



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	20
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	25
<i>Total</i>		80	
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	
TOTAL		100	75



Evaluation

Major criteria:

Minor criteria:

Assessment of plagiarism:

17% as reported by SIS (overlaps due to direct quotes and bibliography).

Overall evaluation:

The thesis addresses the relevant and complex topic of the Chechen rebel movement being caught between secular nationalism and political Islam, with a gradual drift into the direction of political Islam. The thesis is fairly well-written with occasional mistakes (e.g., 'interstate' in place of 'intrastate') and style issues. The author relies on a broad selection of secondary sources and he also scrutinizes a number of interviews given by Chechen leaders in order to track the ideological development of the movement. The overall quality of the text is satisfactory, and while it presents no groundbreaking research, it demonstrates the author's significant efforts invested in working with the topic. When it comes to analyzing primary sources, the methodology could have been explained better.

Suggested grade:

C (75)

Signature:

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