

## **Abstract**

Catalonia is an autonomous community of Spain. Catalans are one of the nationalities that are recognized by Spanish constitution; however they see themselves more as a nation than just a nationality. Catalans have their own culture, history and language. For many reasons Catalans wish to live in their own state separated from Spain, which leads to the conflict between many Catalans and Spanish people.

This thesis describes this conflict from the author's point of view as she had the opportunity to observe the situation during 10 months she spent in Barcelona. This text should respond one question: What in particular are the manifestations of the Catalan nationalism? The author uses ethnographic approach to describe the main components of this nationalism. Using participant observation and informal interviews she defines three main groups of these manifestations. First she considers significant the importance of Catalan language which is a key element of the Catalan culture. The other manifestations of the nationalism can be found in the use of national symbols and in the collective rituals.