



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The dissertation analyzes securitization of masculinity on the case of the Proud Boys movement. The focus is on studying YouTube videos of Gavin McInnes. The movement is introduced from the time of its emergence until the January 6th incident. Securitization literature, combined with carefully selected works from gender studies, is used to construct the theoretical framework.

This theoretical framework is then applied to define categories for the analysis. They prove to be conducive to a fitting and robust systematization of the empirical material. This translates to insightful analytical results, showing careful attention to detail. What could be, however, improved, is the discussion of findings. Given the work that went to preparing the movement's conceptualization and analytical categories, it is a somewhat missed opportunity and a pity that more effort was not invested into making the discussing more extensive. That being said, the research is still persuasive and well-executed.

Minor criteria:

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.

All minor criteria are met in full.

Overall evaluation:

This is an excellent dissertation with some minor issues that pertain to the concluding discussion of findings. Despite this issue, the movement and dangers it poses are captured very well and analyzed holistically.



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