

And so it happened!

Well fed, liberal Poland from the Baltic sea to the Tatra mountains stood in utter shock, taking smelling salts and waving its inseparable attribute, a faded fan inherited from the 19th century middle class mentality. What would be the reason for this outrage?

Left wing activist Margot from 'Stop nonsense' after her release from unfair imprisonment had the courage to throw herself at the state: 'Poland, you dick, stop arresting Margot!'

of shaming, frightening and pushing LGBT into feeling unworthy, day after day this is pouring out from the whole political establishment. All, brick after brick was adding to it. Calling themselves liberal or open, the governments, various groups who were treating the problem LGBT as completely irrelevant or as a 'cover up' issue as well as the academics soaked in conservatism and who blocked research on this subject. All of these have contributed to building the present hostility. In the end, it cracked or more precisely, it is beginning to crack. This process is irreversible.

## ENOUGH MORALISING

August 2020 was undoubtedly the month of Margot. Whether she wanted to be a symbol or not, she became one. The circumstances of her arrest at the beginning of the month as well as her release with its finale, summed up with the statement which shook the 'liberal' opinion clasped together everything that we have to face up to in our country.

For tens of years, LGBT community was being hounded. This is not only a conscious intention of today's authorities and co-ruling Catholic Church in declaring pogroms of gay people, but it is also years

This drift will be long lasting and the next generation while gritting their teeth, would be condescending to continuing disdain towards themselves. We had, however, on the other side a real threat in the form of those who are increasingly open to fascism. With permission and keen support of the authorities accompanied by the church who opened the doors of public conscience widely to the flood of hate. Today, soulless and cruel disdain is replaced by pure hatred having the physical liquidation at its extreme. Polite apology for daring to be was the means of surviving in these circumstances.

Years ago, Civic Platform in the words of their minister proclaimed that it is 'coming to get the fascists' and somehow, nobody saw them on the way there. Empty phrases were what was left. Nothing was done to stop us getting where we are now. It didn't even merit introduction of the feeblest form of civil partnerships. They didn't move as far as doing something as fundamental as criminalising gay discrimination. So, dear liberals your present outrage for what Margot said on leaving prison, can be shoved where you as a rule, keep shame. If blood is eventually spilled, it will also be on your hands.

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Rainbow flag in the protest 'Solidarity with Margot' in Wrocław, 10th August, 2020. Photo Maciej Pokrzywa.