Abstract

This work focuses on the demographic situation in Russia in connection with political declarations and subsequently their comparison with reality. The aim is therefore to describe and analyze the history and current state of the demographic situation in Russia. Next this work focuses on analysis of factors that have had an impact on the demographic situation over the years and that have led to today's situation. In most of the chapters, the policies that were declared or applied to solve the crisis are mentioned. The final chapters then evaluate them and compare the declarations with reality. To determine set goals, an analysis of academic sources, government documents and statistics were used primarily. In final chapters that focus on current situation, outside of mentioned, articles from relevant media were used. Based on these methods, the results were then evaluated. These point to an ever-worsening demographic situation, which we are monitoring mainly through depopulation, which has been going on since the collapse of the Soviet Union. That is mainly caused by low birth rates and high mortality rates, especially in the male category. The problems that Russia is currently facing are also the imbalance of age categories or the long-term low life expectancy for men. As far as political measures are concerned, they are mostly focused on financial aid, which, as it turns out, is not a long-term solution to the problems. The policies of President Putin, who prefers other goals in the long term, are also proving to be insufficient, despite long-term declarations about priority efforts to solve the demographic situation. Overall political elites are unsuccessful to stop negative development of the demographic situation in Russia.