

This thesis 'Ethnic identity of Czechs in San Diego' discusses a question of identity of Czech emigrants and their descendants in American city of San Diego, California. The goal of the thesis is to analyze phenomenon of ethnic identity on a chosen sample of Czechamerican informers by methodology of qualitative research (structured interviews). There is made an emphasis on preservation of Czech identity in confrontation with connection to their acculturation and integration processes. In addition to findings of conditions of declared and living initial ethnic identity, the thesis is aimed to reflexion of features that can support the will to sustain the original ethnic identity during living in the USA. Symbolic ethnicity, the form of adaptation, is brought into the focus. The ethnicity takes on an expressive rather than instrumental function in people's lives, becoming more of a leisure- time activity.