

Abstract

In this work I examine how the relations between the Frankish kings and the Norman dukes changed during the tenth and eleventh centuries. To examine these relationships, I use chronicles of Norman, Frankish and English, which deal with the period. The goal of this work is to better understand the events of the time. Furthermore, the goal is present the possible causes and contexts of some important European events, which I mentioned above, such as the invasion of England and others. The question I want to answer in conclusion is how contemporary authors perceived the relations of West Frankish, later French kings and Viking later Norman dukes before the invasion of William the Conqueror in England in 1066. I also want to find out how these relations and individual personalities are recorded in the sources and what sympathies chroniclers have for them. I solve the mentioned goals and questions through the analysis of the mentioned chronicles and documents. The analysis of these chronicles showed that the relationships I examined were quite variable. Initially, during the reign of Charles, the Norman dukes were rather seen as a threat. However, after the accession of Hugo Kapet to the French throne, the Normans became important allies and sometimes friends of the rulers of Paris. This allowed the Normans to mobilize their forces and try to act as boldly as the invasion of England, without having to worry about the King of France. For contemporary authors, it depended mainly on who their work was written for. From this it depended who was portrayed in their chronicles as a hero or as a criminal. I believe that evaluating the events in this work could lead to a better understanding of the events of Western Europe. The Norman warriors influenced history not only in northern and western Europe. Their influence was evident from Normandy and England, through southern Italy to Antioch. Norman adventurers have left an indelible mark everywhere here, so it is a pity that this topic is not much researched in the Czech environment.