



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Humanitarian Crisis and Foreign Policy: The Complex Role of U.S.
Involvement in Yemen

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	7
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	26
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	35
<i>Total</i>		80	68
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	8
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	18
TOTAL		100	86



Evaluation

Major criteria: see below

Minor criteria: see below

Assessment of plagiarism: not detected

Overall evaluation:

The diploma thesis titled "Humanitarian Crisis and Foreign Policy: The Complex Role of U.S. Involvement in Yemen" provides a solid analysis of the impact of U.S. involvement in the Yemen conflict, focusing particularly on food security and healthcare access. The thesis is structured around five key case studies, including the blockade's impact on food security, airstrikes on civilian infrastructure, and the collapse of the healthcare system. Through these case studies, the author explores the broader implications for international security and stability, grounding the analysis in Just War Theory, Humanitarian Intervention, and International Humanitarian Law.

The structure of the thesis is logically organized, beginning with a literature review that sets the stage for the empirical analysis. The research questions are defined, probing into the specific impacts of U.S. military support on Yemen's humanitarian crisis. The objectives focus on uncovering the contradictions between U.S. strategic interests and humanitarian outcomes. The theoretical framework is deployed while not overly coherent. Methodologically, the thesis employs a qualitative research design, utilizing primary sources like U.S. government documents and secondary sources from NGOs and international organizations.

One notable limitation is the somewhat narrow focus on U.S. actions without fully engaging with the roles of other international actors involved in the conflict, which could have provided a more balanced perspective. Additionally, while the theoretical framework is present, the discussion could benefit from a more critical engagement with alternative theories that might challenge or complicate the conclusions drawn. Furthermore, some sections of the analysis, particularly those dealing with the legal and ethical considerations, could be more concise to avoid repetition and improve the overall readability.



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Suggested grade: B+

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