Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with topic of Japanese nationalism and its rise in Japanese liberal-democratic society before second world war. I focus mainly on period of 1920s and 1930s, when numerous breakthrough events occur that deeply undermined trust in democracy and Western world. In the first half of my thesis I analyze economic, internal and foreign policy factors and their negative impact on society, which contributed to rise of radical feelings. For better understanding of success of nationalism I introduce Japanese version of this ideology with its thoughts and ideas. Thesis ends with terrorist assassinations of nationalist groups which represents first noticeable and alarming consequences caused by this radicalization of society that led country into war.