

Diploma thesis „Antiterrorism as an Alternative of Anticommunism In the Revision of Herman and Chomsky’s Propaganda Model“ deals with the possibility of substitution of its fifth filter - anticommunism by another filter which is more up-to-date and universal – by antiterrorism.

In its theoretical part thesis deals with the Propaganda Model. It introduces its five filters as Edward Herman and Noam Chomsky introduced them in 1988 and completes them with observations of other scholars who have dealt with the Propaganda Model. At the same time it presents Propaganda Model’s critics which have been coming up since it was introduced.

With regards to the fact, that the thesis suggests antiterrorism as a possible alternative to the anticommunism, it introduces a brief history of terrorism and its currently most distinct representative – the Al-Qaeda organization. Its part is also devoted to the moral panic. One of the thesis’s aim is to try to discover whether the media by their way of presenting terrorism could invoke the moral panic. One of the chapters is devoted to ideology. As it aims to make the conclusion through the qualitative analysis of the Czech media in 1998 after the bombings of the embassy of the United States of America in Kenya and Tanzania and the subsequent Infinite Reach operation, period of the half year before the beginning of the war in Iraq and then the first halfyear of 2009, these two conflicts are introduced in the thesis as well.

In its analytical part it deals with the news coverage of the bombings of the embassy of the United States of America in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998 and the subsequent Infinite Reach operation, halfyear between September 2002 and March 2003 which preceded the war in Iraq and the period between January and end of June 2009. Based on qualitative analysis of dailies Mladá fronta DNES and Hospodářské noviny and weeklies Týden and Reflex it makes a conclusion whether it is possible to consider antiterrorism as an alternative to anticommunism in the Propaganda Model.