

Abstract

This work deals with distribution of newspapers in Bohemia at the end of the 18th and the first period of 19th century. We can trace great changes in society at this time – feudal society turns into a modern, civil one. Primarily this time is concerned to be the age of nationalism. There has been a narrow link between a way of communication in a certain society and its structure. This work is focused on the main features of new communication forms supported by newspapers production. Readers of this media share a specific knowledge and at the same time, they hand over a various kind of information. Newspaper reporting reinforces a communication across a society and forms a communication network between single members of a new nation.

The main distributors of newspapers were postmasters and their influence over this form of society is important part of this study. This work ends at cultural phase of nationalism just before formulation of first political requirements of new Czech nation.

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