



Report on the part of the master state examination Record of the thesis defence

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Type of the study programme: Master's (post-Bachelor)
Study programme: Society, Communication and Media
Branch of study: Society, Communication and Media
Study ID: 643614

Title of the thesis: Political Communication during COVID-19 in India: Study of Public Support.
Thesis department: Department of Sociology (23-KS)
Language of the thesis: English
Language of defence: English
Advisor: Mgr. Anna Shavit, Ph.D.
Reviewer(s): Mgr. Jiří Remr, Ph.D.

Date of defence: 22.09.2021 **Venue of defence:** Praha
Attempt: regular

Course of defence: The defense was held online. The student presented his thesis on the topic of Political Communication during COVID-19 in India: Study of Public Support. After the introduction the student presented his research questions, methodology and results of his research. The student also explained rationale for choosing research subjects with journalism and psychology background.

The supervisor was present during the defense and was given space to comment on the thesis. She highlighted importance of the topic in general, research questions and unique inside into this topic in specific geographical area. A weaker point was raised on the selected sample and not giving a rationale for such choice.

Afterwards the committee summarised the opponent's review and raised following questions
a) Are the differences between respondents with psychological and journalism backgrounds statistically significant?
b) What was the response rate? What method of data collection was used? What are the descriptive characteristics of the sample, especially in terms of gender, age, place of residence, length of occupation, left-right orientation, and media consumption?

The student answered to the questions adequately, acknowledging the limits of his work.

During the discussion the committee pointed out weak points in methodology, research methods and data analysis. Despite these shortcomings the committee decided to evaluate the thesis sufficiently.

Result of defence:	good (E)
Chair of the board:	doc. PhDr. Dino Numerato, Ph.D. (present)
Committee members:	prof. PhDr. Hynek Jeřábek, CSc. (present)
	PhDr. Lenka Vochocová, Ph.D. (present)