

Abstract

The Bachelor thesis “The influence of Protestantism on democracy in the USA“ focuses on forms and development of the relationship between politics and Protestantism in the American territory. This thesis identifies the investigated confession with emphasis on North American forms. In preceding Republican era the Puritan faith is presented not only as the determinant of politics, but also as the source of its legitimacy. In the chapter dedicated to the establishment of the United States the measure of the protestantism influence on foundations and building is researched. From this point of view the key Documents of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution, also the comments of their creators are analysed. Significant space is provided to American understanding of natural rights and its religious dimension.

In conclusion, the thesis aims at particular themes of contradictory Bible interpretations and their political consequences. Implication of these different approaches are presented on the conflict between abolitionists and the slavery's defenders and also on the conflict about educating evolution on schools leaded by the fundamentalists and liberals. The thesis in its progress focuses on the impact of Protestantism in many crucial moments of American democracy.