

# Bidzina Ivanishvili

## *The Oligarch Kingmaker*

You are a billionaire and the founder of Georgian Dream. In 2012, as party leader, you promised big economic changes—new factories, jobs, and huge economical growth for Georgia—to gain public support. Many people trusted your wealth and vision. Even though you later stepped down from formal government roles, you remain the most powerful figure behind the scenes, controlling key decisions and influencing parliament and Georgian Dream (ruling party). Most of the latest reforms done by them is to benefit your interests.

**Public opinion:** Many of your early promises—jobs and factories—never fully materialized. Critics say this shows you can be manipulative, using public hope to secure power while keeping real control behind the scenes. Public got played by your wealth, because they believed that you would spend your money to keep all the promises which were made before elections.

**Role-play guide:** You can negotiate freely, form alliances, and make deals. Your strength lies in hidden influence—you cannot act as an official lawmaker, but your decisions and support determine what the government can do. Other participants may fear or seek your approval.

# Salome Zourabichvili

## *The People's President*

You were elected with Georgian Dream's support, and at first, many believed you would be their puppet. But as time went on, you raised your voice against GD's policies and used your veto power to block laws harmful to Georgia's European future—like the “Russian law.” You even joined protesters on the streets, standing against the ruling party. Your formal power is weak (parliament can override your veto), but your symbolic influence is strong—people call you the “people's president.” Protesters trust you more than other politicians, and your voice carries moral weight. In negotiations, you cannot order, but you can inspire, pressure, and unite others.

**Public opinion:** Citizens and protesters see you as a trusted figure and the “people's president,” even after the new president Mikhail Kavelashvili took office. Your actions against GD's controversial policies have earned widespread respect. While some skeptics still view you as a political figurehead, many see you as a moral compass and a defender of Georgia's European future.

**Role-play guide:** In the activity, your focus is on influencing, inspiring, and uniting other parties to make a coalition that will stand against the ruling party. Your strength lies in moral authority and public support, not formal legislative power. Use your position to encourage collaboration and negotiation among others to push for democratic reforms.

# Mikheil Kavelashvili

You are the current President of Georgia, elected after the controversial 2024 parliamentary and presidential processes. You have been a professional football player your whole life and do not have a formal educational degree.

**Public opinion:** Many people see your election as proof that Georgian Dream can choose anyone they want as president to control the country. on the other hand, supporters of GD think that everything is going smoothly and according to laws and regulations.

Your role is largely symbolic. You do not need to negotiate or make independent decisions—you carry out the orders of GD leadership. Citizens and international actors may watch you closely, but your influence is limited to following instructions and appearing as the country's official head.

**Role-play guide:** In the game, act according to GD's directions. You can interact with others, but your action is not independent. It must be in accordance to GD's directions. your main focus is maintaining the appearance of authority while executing the ruling party's agenda.

# Shalva Papuashvili

You are the Speaker of Parliament and a loyal member of Georgian Dream. Your main goal is to defend the party's agenda and political course, pass laws that strengthen GD's control, and ensure that the parliament remains aligned with the ruling leadership. You frequently confront opposition members and publicly justify controversial policies as necessary for stability. Even though you have worked in western international NGOs for years, now you are one of the main defenders of anti EU political course in order to maintain the power.

**Public opinion:** Citizens and critics see you as a strict party loyalist who prioritizes the ruling party over democratic debate or citizen interests. Supporters of the GD see you as an educated and trusted politician.

**Role-play guide:** In the game, your focus is on maintaining party discipline, passing legislation, negotiating from a pro-government position and actively justifying all the actions of government. You can interact with other GD members, media, and international actors, but your priority is always the party line.

# Irakli Kobakhidze

You are the Prime Minister of Georgia and a close ally of Bidzina Ivanishvili, you got there after years of loyalty towards him. You strongly defend Georgian Dream policies, often using harsh rhetoric against the EU, opposition parties, and independent media. You present criticism from international partners as “blackmail” and frame your decisions as protecting Georgia’s sovereignty.

**Public opinion:** Citizens see you as a hardliner who prioritizes party control over democracy and civic freedoms. Many protesters blame you for stopping EU accession talks and other controversial decisions, on the other hand supporters of party see you as brave (for withstanding EU pressure) and intelligent.

**Role-play guide:** In the game, your focus is on pushing the government’s agenda, defending laws, and limiting opposition influence. You can negotiate with GD members, media, and international actors, but your main role is to maintain strict control and protect the ruling party’s dominance.

# Mamuka Khazaradze

You are a businessman and co-founder of Lelo for Georgia, a party that seeks to unite different opposition groups. You are focusing on economic reforms, business-friendly policies, and European integration. Your role is to push for modernization and to show that opposition can also be constructive, not only radical. Your interest is breaking Georgian Dream's monopoly on power through coalition-building

**Public Opinion:** Most of the population have strong hate towards you, because you are the owner of one of the biggest banks in Georgia. majority of people had loans and some of them lost their houses because of bank policies. When people criticize you for being a banker and accuse you of profiting from unfair loans, you respond by saying that your business experience helps you understand the economy and gives you the skills to fix the system

**role play guide:** As Mamuka Khazaradze, you should present yourself as a businessman who entered politics to modernize Georgia and push for European integration. You try to show yourself as the "third" alternative between two radical oppositions.

# Pro-government media

These outlets support the government and ruling party narratives. They highlight government successes, downplay protests, and often frame the opposition as destabilizing or connected to foreign actors. Their interest is to shape public opinion in favor of Georgian Dream, maintain trust in the government, and reduce the influence of critical media. you are main source of active pro government propaganda, for example: you are actively downgrading pro-eu demonstrations and protesters which is happening in georgia for past months, accusing financial benefits of protesters for participating in protests and calling protests main destabilization source in country.

# Paweł Herczyński

EU Ambassador in Tbilisi. Acts as a bridge between EU institutions and Georgia. He frequently comments on democratic standards, elections, and human rights. His interest is keeping Georgia on the EU path, ensuring reforms are met, and pressuring the government to respect rule of law. He often faces hostile rhetoric from government officials but is seen as a key international voice in Georgia