



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	6
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	23
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	34
<i>Total</i>		80	63
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	8
	Style	5	4
	Formal requirements	5	2
<i>Total</i>		20	14
TOTAL		100	77



Evaluation

Major criteria:

I want to begin by thanking the student for their hard work and commitment to this thesis. The effort put into researching and comprehending the context of the cases is clear, and the excellent introduction provides a solid foundation for the study. The student has exhibited a noteworthy understanding of the theoretical and conceptual framework, displaying in-depth knowledge that contributes to the research. These strengths create a firm foundation for the analysis and demonstrate the student's dedication to produce a complete and well-thought-out piece of work.

However, there are several problems that I would like to address. First and foremost, the thesis lacks a clearly defined research question, which is critical for leading the study and providing a focused path. The lack of a well-articulated research question makes it difficult to comprehend the major goal of the study and determine whether the objectives were reached. Furthermore, the objectives should be more fully articulated and better connected with the major research emphasis to improve the study's coherence.

Also, as implied before, the student demonstrates a solid understanding of the theoretical and conceptual framework, as well as extensive knowledge of the cases' background. This is one of the thesis's strengths. However, the framework might be improved by providing more specific linkages to the study goals.

Next, the methods section, while usually strong, might benefit significantly from improvement. One important area for improvement is the incorporation of discursive strategy analysis, which would give depth to the methodological approach. Furthermore, from a methodological standpoint, the thesis should include more information on how GPT AI was employed in the analysis. Breaking down the stages in greater detail would provide transparency and a better grasp of the research methodology. In addition, the thesis fails to address the study's validity and reliability adequately.

Finally, the thesis would benefit from including visual representations of the findings, such as themes and their relationships. Visual aids can considerably improve the clarity and intuitive understanding of the results.



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Minor criteria:

In terms of minor criteria, the thesis' formal requirements are of lower quality than the aspects stated above. The sources are sometimes not properly cited, the content switches between font types, and the language and style should be clearer.

Assessment of plagiarism:

The Turnitin plagiarism check resulted in a 10% score, however following evaluation, it was found to be acceptable.

Overall evaluation:

Overall, the thesis is well-written, and I recommend defending it with a C.

Suggested grade: C

Signature: