

Abstract

My bachelor thesis focused on the Afghanistan withdrawal of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces. Veterans of this conflict heavily criticized the process of withdrawing troops. However, some politicians, including the American President Biden, labelled the withdrawal as a success. The purpose of my thesis is to determine how the Afghanistan withdrawal was portrayed in the Czech Republic. I selected two news websites (iDNES.cz and Novinky.cz). Due to the amount of content, I focused my analysis on a specific time period: 08.25.2021 - 08.31.2021. With the use of key words, I determined if the majority of content was positive, negative or neutral. My findings show that negative content exceeded positive content. The negative key word „chaos” was used most often on both news websites. The analysis is not focused on the withdrawal of Czech troops. The purpose is to analyze content concerning NATO. Content concerning the withdrawal of Czech forces was considered as neutral. Apart from the analysis I studied all content concerning the Afghanistan withdrawal on news websites iDNES.cz and Novinky.cz published during August and September 2021. Furthermore, I have observed the Afghanistan war and been in close contact with combat veterans, constantly receiving their opinion on the withdrawal process. I closely follow international media in multiple languages and specifically focused on the way the Afghanistan withdrawal was portrayed. Due to these reasons, I decided to complement my analysis with chapters I labelled – Personal Interpretation. The purpose of these chapters is to summarize content concerning the withdrawal process on news websites iDNES.cz and Novinky.cz. Chapters labelled – Personal Interpretation, complement the analysis of the specified time period: 08.25.2021 - 08.31.2021.