



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	34
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	71
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	5
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	91



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

The dissertation asks about the causes behind the decrease of terrorism in the EU. Securitization causing policy changes is used to explain the trend, including varying levels of the decrease in different member state, and a critical perspective is applied to discriminatory measures accompanying counterterrorism policies.

Conceptualization is relatively robust, and an effort is made to explain individual indicators that will be used in the empirical analysis. Limitations sections characterizes the range of the study in an appropriate way, focusing on data availability differences across EU member states.

The analysis, covering mostly member states most impacted by terrorist activities in the past, is detailed and attempts to carefully understand the presumed causes behind the observed decrease. The first part of the analysis could be better structured since it focuses on individual member states and not the EU as a whole. Final parts of the analysis offer a balanced approach to the explanatory power of operationalized indicators and correctly state that the issue is indeed multi-dimensional and that not one singular intervention is behind the observed decrease.

### Minor criteria:

Minor criteria are met.

Based on the anti-plagiarism software checks, it is formally confirmed that the submitted thesis is original and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, does not, in an ethically unacceptable manner, draw from the works of other authors.

### Overall evaluation:

Overall, this is a well-executed piece of research that delivers on its goals. It could have been better structured to differentiate EU and member state levels of analysis.



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