

## **Abstract**

In my bachelor thesis, I tried to answer my main hypothesis, which was that presidential candidates give many promises during their campaigns and they are not able to fulfill them after taking the office because of missing competences. Sometimes it is not even technically possible. I tried to apply this theory on the campaign of Donald Trump, especially on three promises that were focused on fighting terrorism in the United States. To achieve my goal I examined the promises Trump gave during the campaign. After that I focused on the steps taken by Trump since his inauguration in January 2017 until the middle of his term in January 2019.

The first promise I focused on was „closing parts of the internet where ISIS is“. The only one step Trump did in this area was signing a statement in which he and the G7 leaders called for intensifying the pressure from social media to combat online terrorism. From a technical point of view, this promise has been problematic from the beginning. The first problem was the fact that Trump did not have sufficient competence to fulfill it. Second problem was the first amendment to the US Constitution. It protects freedom of speech and closing parts of the Internet would disrupt these freedoms. Thanks to this promise I have confirmed my hypothesis that candidates during their campaigns give such promises that they do not have sufficient competences to fulfill or they cannot be made from a technical point of view.

The second promise was „to establish a commission on radical Islam“. Trump said during his campaign, that it would be the first thing done once he was a president. Yet, after two years, there is no sign of that commission even though Trump has competence to fulfill this promise. Month after Trump's inauguration members of Middle East Forum (MEF) group developed a comprehensive plan to establish such a commission. They met with the White House officials but according to the director of the MEF group, Trump administration did not consider establishing a commission as a priority. Thanks to this promise I have confirmed my hypothesis that the candidates are over-promising during the campaign and are unable to meet these commitments after they are elected, even though they have all the competences to do so.

Third promise was „to stop the immigration from terror-prone places“. Unlike the previous two promises, Trump started to fulfill this promise just one week after his inauguration. On January 27, 2017, he signed the executive order „*Protecting the Nation*

*From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States*“ to prevent terrorist threat entering the United States. This order was directed against citizens of seven predominantly Muslim countries and it was nicknamed *Muslim ban*. The statistics of latest terrorist attacks in the United States said that no person who committed a terrorist attack in the United States from September 11, 2001 was from either of these countries. Along with it countries from which the terrorists came to the USA were not included in the executive order. Despite the fact that Trump administration spoke about this executive order as a *Travel ban*, in my opinion that is based on the facts I found, in reality it was a *Muslim ban*.