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## **Abstract**

Most of the previous research that has examined migration in the Czech Republic has focused primarily on the development of migration flows and changes in government strategies in this area, not on how we think about this issue and how we talk about it. Therefore, the aim of this Thesis is to analyze the political discourse on migration in the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. The analysis is based on the hypothesis of the existence of two consistent discourse attitudes, which represent restrictive and liberal directions of migration policy/policies in parliamentary debates. As the Chamber of Deputies plays a key role in the legislative process, discourse attitudes should theoretically be able to influence the final form of migration legislation and thus the life of various groups of migrants without Czech citizenship. The basis of the empirical part is a critical discourse analysis of all negotiations of the Chamber of Deputies on migration legislation from 2017 to the present. Its results show that restrictive assumptions have a dominant position in the selected sample. It is also possible to speak about the presence of discourse attitudes, as approximately 20% of MPs were consistent in their rhetoric and used only restrictive or only liberal assumptions. In the conclusion, possible directions of continuing the research of discourse attitudes on the soil of the Chamber of Deputies are presented, which could help increase the validity of the achieved results.

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