

Abstract

Bachelor thesis “John Adams a Thomas Jefferson: Two Perceptions of the Character of the USA“ deals with two American presidents who stood by the foundation of United States of the America. In terms of time and topic definition, the thesis is devoted to the Founding Era of the USA. The goal of this work was to compare political persons of the second and the third American president. Working method was base on the comparison both persons according to the three criteria – political thoughts on the form and the character of the government, political performance during their presidency and the personal characteristics of both presidents. In the thesis are used as the primary sources so the secondary ones.

This bachelor thesis is divided into four parts. Firs chapter deals with the political biographies of both statesmen and their relationship as well. Second and third chapter analyze the Adams' and Jefferson's texts in which they expressed their political ideas about the character of the government in early USA. Last part of the work is devoted to the comparison of their political conceptions and also to the comparison of their political acts during their presidency. The conclusion of the work is that we can find a shift of the John Adams' conception from the beginning of the American Revolution, which led to idea differentiation of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

Keywords

John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, United States of America, character of government, political thought