

# Posudek oponenta diplomové práce

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Název práce: **The American Foreign Policy with the Middle East : from the earliest days to the Obama's mandate**

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## Konkrétní připomínky a dotazy k práci:

The master's thesis deals with an important, currently discussed and partly sensitive topic of the American foreign policy with the Middle East. It has good theoretical framework, although its theoretical background is very narrow and related to very few resources despite of many existing. The author furthermore was not able to use theoretical framework in empirical part. The master's thesis in addition absents the definition of methodology. No clear methodological background caused the ambiguousness of the structure that might have been more logical (and not reflect some historical events), the coherence of the thesis is somewhat problematic. Time span ("from the earliest days to the Obama's mandate") of the thesis is very ambitious and there is no good balance between introduction, body and conclusions of the paper. On the more analytical level, the thesis seems to suffer from trying to cover many different topics without any clear logical or methodological background, which are not connected clearly in terms of theory. The Chapter 3.3. The War of Iraq: the US foreign policy in trouble in a new world order is completely absent in the thesis. The Conclusion is very brief and author was not able to critically evaluate the results of the research.

The author is partly familiar with key literature in the field and level of referencing is appropriate. On the other hand, there is no superior evaluation of existing literature and the author often uses the same resources. The thesis provides a very good language level. The author has been only partly successful in fulfilling his goal. Furthermore, he has proven not very good work with formal requirements and relevant sources. , although its bigger variety would be appreciated. The text is more descriptive than interpretive, and arguments are often weak and disjointed. On the other hand the text is of appropriate length for and undoubtedly fulfils a level of requirements for master's thesis. I do recommend it for the defence.

Questions for the thesis defence: 1) Why is the realism the best theoretical approach to American foreign policy with the Middle East? 2) Is the American foreign policy with the Middle East successful (in the long term period)?

**Závěr:** Diplomovou práci **doporučuji k obhajobě.**

Navrhovaná výsledná klasifikace práce:      **2**

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