

Abstract

The thesis is focused on the issue of insults and violence in the Czech Parliament. The introductory part discusses foreign research on this topic and describes the Czech historical context concerning insults and violence in the legislative body. The thesis uses content analysis to identify cases of both phenomena in the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate between 2006 and 2022. The resulting data are used to answer the following research questions: (1) What utterances or actions result in Deputies and Senators committing an insult in Parliament? (2) Under what conditions is an insult used in Parliament? (3) What is the response of the Mandate and Immunity Committee to the violent incidents? Based on research, it can be concluded that insults in parliament most often take the form of statements that question moral integrity. The paper likewise identifies three basic conditions (the ability to use insults in connection with personal predispositions, motivation, perceived benefits) without which insults in Parliament would likely not occur. The text also discusses the response of the Mandate and Immunity Committee to violence in Parliament, where the Committee punished one violent incident to the maximum extent allowed, but the two remaining cases were outside its jurisdiction.