

**Abstract:**

This bachelor's thesis deals with ethnic situation in the Central Highlands (Tây Nguyên) in Vietnam and with the ethnic conflict which lead to riots in 2001 and 2004. The aim of my thesis is to analyse this conflict and its impacts on current national minorities policy in Vietnam. Roots of this conflict go deep into history of relationship between ethnic majority Viet (Việt, or Kinh), and ethnic minorities. The Indochinese War and the Vietnam War had the biggest impact on this conflict, so did the economic reform Đổi Mới. The Đổi Mới aimed to improve living standards of ethnic minorities by resettling Viets to pass on their experience and help minorities to level up. However, number of the Viets have started to increase and tightening of control over the minorities lead to growth of interethnic tensions which resulted in ethnic conflict.

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