

Abstract

This thesis describes often mixed terms of corruption and lobbying, tries to distinguish them and explain why there is a crucial difference between disruptive corruption and legitimate lobbying, which is one of the key stones of modern democracy.

The first chapter deals with the general term of corruption, its typology and bribery.

The second chapter describes corruption criminal offenses in the Czech criminal code and divides them into general and special ones.

The third chapter deals with the term of lobbying, and the history of lobbying in the United States of America from the beginning of lobbying in 19th century described as influencing politicians by powerful and influential individuals using all available techniques and corruption, through advancing regulation by the state. The next part of the chapter is dedicated to lobbying and corruption in the Czech Republic. It gives a few examples on which there is possible to demonstrate the level of current legal regulation, which does not allow transparent control of public on decision making of the public officials. The last part of the chapter shows most serious reasons for appearance of corruption in lobbying, which need to be cleared.

The fourth chapter is about analysis of the regulation of lobbying in the United States of America and the United Kingdom. Those countries have chosen different ways for legal regulation of lobbying and they have certain experience for a few decades. In the period of advancing European integration, there is also needed to mention institutions of the European Union, which greatly influences the member states creation of the legislation. There is also pending discussion about strengthening of transparency, integrity and equality access of informations.

The fifth chapter reminds, that the idea of lobbying regulation in Czech Republic isn't new topic and offers legislative solution for Czech lobbying, which could decrease the amount of corruption during influencing of public officials.