

ASSESSMENT OF BACHELOR'S THESIS

Type of review: opponent

Author of the work: Ayken Kasenov

Thesis title: Climate change deniers and believers on the TikTok media platform: similarity and difference in the distribution of their knowledge claims

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Suggested Rating: A

Break down the justification for your evaluation of the work (especially reservations and critical comments) according to the criteria below.

1. Is the goal of the work (research question) clearly formulated and do the conclusions correspond to it? Is the work appropriately structured?

Yes, the aim of the thesis is clearly stated and the conclusions are appropriately formulated. The limitations of the conclusions are sufficiently discussed.

2. Does the author rely on sufficient literature relevant to the topic of the work? Does it also use foreign language texts?

Yes.

3. What is the quality of the data or sources used (including their selection, collection and description) and the methods of their analysis?

The sample size is adequate for what is expected for a bachelor's thesis. The selection criteria is adequately described. I would appreciate more information on the analytical method used and on the benefits of it and reasons for selecting this particular method.

4. What is the quality of the arguments on which the author bases the conclusions reached?

The arguments are grounded in the analysis and are adequately compared with the literature.

5. Are the author's/the author's claims and findings clearly distinguished from the claims and findings taken over in the work?

Yes.

6. What is the level of reference apparatus, language and other formal requirements?

The text adheres to all formal criteria.

7. Other strengths and/or weaknesses that do not meet the above criteria (if any).

I consider the discussion of the results in light of the literature of a high quality, exceeding the expectations of a bachelor's thesis.

8. Topics for discussion during the defense of the work.

1) Please explain why you selected thematic analysis, what were the advantages of this method, what were the drawbacks and what other methods have you considered and why have you decided not to use these.

2) The scope of the research question is very broad and the area on which you wish to extrapolate your results is too broad for 10 respondents. Although I understand that for the purposes of a bachelor thesis, just discussing these limitations is sufficient and shows your understanding of the research design, which is crucial, I would like to challenge you to think about how you could change the research design in order to fit the scope of the research question better or how you could modify the scope of the research to fit your sample better.

9. I declare that I have familiarized myself with the result of checking the originality of the text of the final thesis in the system:

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Comment on the result of the check:

Plagiarism control in both of these systems yielded satisfactory results.

Overall evaluation of the work:

Excellent.

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