

Abstract

The thesis deals with the reaction of the residents of municipalities threatened with demolition in connection with the threat model presented by Dennis Smith. Two municipalities were selected for research - Horní Jiřetín and Nové Heřminovy. In Horní Jiřetín, there is discussion of the demolition of the municipality in connection with the expansion of brown coal mining and, above all, the progress of mining at the quarry of the Czechoslovak Army. It is planned to build a dam in Nové Heřminy, which should prevent floods in the region in the future and at the same time become a water reservoir for the dry season. The first part of the thesis is devoted to the threat model presented in 2018 by Dennis Smith in his book *Civilized Rebels: An Inside Story of the West's Retreat from Global Power*. In this part of the thesis, this model is described and put into the context of sociological theories of conflict. The second part of the thesis is devoted to the analysis of qualitative research, which was conducted in both municipalities using interviews with their residents. As part of the analysis, the residents' reactions were described in terms of strategies for coping with the situation and fears for the future. In each village, these reactions are then divided into groups. Finally, in the third part, these groups are viewed and classified from the perspective of Dennis Smith's threat model. The result of the research is therefore an analysis of the reactions of the inhabitants of municipalities threatened with demolition and their explanation using the threat model.

Key words: demolition of municipalities, threat model, sociology of conflict, Horní Jiřetín, Nové Heřminovy