Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with the media portrayal of the 2011 riots in the north of Bohemia in selected media: the most read serious newspaper Mladá fronta DNES, the tabloid newspaper Blesk, which is at the same time the most read daily in the Czech Republic, and the news website Romea.cz, which is focused on the Roma minority. In summer 2011 there were two attacks on people from ethnic majority by groups of Roma in the north of Bohemia. Lots of riots and demonstrations followed there. In the theoretical part, the thesis focuses on the history of the Roma minority in the Czech Republic, as well as their current situation, the media construction of reality and stereotypes in media, especially about ethnic minorities.

The next part of the thesis contains a qualitative study of the selected media, which analyses how the media referred to the riots and whether there were some stereotypes about Roma in the articles. Subsequently, there were several problematic ways of referring to the riots identified within the analyzed media. Stereotypes about the Roma minority appeared most often in Mladá fronta DNES. In Blesk and Romea.cz the reporters were trying more often to offer their readers a balanced point of view. However, the news coverage of the riots by the Romea.cz was unbalanced, because very often they used the news from the Czech Press Agency (ČTK) or several majority newspapers.