

This bachelor thesis deals with the issue of influencing large technology corporations in the policy areas of the United States within the concept of civic oligarchy. The first chapter presents the development of crucial definitions of oligarchy from the Greek philosopher Platon to the American political scientist Jeffrey Winters. The second chapter is devoted to describing the oligarchy in the United States, the rise of companies such as Google, Apple, Facebook, and Amazon with the definitions that accompany the oligarchy. The historical period of the Gilded Age as a forerunner of the present is also briefly introduced. The third part points out the corporation's practices character of the civic oligarchy such as lobbying, influencing elections, and tax evasion. The fourth part groups solutions to the problem of the oligarchy in the United States by economists, lawyers, and political scientists. The conclusion is a summary of all aspects of the work in order to prove or refute the possibility of applying the concept of civic oligarchy in the United States to technology corporations.