

Annotation

Missile defense takes a part of the United States defense strategy since the second half of the 20th century. The approach to the missile defense program has radically changed since. The aim of this bachelor thesis is to compare practice of two subsequent administrations on the basis of the Barack Obama's 2010 Ballistic Missile Defense Review and Donald Trump's 2019 Missile Defense Review. The comparison is performed by an analysis of each of the documents' strategic narratives. The latter document – 2019 MDR – was released in January 2019 and Trump declared its content “revolutionary” and as a “beginning of a new era” of the missile defense program. Despite the extension of the missile defense concept and the introduction of a new space defense program, the current steps of the Trump's administration do not indicate any radical shifts as described by Donald Trump himself. This thesis also presents a historical overview of the U.S. missile defense and aims to examine the recently released 2019 MDR in the context of the missile defense policy development in the last seventy years. On this basis, the bachelor thesis shows that the updated document 2019 MDR is not an “entry to the new era of missile defense”, as Donald Trump proclaimed, but a continual follow-up to the plans of previous Obama's administration.