



Review of Master's Thesis– Opponent

Title: Managing Migration: Policies of the Obama and Trump Administrations

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	Criteria	Classification level
1.	Achievement of the aims of the thesis	2
2.	Logical structure of the thesis	1
3.	Work with literature, citations	1
4.	Adequacy of used methods	1
5.	Depth of analysis with regard to the topic	3
6.	Individual approach to writing	2
7.	Formal arrangement of the thesis	2
8.	Language and stylistic arrangement of the thesis	1

Comments on and questions to the thesis:

The master thesis which focuses on the attitudes of Obama and Trump administrations towards migration, especially towards international migration, has a great potential. Even though, the topic is rather broad and it would not be a mistake to narrow it down, the structure is well prepared and logical. The author also skillfully introduces several theories of international migration, as well as identifies the methods used for the further analysis. Unfortunately, this is the place where the potential starts to vanish away. The main problem of the thesis is the fact that the text remains rather descriptive, the analysis is placed only at the very end of the thesis - in the last chapter which in my opinion should have been the key part of the whole text. Another important problem of the thesis is definitely the lack of connection between individual parts of the text. The author describes the theories of migration, but uses them scarcely in the final analysis. And there is no reflection or analysis present in the chapters which identify the stances and policies of Obama and Trump administrations (chapters 3 and 4). Moreover, the parts focused on the media images of both presidents seem to be a bit isolated, there is no clear connection to the further analysis (especially in case of Obama's portrayal in media - migration topics are not even mentioned). Also the discourse analysis is not really well used in the chapters 3, 4 and 5. Otherwise, the formal arrangement (including the language and stylistic arrangement) of the thesis is sufficient, the author uses a lot of different sources which are well cited in the text. Overall, I recommend the thesis for defence. Here are two questions for discussion: (1) Can you find any similarities in the attitudes of Obama and Trump administrations towards international migration? (2) How are the steps related to migration of Trump administration perceived in the Republican party?

Conclusion: I recommend the thesis for defence.

Suggested classification: **2**

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