

Abstract

This bachelor thesis focuses on the analysis of the phenomenon of multiple-office holding and its perception by the political movements Mayors and Independents (STAN) and Mayors for the Liberec Region (SLK). The aim of the thesis was to determine how members of these movements perceive multiple-office holding and to analyze whether there is consensus or differing opinions among them. Various research methods were employed to achieve this goal, including the analysis of election results, media monitoring, and a questionnaire survey.

The results showed that members of the STAN and SLK movements generally perceive multiple-office holding positively, particularly in the context of combining municipal and regional representative mandates, which allows them to leverage their experience and contacts from one level of politics to another. However, there are reservations about some forms of multiple-office holding, such as holding multiple mandates from the position of a Member of the European Parliament. The results also indicate that the members' attitudes are not uniform and vary depending on individual experiences and opinions.

This thesis confirms the conclusions of previous research, which suggests that multiple-office holding is a common phenomenon in the Czech political environment and has both positive and negative impacts on political practice and democratic processes. The research contributes to a better understanding of the phenomenon of multiple-office holding and offers possibilities for further exploration of this issue in the broader context of Czech politics.