

## **Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form**

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptua l framework	30	25
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	38
Total		80	73
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
Total		20	20
TOTAL		100	93



## **Evaluation**

## Major criteria:

The presented thesis investigates to what extent people believe in conspiracy theories. The analyzed case involves the landscape of Slovak political parties. It clear that the author invested heavily in carrying out a diligent and careful research project. The most valuable contribution lies in the empirical analysis, which relies on a robust methodological approach. Equally valuable is the result of the analysis, including its presentation.

Overall, the research relies on a wide body of literature studying conspiracy theories, perhaps including also only tangentially connected pieces. My only critical remark is directed at the conceptual framing of the issue, which should have been brought much closer to the adopted methodological approach.

Minor criteria:

All minor criteria were observed.

Based on the anti-plagiarism software checks, it is formally confirmed that the submitted thesis is original and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, does not, in an ethically unacceptable manner, draw from the works of other authors.

Overall evaluation:

A very well performed dissertation research, utilizing a correct and sophisticated methodological approach.



Suggested grade: A

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