

## **Abstract**

In this bachelor paper author tried not only to explain the term "euroscepticism", to describe various theories and concepts of euroscepticism and to choose the most suitable concept for the analysis of euroscepticism but also to examine the manifestations of euroscepticism in two Czech political parties – ČSSD and ODS – from 2006 to 2018. The theoretical part is devoted to defining the term "euroscepticism", its origin and contemporary concept. I tried to explain the definition of term "euroscepticism" by means of the basic literature on the given topic, such as the work of Taggart, Kopecky and Mudd, Flood etc. Using the theoretical part, I tried to put chosen political parties into one of the euroscepticism typologies. In my research of manifestations of euroscepticism, I have been using party program documents and information from the ODS and ČSSD websites. In addition, I used Czech-language literature on this topic (Euroscepticism in the Czech Republic), data from the sociological surveys of STEM and CVVM, records of voting in the Parliament of the Czech Republic and speeches of selected members from both political parties. I chose those parties because I suppose that both are substantial competing parties that deserves attention when examining the problem of euroscepticism in the Czech Republic at least because those two parties were the main rivals in the Czech political arena for a long time and I think that it would be interesting to look at its attitude towards the process of European integration. In my work I used both diachronic and synchronous comparative analysis. The main hypothesis is that the level of Euroscepticism in the ČSSD and the ODS has increased, which I would like to show both by analysing the language of party documents and by analysing the speeches of some members of the parties, as well as by studying practical steps, which chosen parties have been doing such as voting in Parliament on issues concerning the European Union, the euro area and the process of European integration in general.

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