

Abstract

During the last couple of years, the theme of women's political representation got to the forefront of the public debate. Women and men are equal regarding political rights, however, current politics are not reflecting this equality and women are underrepresented in the Lower Chamber of the Czech Parliament. Czech republic is being placed low in worldwide as well as in European rankings of women's presence within parliaments. This bachelor thesis focuses on candidate lists of chosen Czech political subjects, in particular their composition and the way in which they are being assembled considering women candidates. The partial aims of this paper are to describe past and current situation regarding women's political representation, map formal or other forms of support within the political subjects and analyze the candidate lists for the 2021 parliamentary elections. The main goal of this theses is to evaluate the degree of composition of the candidate list's or additional factor's influence on the low representation of women in the Lower Chamber of the Czech Parliament. The result of the theses is that the influence of the way candidate lists are composed on low representation of women in the Lower Chamber of the Czech Parliament is apparent. However, it is crucial to say that there are other factors which are contributing to the low representation, such as lower interest from the women's side or difficulty managing political career along with family and household duties. These factors seem to be the result of the social setting in which gender stereotypes still exist. According to these stereotypes, women are the primary family and household caretakers.