



MINORITIES IN 2012 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OBSERVATORY



MINORITY REPRESENTATION IN PARTY LISTS

Traditionally only few number of national minorities are included in party lists of Georgian political parties. In some cases, the representatives of minorities are those who already are working in the state administration and do not necessarily represent minority groups or organizations. In other cases, gender and minority representation is combined in one candidate. Only in very few cases - in Akhalkalaki, Ninotsminda and Marenuli – traditionally, a minority candidate is a majoritarian one, while most of the candidates in other regions or party lists are not included in the top 10 listing. In Georgia, ethnically based political parties are not permitted. Minorities' political representation can only be channeled through mainstream parties.

The table below is compiled from the publicly available party lists, reflecting distribution of minority candidates on the party lists and according to the ethnic belonging.

There are also a number of ethnic Georgian candidates proposed in the minority regions, some selected upon their knowledge of minority languages.

Minority candidates	United National Movement		Christian Democratic Movement		Georgian Dream Coalition		Labour		New Rights	
	Number	Listed	Number	Listed	Number	Listed	Number	Listed	Number	Listed
Armenian	5	41, 87, 112, 113, 114	1	15	2	38, 157	1	32	2	17 48
Azerbaijani	7	39, 50, 84, 94, 95, 102, 126	1	14	4	36, 56, 155, 170	2	33, 98	1	16
Slavic			1	163	2	33, 44				
Ossetian					1	57				
Kurdish					1	35				
Caucasus indigenous										
Others					1	107				