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## **Abstract**

This bachelor thesis is dedicated to the topic of illegal downloading. It compares two different approaches to this issue, namely from the Czech Republic and Germany. In Germany, illegal downloading is punished much more severely than in the Czech Republic. Also, the legal framework that determines what is considered an illegal download is much stricter in Germany. The aim of this paper is to identify the reasons that cause the different approach to illegal downloading in these countries, which otherwise share a number of similarities. The thesis also seeks to provide a professional analysis of a phenomenon that almost every Internet user encounters in everyday life. The thesis concludes that the most fundamental cause is a different modern historical experience. Germany, unlike the Czech Republic, has a more than 70-year tradition with a democratic system, while the Czech Republic had a socialist unfree regime until 1989. Other reasons, such as society's attitude to the issue or the legal framework, stem precisely from the different historical experience. On the other hand, the participation of the Czech Pirate Party in the government and its popularity with the Czech electorate cannot be classified as a fundamental difference and cause.