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Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	**10**	8
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	**30**	20
	Methodology, analysis, argument	**40**	27
Total		***80***	55
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	**10**	7
	Style	**5**	4
	Formal requirements	**5**	5
Total		***20***	16
TOTAL		***100***	71

Evaluation

Major criteria:

The dissertation investigates Russian propaganda targeting Belarus and Serbia as a vehicle supporting social movements. The research design heavily draws on Gamson's frameworks of social movements. Although it is understandable that the framework is the central focus of some parts of literature review, the focus is too singular in that that more voice on the issue could be brought in.

Structure-wise, it is also questionable why the author introduced empirical details on case studies before discussing methodology and initiating analysis only to return to the cases in a similar spirit later.

Finally, the most profound problem of the thesis is the empirical analysis, which is underdeveloped to the point that it limits itself to most basic facts and is almost missing. It also communicates very poorly with Gamson's framework to which the author dedicated so much space in the beginning.

Minor criteria:

Minor criteria are met.

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:

Overall, the dissertation contains some empirical insights and a conceptual discussion, however, both are mostly divorced due to the fact that the empirical analysis is so limited that it is almost missing altogether.

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Suggested grade: C (71)

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