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PROTOKOL O HODNOCENÍ BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE
(Posudek vedoucího)

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Název práce: **Hnutí Black Panthers a jeho vliv na emancipaci černošského obyvatelstva v USA**

Vedoucí práce (u externích vedoucích uveďte též adresu a funkci v rámci instituce):

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1. **OBSAH A CÍL PRÁCE** (stručná informace o práci, formulace cíle):

Bakalářská práce se zabývá stranou Černých panterů (v orig. Black Panther Party), jednou z nejvýraznějších organizací spojenou s militantními aspekty v oblasti emancipace černošských obyvatel USA. Black Panther Party působila v USA v období od poloviny 60. let do přelomu 70. a 80. let. Autorka v práci charakterizuje stranu Black Panther Party a její priority v boji, který vedla proti represím, kterých se ve vztahu k afroamerickému obyvatelstvu dopouštěla společnost, vláda a policie. Jsou vysvětleny okolnosti vzniku této strany a představeni její významní členové.

2. **VĚCNÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ** (náročnost, tvůrčí přístup, argumentace, logická struktura, teoretické a metodologické ukotvení, práce s prameny a literaturou, vhodnost příloh apod.):

The dissertation is well conceived and logical. The referencing is excellent and the argumentation is sound.

3. **FORMÁLNÍ A JAZYKOVÉ ZPRACOVÁNÍ** (jazykový projev, správnost citace a odkazů na literaturu, grafická úprava, formální náležitosti práce apod.):

As far as I can tell, there are no problems with expression, citations or other formal aspects of the work.

4. **STRUČNÝ KOMENTÁŘ HODNOTITELE** (celkový dojem z bakalářské práce, silné a slabé stránky, originalita myšlenek, naplnění cíle apod.):

Gabriela Tučková has penned an insightful B.A. dissertation concerning the Black Panthers and their struggle for African American emancipation. Unlike numerous other students in the past, Gabriela faithfully consulted the work with me from its embryonic stage up until completion. Though there never were any serious issues, Gabriela demonstrated her devotion to the topic throughout. The result is an informative, coherent B.A. dissertation consisting of an Introduction, four main chapters, and a Conclusion. In the paragraphs that follow, I will comment upon each individual section of the treatise.

In the Introduction, Gabriela spells out precisely what she wishes to accomplish in the work and she summarizes the content of each main chapter. Also discussed are the main sources Gabriela consulted. The Introduction is fine.

Chapter 1 represents a presentation of the historical context of the African American struggle for equal standing in American society. The main historical actors are discussed, as are the legal precedents, i.e. Plessy v. Ferguson and Brown v. Board of Education (Topeka). The origins and evolution of the civil rights movement are likewise explained. Gabriela's analysis of W.E.B. DuBois, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the major events is accurate. This chapter is well written. Gabriela portrays the emergence of the Black Power Movement and the idea of armed black self-defense in Chapter 2. Her main focus is on Malcolm X (born Malcolm Little) and she mentions his previous association with the Nation of Islam headed by Elijah Muhammad. Gabriela shows how Malcolm X's ideas (following his assassination) would form the ideological pillars of the Black Panthers.

In Chapter 3, Gabriela analyzes the founding of the Black Panther Party by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale, as well as the Black Panthers' aims and activities. It is helpful that the ten-point program of the Black Panther Party is presented in the English original with a Czech translation in the associated footnote. The regional expansion of the Black Panthers is analyzed, as is the

principle of black self-defense. Furthermore, Gabriela delves into the community activities sponsored by the Black Panthers. Included among these were the free breakfast program, independent schools, and free health clinics. In the last section of Chapter 3, Gabriela traces the decline and eventual demise of the Black Panthers. Correctly, in my view, she sees the first signs of the movement's weakening in ideological differences between Huey Newton and Eldridge Cleaver. Though still believing in armed self-defense, Newton favored emphasis on the community programs, whereas Cleaver wanted to initiate an armed uprising. Also, Newton placed faith in the black working class while Cleaver felt that the unemployed underclass with criminal experience should be the vanguard. After Newton's expulsion of more radical members based in New York (who turned into terrorists), Newton focused his activities on Oakland, California. The failure of Bobby Seale to be elected mayor of Oakland in 1973 also represented a significant blow to the movement. In 1982, the last class of the institute of the Black Panthers met and the Black Panther Party fell apart. This chapter is of excellent quality and it is obvious that Gabriela has utilized the sources well.

Gabriela assesses the legacy of the Black Panthers in Chapter 4. On the one hand, the Black Panthers are viewed negatively by mainstream society. However, the Black Panthers' emphasis on police brutality resulted in greater civilian oversight of police conduct in a number of American cities and their community programs did some good. Gabriela hints that the jury is still out with regard to a proper assessment.

The Conclusion recapitulates the main points presented in the body of the dissertation and Gabriela's assessment is balanced. On the one hand, aggressive activities of the Black Panthers did cast a negative light on African Americans in mainstream America, but on the other, community activities and the drawing of attention to police brutality did some good.

I think that my positive comments on the work speak for themselves. Gabriela has done much work and the result serves as evidence that her efforts have paid off. I recommend an EXCELLENT classification (A).

5. OTÁZKY A PŘIPOMÍNKY DOPORUČENÉ K BLIŽŠÍMU VYSVĚTLENÍ PŘI OBHAJOBĚ (jedna až tři):

Given the fact that police brutality against African Americans remains a significant problem in the United States today, is it likely a new movement will emerge with ideals similar to those of the Black Panthers? Why or why not?

6. **DOPORUČENÍ / NEDOPORUČENÍ K OBHAJOBĚ A NAVRHOVANÁ ZNÁMKA**

(výborně, velmi dobře, dobře, nevyhově): A

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