

The main aim of this thesis is to analyze the position of liberal parties in Russian politics since the 1990s. In order to achieve such goal, this paper is focused primarily on the development of party programmes throughout the Yeltsin and Putin era. In addition to that, this thesis deals with a no less important issue, the parties' electoral results since the first elections in independent Russia, that took place in December 1993. Nevertheless, although the above described topic could be characterized as the central idea of the paper, this thesis - in its second thematic part - discusses matters such as overall evolution of Russian political system in the past twenty years, with focus mainly on the development in independent state of Russia. However, this paper concerns also the question of the role of liberal ideology in Russian politics, compared to Russian political culture. Final chapter of this diploma thesis is devoted to the analysis of future development of Russian political system.