Abstract

The bachelor thesis deals with the Otpor movement, which was founded by a group of university students in 1998. I focus on the activity of this group in the context of societal changes of the last decade of the 20th century. The aim of this work is to find out how the members of the Serbian professional public perceive the Otpor movement. I chose qualitative research as a method for data collection. The research was carried out through semi-structured interviews with selected members of the Serbian academic community. The thesis is divided into theoretical and practical part. In the theoretical part I use the method of compilation of secondary literature. Here I focus on the definition of the terms civil society and social movement. The following chapter is devoted to historical-political development in Serbia in the 1990s. The focus of this work is its practical part. This consists of interpreting the results of the research. The study examines the attitudes of the interviewees in categories such as the connection of the movement with the Western countries, the legitimacy of the movement or today's image of the movement in society.

The contribution of this work will be the examination of the topic, which is paid minimal attention in the Czech and Serbian environment.

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