

## Tutors' assessment of the diploma thesis of Anas Abuov "Ethnic differentiation of fertility in Kazakhstan"

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The diploma thesis of Anas Abuov "Ethnic differentiation of fertility in Kazakhstan" consists of 81 pages of text including 4 pages of appendixes. Its text consists from seven numerated chapters including the introduction and conclusions. In addition there are the lists of figures, tables, references, and appendixes in this diploma thesis.

Assessed final thesis is focused on differentiation of fertility in Kazakhstan by ethnicity during the period 1999-2006. The submitted work has well bounded logical structure and consists of two basic parts. The first, technical part of the text, contents of problem definition, specification of research objectives and the thesis basic outlines, followed by introduction of data and methods, the used literature resources and theoretical frameworks plus the diploma research objectives and tasks. The second part, the core of diploma thesis comprises chapters 5 and 6. In the chapter 5 ethno demographic characteristic of the Kazakhstani population is provided. In the chapter 6 is studied fertility by ethnicity. The final part of the thesis (Conclusion) covers the author's major findings.

The author worked on the thesis independently following the recommended direction and structure of his research. The final text is written in a good manner, English used is easy to understand. The content of the work is relatively simple but very well elaborated and structured. The methods, assumptions and results are well formulated providing rather detailed insight into ethnic differentiation of the observed process and into basic trends observed recently in Kazakhstan. Excellent was his work with literature and other sources of information. Also the formal side of this diploma thesis can be classified as very good. There are not any principal errors in the text and imperfections are mostly related to the sudden misprints or omitted trivialities.

Referring to these facts I recommend the diploma thesis of Mr. Anas Abuov "Ethnic differentiation of fertility in Kazakhstan" for defense.



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