

Abstract

This thesis is concerned with finding a relationship between the principles of Catholic social teaching and the written views of the Freedom and Direct Democracy – Tomio Okamura party as presented on the party's website.

At the beginning of the thesis the reader is briefly introduced to individual principles of Catholic social teaching. For the purposes of this thesis five principles have been chosen which are mentioned in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. These are the principles of human dignity, the common good, universal destination of goods, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Then the reader is acquainted with the basic views of the Freedom and Direct Democracy – Tomio Okamura party (SPD). By way of indicative research on the particular views of SPD, three topics are then formulated, which are most often mentioned by SPD. These consist of the European Union, foreign policy and migration.

Comparison of these most frequently mentioned topics with Catholic social teaching and other relevant resources creates a base for further confrontation between Catholic social teaching principles and the views of SPD. Equally important for this confrontation are also other positions of the SPD party relating to particular social topics and also values of truth, freedom, fairness and love, which are mentioned in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church in relation to the principles of Catholic social teaching.

Keywords

Catholic social teaching, European Union, freedom, Freedom and Direct Democracy party, human dignity, church and political parties, manipulation, migration, Social Doctrine of the Church, solidarity, sovereignty, subsidiarity, Tomio Okamura