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Abstract

The thesis deals with the energy security of the United States of America at the beginning of the 21st century. The first part of the thesis identifies energy security as a relatively new concept in political discourse, whose meaning is not yet firmly defined. The goal of this part is therefore to refine the definition of energy security using an analysis of the content of relevant academic sources.

The second part of the thesis focuses specifically on the situation of the United States of America. It identifies the challenges to energy security the country faces, mainly the high level of dependence on petroleum products, and provides an overview of available solutions.

The third part is a case study that deals with the presidential election campaign of 2008. This campaign took place during a period of extremely high energy prices, and the energy security proposals made by the major candidates (Barack Obama and John McCain) became targets of great attention of American media and voters.

The aim of the thesis is to determine which of the approaches offered by the candidates represented a better choice in terms of providing long-term energy security solution for the United States of America.