

Abstract

This thesis examines the Czech ethnic community of Wilber, Nebraska, which is named the Czech Capital of the US through the application of H.J. Gans' theory of symbolic ethnicity. It will focus on how the Czech community in Wilber keeps its Czech ethnicity alive as a community of late generation ethnics as well as examine whether or not this ethnicity is sustainable. This thesis will also deal with the authenticity of the late generation Czech ethnics identity and seek to prove whether it is completely symbolic or something else entirely.

Key Words

Symbolic Ethnicity, Ethnic Community, Late Generation Ethnics, Czech-Americans, Czech Community