



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Boys will be “Proud” Boys: Securitizing masculinity in the Proud Boys movement

Programme/year: SS 2024

Author of Evaluation (supervisor/external assessor):

Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	28
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	34
<b>Total</b>		<b>80</b>	72
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	5
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	92



## **Evaluation**

### Major criteria:

The present paper deals with the interesting topic of the Proud Boys movement. The author specifically tries to trace the processes of securitization of masculinity in Gavin McInnes' YouTube presentations. The theoretical framework is appropriately built on contemporary securitization literature combined with gender approaches. From this framework, analytical categories are derived through which empirical content is systematized. The resulting analysis is very convincing. I consider the paper to be very accomplished. However, in addition to the strengths mentioned above, I must mention one weakness, which lies in the lack of final interpretation of the results. Given the sophisticated analytical framework and systematic methodology, it is a pity that the author did not present her interesting results more clearly.

### 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.

### Overall evaluation:

Overall, this is a very interesting and well-crafted paper.

Suggested grade: A



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