

Abstract

My bachelor thesis, “Immigration Policy of France during the Presidency of Nicolas Sarkozy“ deals with the attempts of french government to reform french immigration legislation and implement stricter immigration policy towards foreigners. The issue of immigration is one of the top domestic policy issues today and was also used in the presidential election campaign of Nicolas Sarkozy. During the financial crises increased xenophobia in French society. Government tried to implement a selective immigration policy and deeper integration foreigners to the french society. They also tried to restrict immigration based on the right to family reunification, which is currently the main part of immigrants in french society. This thesis is theoretical analysis, which map and analyze the main laws that the government adopted to restrict the flow of immigration. I analyze immigration law from 2007, which should restrict family reunification and law from 2011, which implemented 3 directive of European Union into the French law. I also mention the repatriation of Roma into the country of origin. These measures provoked a stormy reaction in the professional and general public but also among deputies and Senators. Severely measures were finally canceled because of their failure or criticism.