



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: TechPower to the People: State's Monopoly Over Security and Surveillance in Turmoil

Programme/year: MISS 2018

Author of Evaluation (supervisor/external assessor):

Criteria	Definition	Maximm	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	18
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	25
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	52
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	8
	Style	<b>5</b>	4
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	4
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	68



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

The presented thesis discusses the relation between technological progress and state's power in terms of its monopoly over control and violence. The research takes a critical stance interestingly arguing that the state's power rather diminishes due to dispersion of modern technologies.

The research is very well formulated and the argument is indeed potent in terms of being nicely illustrated. Conceptually, the research draws on critical theory bring up particularly the concept of emancipation. This theoretical grounding could be relevant but I see few problems associated the theory in this thesis. First, emancipation actually works in an opposite way or, put it differently, the thesis should make it clear how emancipation works in this context. Second, the concept of digital vigilantism is poorly defined and, more importantly, it is not clear how is it linked with emancipation or if the author looks at the undermining capacity of technologies only through the concept of digital vigilantism. Finally, the critical security studies project is somewhat broadly described (basically all schools are mentioned) but the thesis does not show a clear research link between the theoretical discussion, concepts and empirical cases.

The case themselves are interesting, however I am not entirely convinced by their capacity to actually prove how modern technologies/digital vigilantism(?) undermine state's capacities in the security area.

### Minor criteria:

The thesis reads quite well, however several parts seem to be harshly written (confusing stylistic structures, unclear sentences). In fact, my general feeling is that the author was not able to successfully develop the originally very interesting argument due to time constraints.

### Overall evaluation:

The thesis comes up with an original idea; however it lacks a clearer research design, which could be used effectively analyse the issue or at least illustrate the argument.



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