

*Úloha podnikovej loby v reforme imigračnej politiky v Spojených štátoch počas druhej administratívy Georga W. Busha*

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Kristína Mackuliaková has written her Bachelor's dissertation on the role of the business lobby in American immigration policy reform. The work is eloquently written and serves as an example of how such dissertations ought to be conceived. Kristína has organized the work into an introduction, three main chapters, and a conclusion. In addition, she has appended a number of tables and graphs, which provide the reader with useful information.

In the introduction, Kristína clearly states the aim of her work, which is to discuss the role of business in the formulation of immigration policy in the form of a case study. The introduction is well written and informs the reader of the structure of the dissertation. The literature is also properly evaluated.

Chapter 1 is entitled "Interest Groups: the Business Lobby." Here Kristína explains the American legislation regulating lobbying. Then she discusses the resources available to pressure groups and their effect on Congress. Lastly, she describes the role of the business lobby among other pressure groups.

Chapter 2 deals with immigration policy. The first section deals with the types of immigration visas available during the presidency of George W. Bush. In the following section, Kristína deals with the effects of immigrant labor on different business sectors.

Chapter 3 analyzes proposed changes to immigration legislation during George W. Bush's tenure in office. Bush decided to tackle this issue in his second term. Despite major support from the business sector for liberalized legislation, the legislation failed to be passed by Congress.

In the conclusion, Kristína states that financial resources spent by business are not pivotal and that they have not produced the goal of business to liberalize immigration policy. She rightly adds that immigration is a sensitive and emotional issue and that even money from big business is not enough to overcome fierce opposition from other segments of American society.

This dissertation is of excellent quality. I am impressed by the writing, the content, and the overall balanced argumentation. I recommend an **excellent** mark.

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