



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Identity Discourse in Western Liberal Democracies: ETA during the Years 1998-2018

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	29
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	38
<i>Total</i>		80	77
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	4
<i>Total</i>		20	19
TOTAL		100	96



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The thesis titled "Identity Discourse in Western Liberal Democracies: ETA during the Years 1998-2018" demonstrates a highly developed and high-quality research outcome. The author begins the thesis with a comprehensive literature review that not only situates their research within the academic debate on terrorism and terrorist organizations but also establishes connections with the selected case study. It is worth noting that the conceptualization of terrorism/state terrorism and terror is presented at an advanced level. Additionally, the author dedicates significant attention to introducing the historical aspects of the case, providing a thorough account of ETA's development before and after the dissolution of the Franco dictatorship.

Regarding the theoretical framework, I can confidently affirm the high quality of the thesis. The author adeptly employs three theoretical approaches and synthesizes them into a well-defined framework, which serves as the foundation for the empirical analysis. It is commendable that the author acknowledges the limitations of each theory and effectively utilizes them. Furthermore, the methodology section is well-developed, with a clear description of the discourse analysis application based on Fairclough's three-dimensional discourse matrix.

Regarding the case selection, I can affirm that the author has proceeded appropriately. Despite the challenging time span chosen, the discourse analysis is carried out with a high level of competence.

In terms of criticism, I have identified only one aspect of the thesis that could benefit from further development. It is common in the literature to categorize the different semantic and pragmatic aspects of the analyzed text in discourse analysis. Including a simple table outlining these aspects would enhance the author's argumentation regarding the case.

Overall, the thesis is an exemplary piece of research, demonstrating meticulous attention to detail and a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter.

Minor criteria:

From the formal requirements point of view, I do not have any objections. I appreciate that the author clearly lists the textual data in the appendices.



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Assessment of plagiarism:

The check of the Turnitin system identified 31% similarity with other texts caused predominantly by the excerpts of the analyzed texts in the appendices. No signs of plagiarism were identified.

Overall evaluation:

Overall, the thesis can be considered as an exceptionally high-quality piece and therefore I would suggest to be defended with the grade A.

Suggested grade: A

Signature: