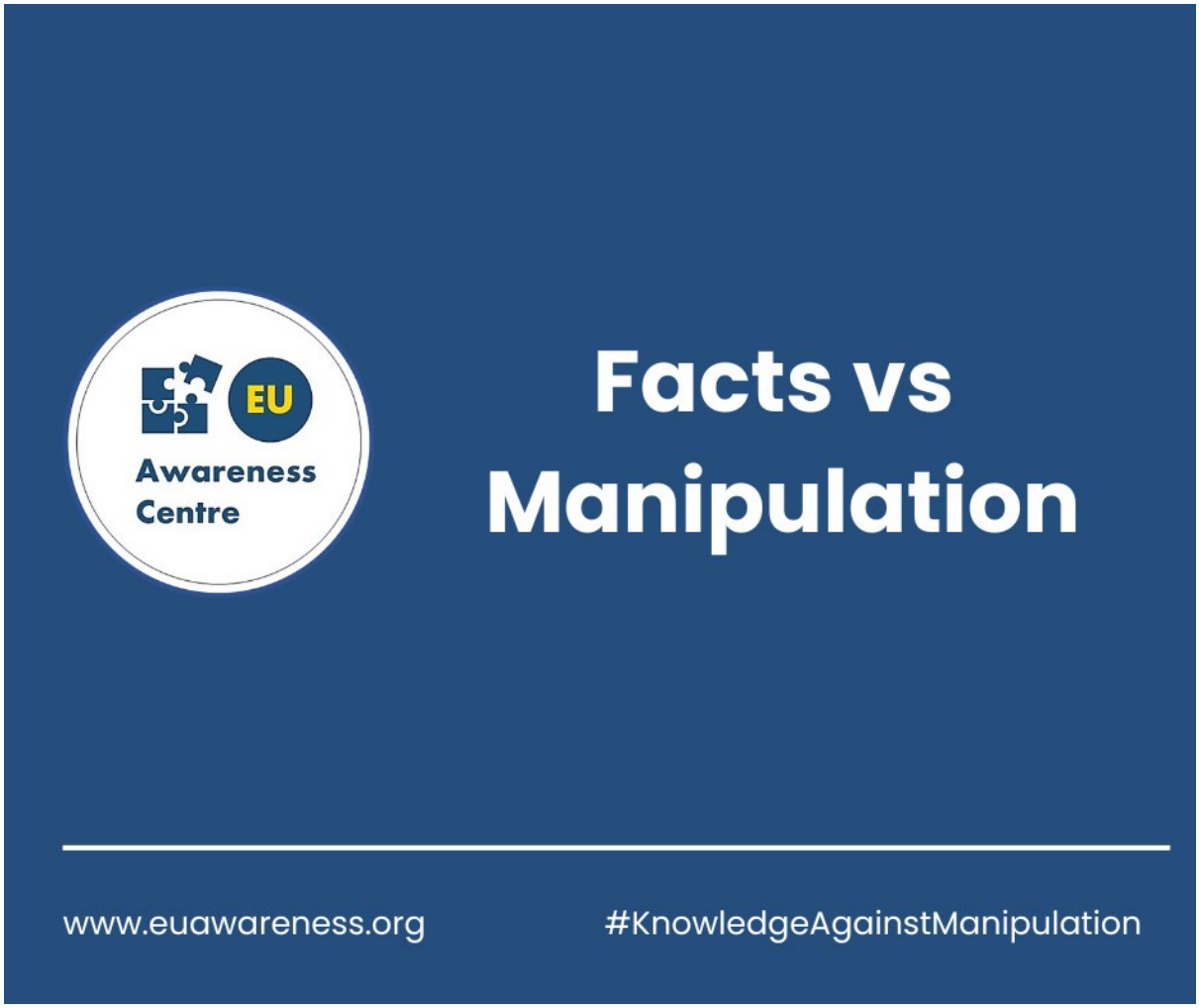

Manipulation # 3

12 November, 2025

"No one in Georgia curses or attacks foreign diplomats. On the contrary, we greatly respect the relations that Georgia has developed over the years with our partners, our friends" - **Maka Botchorishvili, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.**

Fact:

Over the past year, Georgian officials — including the Prime Minister, the Speaker of Parliament, the Foreign Minister, and several ruling Georgian Dream (GD) MPs — have repeatedly responded to the EU's criticism of democratic backsliding and human rights violations with harsh attacks against EU institutions and individual ambassadors from member

states, particularly Germany, France, and the Netherlands. This increasingly confrontational rhetoric has deepened the diplomatic rift between Tbilisi and Brussels.

Georgian officials have accused European diplomats of “flagrantly” breaching the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations by allegedly meddling in the country’s domestic politics, judicial affairs, and electoral processes. They have charged certain ambassadors with “arrogance,” a “patronising attitude,” and open support for “radical” opposition forces and violent demonstrations. Such rhetoric has at times branded foreign envoys as “ambassadors of hatred” who have “burned all bridges” with the government, with some officials even calling for their expulsion over conduct described as unacceptable and beyond diplomatic norms.

The criticism has not been limited to individual diplomats but has also targeted the European Union and its institutions more broadly. Officials have accused Brussels of pursuing a “hidden political agenda,” engaging in “blackmail and manipulation,” and using the accession process as a “political tool.” The current EU leadership has been derided as having descended to “Soviet standards.” Georgian leaders have dismissed EU assessments as “biased” and “politically driven,” alleging that European funding supports a “disinformation campaign” and efforts to destabilise the government. The prevailing narrative portrays Brussels as having “abandoned shared European values,” while suggesting that the West seeks to drag Georgia into war and erode its sovereignty and traditional identity.

Hereunder are attached a few links to the recent statements of the Georgian Government representatives

Prime Minister Irakli Kobakhidze

Accusations of interference and "tragic" EU bureaucracy:

- https://georgiatoday.ge/kobakhidze-certain-eu-forces-undermine-democratic-values/
- https://dfwatch.net/pm-blasts-eu-and-uk-envoys-for-meddling-in-georgias-domestic-politics-64205/
- https://georgiatoday.ge/kobakhidze-criticizes-eus-regression-in-response-to-european-commission-report/

Targeting the German Ambassador, Peter Fischer, calling him a "tragic figure":

- https://georgiatoday.ge/pm-kobakhidze-on-german-ambassador-recall-fischer-damaged-georgian-german-relations/

Accusing the EU ambassador of direct support for opposition actions and an "attempted coup":

- https://oc-media.org/kobakhidze-blames-eu-for-violence/

Chairman of the Parliament Shalva Papuashvili

Accusing the EU Ambassador of election interference and undermining sovereignty:

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- https://info.imedi.ge/en/politics/6849/georgian-parliament-speaker-accuses-eu-ambassador-of-undermining-sovereignty-through-election-interference

Calling the German Ambassador's behaviour "non-European" and "Soviet":

- https://info.imedi.ge/en/politics/5575/georgian-parliament-speaker-accuses-german-ambassador-of-uneuropean-behaviour-over-criticism

Rebuking the EU Ambassador to "lower his tone":

- https://info.imedi.ge/en/politics/6876/i-call-on-him-to-lower-his-tone--georgian-parliament-speaker-rebukes-eu-ambassador-over-exchange-with-reporter

Claiming Brussels demands the annulment of Georgian laws and the EU has "strayed from shared European values":

- https://info.imedi.ge/en/politics/6260/georgian-parliament-speaker-claims-brussels-demands-annulment-of-georgianbacked-law-cites-medias-failure-to-question-eu-ambassador
- https://info.imedi.ge/en/politics/7536/georgian-parliament-speaker-slams-eu-propaganda-on-integration-process

Minister of Foreign Affairs Maka Botchorishvili

Condemning EU attempts to use integration as a "political tool" and making "biased assessments":

- https://tert.am/en/news/2025/11/05/eu-georgia/4248988
- https://tert.am/en/news/2025/10/30/eu-integration-georgia/4248359

Slamming European Ministers' letters as "spreading false narratives":

https://info.imedi.ge/en/politics/6166/georgian-fm-slams-european-ministers-letter-as-spreading-false-narratives

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