

Abstract

The case of supposed (alleged) Ferdinand Peroutka's article *Hitler is gentleman* which caused on 27th January 2015 at the conference *Let My People Live!* in Prague president Milos Zeman filled up the Czech news media.

The aim of this thesis is to explore and analyse how these case was displayed in the media and how have the media approached to this case. This work is trying to assess the extent of media content in these media, the presence and importance of the communication and is also focused on the deeper meaning of the investigated material. The goal was to bring a sight and aspects of the possible inclination of the media, as an institution, to either side of the dispute. Traditional media like television, radio and press, were the main research sample. In addition to *Czech Television* it was extended for a second public service medium *Czech Radio*. As an additional source of traditional media the newspaper *Lidove noviny* and the magazines *Respekt* and *Reflex* were chosen.

The main actor of the case is the president of the state and his spokesman who tried to find a allegedly non-existent article. This work will therefore focus on the parsing and the analysis of aspects related to their appearance and action. Ferdinand Peroutka was accused of fascination with Nazism, media did "support" this affair very strongly and incited a discussion, also a criticism, not only about an aversive attitude of the president to admit a mistake and to apologize. The public was intended, whether it is possible to sue the Czech Republic instead of individuals and whether it is appropriate to evaluate historical events regardless of the context of the time and the knowledge that contemporary critics and historians have. In Peroutka's defence experts argued that these articles "sent" him to a concentration camp.

The fact that the alleged article *Hitler is gentleman* was not found, allowed to resolve the dispute in a lawsuit. Application has been complied, the presidential office, however, still refused to apologize and appealed what will significantly prolong this dispute.