

The aim of this thesis is to describe the political trials, their legal basis, factors that influence them and the mechanism of their functioning. The main factor that affects these trials is **power** or more precisely **policy**. **Law** is not among these factors, on the contrary in the case of acquisition of absolute power, law helps the ruler in enforcing his intentions. Legal order itself is not able to prevent suppression of political rights of individuals, because it requires the whole interconnected system containing mainly legal institutes.

Political trials as an effective way to suppress the opposition are still used; it depends only on the extent of abuse of positive law. Connection with political power is obvious. Czechoslovak political trials in 50's are characterized by considerable variability of the results due to the current political situation. Reassessment of previous conclusions does not necessarily come with the change of political regime. The second part of this thesis shows the influence of political setting on the results of political trials. This is demonstrated on the case called „*Truth will prevail*“.