

Posudek vedoucího diplomové práce

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Název práce: **Managing Migration: Policies of the Obama and Trump Administrations**

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Konkrétní připomínky a dotazy k práci:

The thesis investigates a very relevant topic of migration in the USA. Drawing on the theoretical concept of migration theories and employing a comparative methodology, it explores the approaches to migration by the last two US presidents. The thesis is logically structured and research questions are clearly stated. However, the findings are not very systematically presented. Also, the employment/operationalization of the theoretical concepts could have been more rigorous. The whole thesis is rather descriptive and the theories are employed scarcely (such as the note on the Dual Labor Market theory on page 44) in the analysis and are 'saved' for chapter 5 which is, unfortunately, very brief. I would suggest the topic of the thesis be much more specific. The student mentions many interesting and relevant aspects of migration which are not developed sufficiently. If the thesis had focused only on remittances, lobbying or media representation of both presidents, it would have allowed the student to explore these in more detail. Now, the analysis remains on the surface and the overall impression is that the chapters are rather descriptive. Also, the thesis would benefit from a more rigorously applied methodological framework as the comparative analysis is rather tentative. The formal aspects are good although it is clear the student was under time pressure as many typing errors occur (e.g. on page 2 'The thesis will then The final chapter of the thesis will be...', the green color on page 38, random blank pages, etc.). The list of references is sufficient (there was no need to use the big font and double spacing to make the list appear longer).

Overall, despite the criticism, I find the thesis informative, recommend it for defence and suggest the following questions for discussion: 1) Do you expect migration to be one of the main topics in the following presidential election campaign? 2) What is the current state of the debates regarding the border wall between the USA and Mexico?

Závěr: Diplomovou práci doporučuji k obhajobě.

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