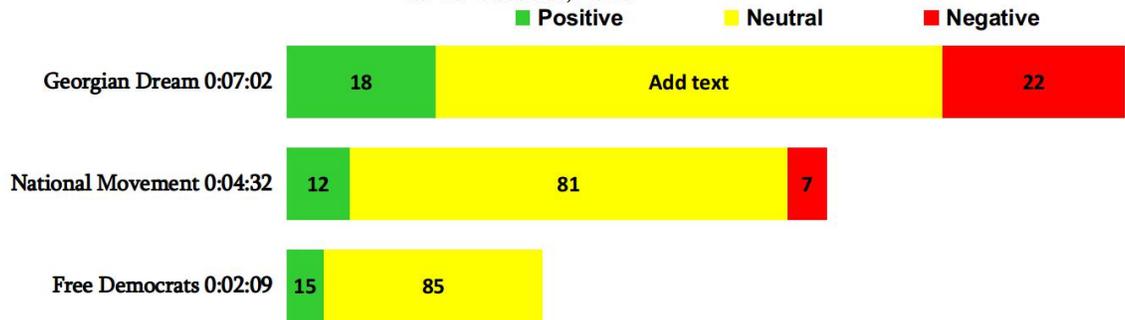
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**“Radio Kalaki”**

**Time allocated to the subjects on the Radio "Kalaki" according to the tone (%)**

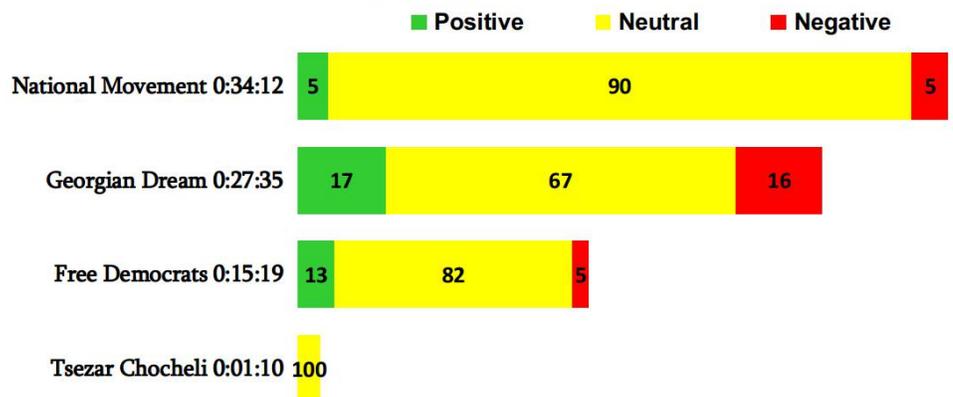
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**“Radio Liberty”**

**Time allocated to the subjects on the Radio "Liberty" according to the tone (%)**

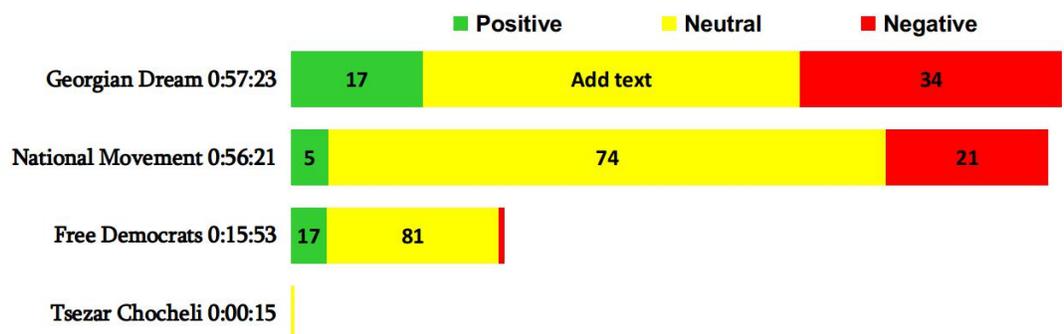
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**“Radio Maestro”**

**Time allocated to the subjects on the Radio "Maestro" according to the tone (%)**

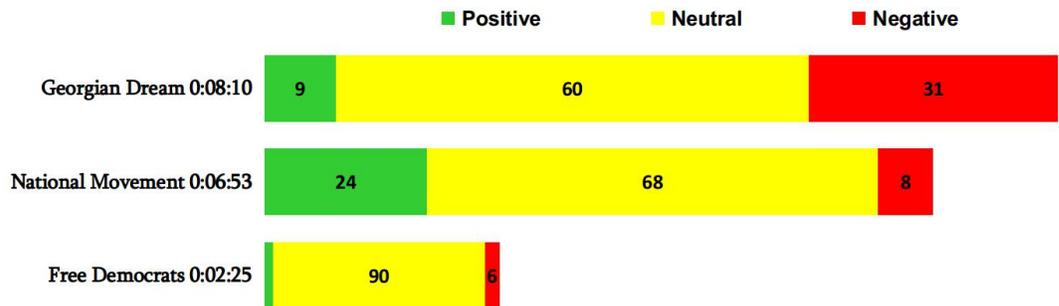
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### “Radio Fortuna”

#### Time allocated to the subjects on the Radio "Fortuna" according to the tone (%)

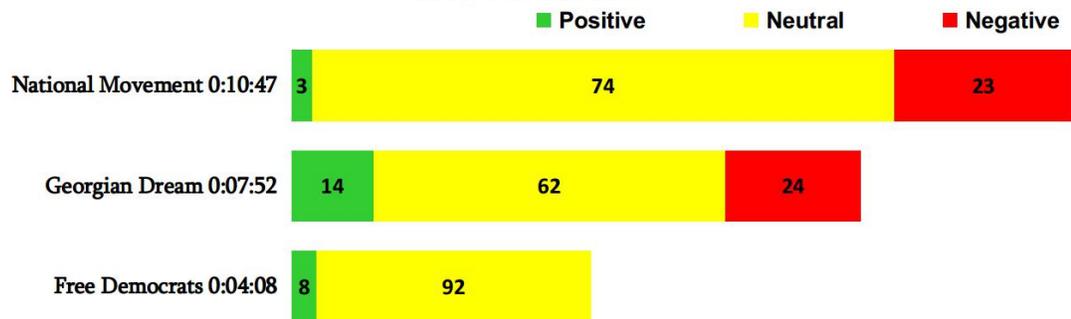
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### “Radio Imedi”

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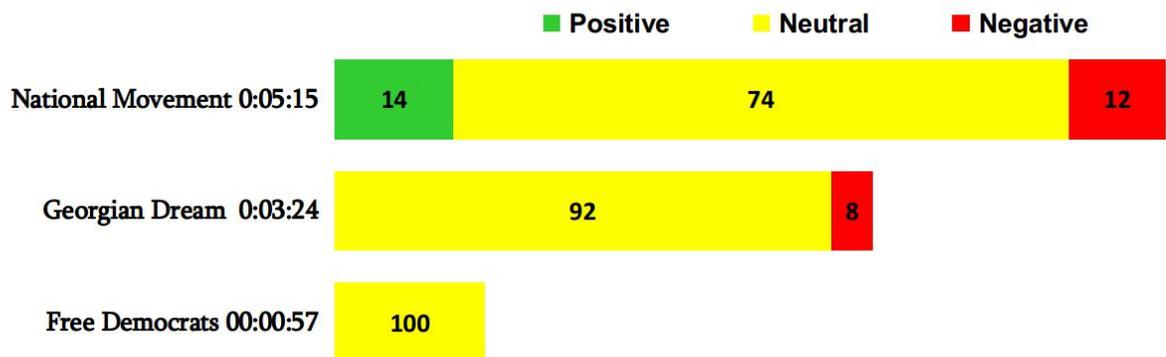
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### “Radio Atinati” (Zugdidi)

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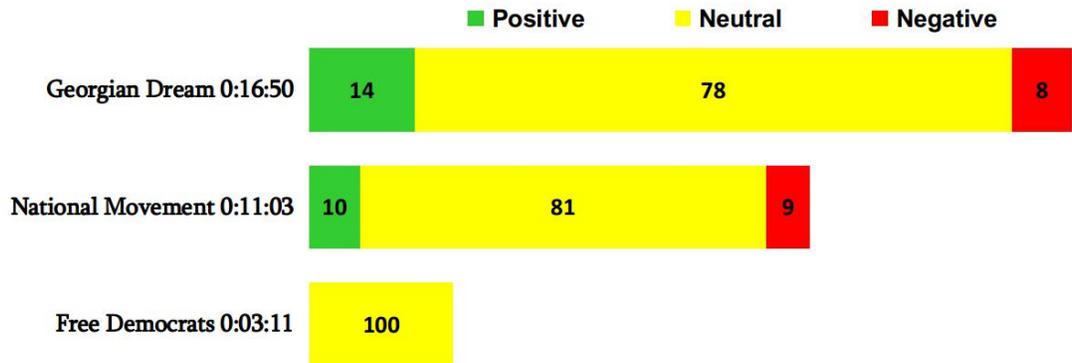
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**“Radio Rioni” (Kutaisi)**

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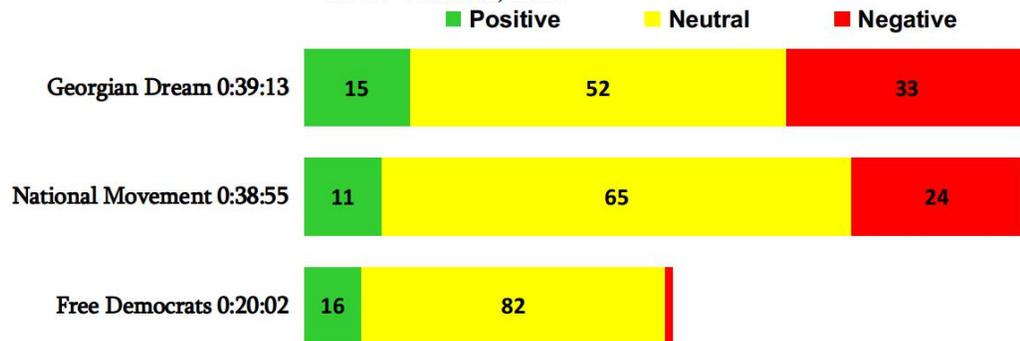
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**“Radio Hereti” (Lagodekhi)**

**Time allocated to the second round subjects on the  
Radio "Hereti" according to the tone (%)**

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**“Radio Ajara” (Batumi)**

**Time allocated to the subjects on the  
Radio "Ajara" according to the tone (%)**

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