



Posudek na diplomovou práci

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Název práce: Platform governance triangle: The case of the EU Regulation on preventing the dissemination of illegal terrorist content online

Obor/Rok: MV/21

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Kritéria	Definice	Max. bodů	Získané body
Hlavní kritéria			
	Výzkumná otázka, formulace problému	10	7
	Teoretický konceptuální rámec	30	25
	Metodologie, analýza argumentace	40	35
<i>Celkem</i>		80	67
Vedlejší kritéria			
	Zdroje	10	8
	Styl	5	5
	Formální kritéria	5	5
<i>Celkem</i>		20	18
CELKEM		100	85



Slovní hodnocení:

Hlavní kritéria:

This thesis addresses the topic of the EU Regulation on preventing the dissemination of illegal terrorist content online and, specifically, the hypothetical effectiveness of the regulation in the context of platform governance. The author poses several research questions, including: “How [did] the Regulation [...] come to be?”; “What is the role of the [EU]?”; “What is the role of private business actors [...]?”; and “What are the conditions for the [regulation] to be effective?” (p. 6)

The thesis goes beyond the standard expectations regarding the quality of diploma theses in several ways: (1) the author demonstrates advanced academic writing skills (both stylistically and content-wise); (2) she proceeds systematically and rigorously in the execution of the chosen research design; and (3) offers convincing and evidence-based conclusions on a new and so far fairly unexplored topic. While the overall quality of the thesis is impressive, there are also some problems.

First, I have a slight issue with the number of research questions and their formulation. Four questions is quite a lot even for a diploma thesis. Moreover, some of the questions are rather descriptively oriented (e.g.: “How [did] the Regulation [...] come to be?”) and are ultimately answered through the synthesis of the existing literature. The core of the analysis - and the main message of the thesis - actually rests in the very last question on the “effectiveness”. This one would have sufficed.

Second, I was missing a section dedicated to methodology/research design, which would address issues such as the rationale behind the case selection, choice of data, formulation of hypotheses, and operationalization of variables.

Third, the theoretical framework appears to be based mostly on a single source - the article by Robert Gorwa (2019). Additionally, this part could have benefited from a separate sub-section on to the assessment of (hypothetical) “effectiveness” - after all, this is “the” dependent variable. Because of the lacking description of the operationalization (incl. variables “actor competencies,” “legitimation,” and “power relations”), it is not entirely clear how the effectiveness could be assessed.

The analytical part itself is, nevertheless, very well-written and comprehensive.

In addition to addressing the issues above, I would like the author to elaborate on the choice of the topic. Counter-terrorism policies are certainly an important subject but why does this specific regulation matter? What motivated this case selection?



Vedlejší kritéria:

The length, formatting, and sources of the thesis are adequate.

Celkové hodnocení:

The quality of the thesis is above the average: (1) the author demonstrates advanced academic writing skills; (2) she proceeds systematically and rigorously in the execution of the chosen research design; and (3) offers convincing, evidence-based conclusions on a new and so far fairly unexplored topic. Some of the weaker points include: (1) redundant research questions (i.e.: RQ 1, 2, and 3); (2) missing justification for the case-selection and description of the operationalization of variables; and (3) relative reliance on a single source for the theoretical-conceptual framework (i.e.: Gorwa, 2019).

Výsledná známka:

I suggest grade "B" with the possibility to change the grade to "A" if the author defends the thesis convincingly and addresses the issues outlined above.

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Podpis: