

“Integration Programmes for Immigrant Children in the Czech Republic and Great Britain”

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This thesis needs to be re-worked and resubmitted. The content of the thesis is somewhat lacking and it is riddled with errors.

CONTENT

The thesis basically says that the Czech Republic and the (sic) Great Britain have different histories and immigration patterns and thus have different integration programmes for immigrant children.

Well, this is not a very earth-shattering contribution to the word of knowledge, is it? Couldn't Ms.

Tůmová dig deeper into the subject and give more information?

Also, 1. page 12: Economic crisis. Which economic crisis exactly? How does it affect matters? This must be better defined/explained.

2. page 15: 1.8% of foreigners? Or is what is meant it is 1.8% of students/pupils that are foreigners?

3. page 16-17: Czechs are xenophobic because there are not many foreigners but Great Britain has problems because there are many immigrants. This could be better presented/explained. Why is this?

ERRORS

This thesis is not up to the standards expected of a third-year university student of English, writing his/her thesis in English, and wanting to graduate with a Bc. degree.

1. The (sic) Great Britain: Throughout almost the entire text Tůmová writes: the Great Britain. This is a truly shocking error, especially if one of the two countries being focussed on is Great Britain.

2. page 6: economical for economic + typically Europe?

3. page 7: favourite destination, favoured? The favourite?

3. page 11: present perfect used incorrectly

4. page 12: Slovakei for Slovakia + agenda is in competence?

5. Articles: throughout the essay, in addition to the (sic) Great Britain ... *the* is often not used with the word *society* correctly.

6: dates: not 20's and 30's but 20s and 30s.

7. page 16: signifies on the fact?

8. page 17: rise nowadays + easily abandoned?

9. page 18: newspapers in italics.

10. page 20: no matter where do they come from

11. page 25: conclusion of Great Britain?

12. page 26: each of the country

13. page 26: United Kingdom (Note: missing article!) is fighting with the multiculturalism? What does that *mean*?

14. page 26: The Eastern Europe

A hypothetical question: Should the review stage of a Bc. thesis be the time for a proofreading service? It would be better if a reviewer could focus on content and not be a copy editor.

MLA Style: Wrong position for full stops in in-text citations.

Long citations not properly formatted. (Example: page 8).

Works Cited: 1. Ms. Tůmová writes that she is using up-to-date sources and documents. This is a very nice thing to write but a look at the websites on the Works Cited page, with one exception, shows NO PUBLICATION DATES and NO ACCESS dates. Tůmová has to realize that the Internet is not set in stone it is constantly in flux. She also has to realize that a Works Cited page is not just a list of URLs.

2. Do Bijl and Verweij have first names?

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Citation problems: Often Tůmová cites texts and then writes after them “as translated by Lenka Tůmová” however, she is only paraphrasing – nothing is directly cited – so there is no need for “as translated by” as nothing is being directly translated – a basic citation, for the ideas, is enough.

Recommended Grade: 4 (FAIL)

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