

ABSTRACT

The topic of this diploma thesis is immigration from Venezuela, Brazil and Cuba to the Czech Republic from the year 1993 to the present. Political events in Venezuela in recent years have increased migration to the neighboring states in region. Therefore, we could expect also increase in immigration from Venezuela to the Czech Republic. Even though the increase did really occur, the population of Venezuelans in the Czech Republic is not so large (mainly due to geographical distance and language barrier) in this diploma thesis will also appear immigration from Brazil and Cuba. Brazil was chosen mainly because the population of Brazilians living in the Czech Republic is the largest of all Latin American countries. Another difference between Venezuela and Brazil is the different mother tongue of immigrants. The last nationality represented are Cubans, whose immigration history to the Czech Republic or originally to the Czechoslovakia differs. During the socialist era, many Cubans lived here due to intergovernmental agreements of Czechoslovak Socialist Republic. Which cannot be said about Venezuelans and Brazilians at that time. According to statistics, even in the mid 1990's, only dozens of Venezuelans and Brazilians lived in the Czech Republic. While at this time lived hundreds of Cubans in the Czech Republic. This difference was caused mainly because of original relations between Cuba and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic in the times before the Velvet Revolution.

The research examines through questionnaires with immigrants their main motivation to movement, their satisfaction with life in the Czech Republic, the level of integration into the Czech society and other aspects of their stay. In most cases, these are economic migrants who have migrated mainly for new job opportunities, but there are also cases of migration for family reunification. There is also political migration (mainly from Cuba and Venezuela), which can be mapped according to the number of immigrants who have been granted asylum in the Czech Republic. Statistical data do not include illegal immigration, which, as found in the research, is also represented in the Czech Republic, but not in large extent.