

Political system of the United states of America is considered to be a characteristic example of a two-party system. This study will not try to analyse the American two-party system in general, but will go in depth in analysing the importace of the Tea Party movement in this political system. Tea Party is considered to be a conservative right-wing movement which expresses its opinions in various areas and issues such as high taxes, high government debt, government's steps in health care, and so on. These, among Tea Party activists generally shared beliefs, have a purpose in the very philosophical basis of the movement. The study will try to find the this purpose, especially in connection with activists' social roots, movement's structure, and its field of work. Activists clustered in the Tea Party movement share a common ideology, which is based on belief that the federal government should have less power. This study will also cover many different areas in which the movement is active. Tea Party movement, operating throughout the whole United States, is going through the fragmentation process because its short history and different positions within the movement in the matter of how to incorporate the movement in the American political system. Tea Party Movement is a nationwide phenomenon, however, the largest support is seen in the south, and southwest of the United states. Although the movement shares a common ideology, the views of the individual fractions can differ widely on regional level. Therefore this study will analyse the specific groups within the movement and their agendas. This work will justify the attitudes of members of the Tea Party movement on specific political situations that are currently being discussed in the United states. The conclusion will summarize the analysis of the function of the Tea Party movement in the United states and will evaluate its overall importance in the American political system.