Abstract

Queen Elizabeth II. is an indivisible part of British national identity/britishness. She is a symbol of national identity and should be its guarantor. Many experts agree on this claim. However, it is not sufficiently described how she should fulfill her role. Therefore, this bachelor thesis deals with the role of British Emperor Elizabeth II. in connection with the maintenance of the British national identity. It analyzes whether and how the Queen participates in maintaining British national identity. First, the thesis discusses the question of national identity and its definitions, and continues with the definition of British identity. Furthermore, on the basis of professional studies and opinions, as well as on the basis of the views of British journalists and residents, it represents the main areas and components of British national identity. It determines the areas in which the ruler should work while maintaining a national identity. These areas are political-ideological identity, cultural identity and common history and memory. The thesis analyzes whether the Queen Elizabeth II. is involved in these areas and how she maintains and strengthens individual components of identity. It analyzes how the monarch really cares about this identity. The individual events in which Elisabeth II. participates are monitored, the individual speeches and the style in which the UK is presented on the British Royal Family's official site and on social networks. It also analyses her charitable activities. In conclusion, thanks to the analysis of the queen's activities, the extent to which the activities of the Queen are really beneficial for maintaining of the national identity is assessed. The bachelor thesis shows that the sovereign's activity is really focused on preserving British identity and is really beneficial.