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# Thesis evaluation Jeroen Spieker

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**Programme:** European Politics and Society

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## Thesis details:

**Title:** As Strict as Possible: Centre-Right Parties' Approach to Immigration in the Netherlands, France and Belgium

Is the thesis in your assessment free of plagiarism?

Yes to my knowledge the thesis is free of plagiarism

Text overlaps are not relevant for questioning the originality of the work.

Can the thesis be made publicly available in the Leiden University Repository?

by J. Grzymski: it can be made public through the repository.

## Summary assessment/comments

It is an excellent thesis demonstrating a very relevant gap between the office-seeking and policy-seeking goals of centre-right parties on immigration. This is a timely topic, considering the rising popularity of right-wing parties in Europe, which also often rule in the governments. In this respect, I highly acclaim the choice of case study countries: the Netherlands, France and Belgium. I also would acknowledge the apt choice of the comparative qualitative analysis of policy and policy framing for conducting this study.

## Criteria

### Knowledge and insight

The research questions are based on a problem that reflects insight into the key discussions and methods of the field. The thesis is clear and relevant to the contemporary discussion about migration policies and more general about right-wing parties in the EU. The academic problem is well-defined. The literature review is embedded in the existing literature. The approached taken by the student is original.

**Assessment:** very good

**Weighing:** n/a

### Application of knowledge and insight

The methodology part of the thesis shows the student's high critical analytical skills and the research itself is very well designed and later conducted.

**Assessment:** very good

**Weighing:** n/a

### Reaching conclusions

The student's reasoning in the analysis is logical and consistent. The conclusions are well-founded and follow logically from the presented material. The thesis question is well addressed.

**Assessment:** very good

**Weighing:** n/a

### Communication

The technical presentation of the thesis is very good. The structure, composition, and order of chapters are logical and consistent, and no major problems were encountered. There is excellent academic language and very good fluency in mastering the thesis writing technique.

References are made properly.

**Assessment:** very good

**Weighing:** n/a

## Formal requirements

The thesis meets formal requirements.

## Final assessment

This thesis is graded with a 9

## Signatures

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jan Grzymski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'J'.

J. Grzymski