



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: How The Turkish Lobby Influences Foreign Policy: The Case of Armenian Genocide Recognition in The United States

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	37
<i>Total</i>		80	74
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	94



Evaluation

Major criteria:

A major contribution to the under-researched topic; cleverly executed, theoretically informed, with in-depth knowledge of the context and factual accuracy. The thesis is well-organized, anchored in the theoretical and empirical literature; it is guided by a clearly-formulated set of research questions and contributes, in a comparative perspective, to our understanding in the role of ethnic lobbies in foreign-policy making.

Minor criteria:

None of importance.

Overall evaluation:

A solid piece of research, based on the author's long-term interest in the topic. As such, it exceeds the requirements placed on standard M.A. theses. Although the topic is somewhat unrelated to the field of security studies, it still has implications for security/foreign policy-analysis in a broader sense.

Suggested grade:

94 points, A (1)

Signature:

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