



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: Misogyny as a Key Driver for Right-Wing Extremists: Is It All about Hate for Women?

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	30
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	37
<i>Total</i>		80	76
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	96



Evaluation

Major criteria:

Gender-related motivations and aspects of violent radicalization are at the top of the research agenda these days, although existing scholarship lacks more detailed empirical analyses. Therefore, Barbora's thesis, *Misogyny as a Key Driver for Right-Wing Extremists: Is It All about Hate for Women?*, with its objective to provide comparative insights on the role of misogyny in the radicalization pathways of two German right-wing terrorists, is a commendable endeavour in this respect.

I dare say almost all aspects of this work exhibit notable strengths. Among the key ones is the comprehensive literature review and clearly delineated conceptual framework that provides a robust foundation for the analysis. I also very much appreciate the inclusion of the cutting-edge conceptualization of misogyny (a pre-print of the latest work of British colleagues!) centred around three conceptual clusters from social psychology, ascribing the key role of collective narcissism, revenge, and hypermasculinity in misogynistically motivated violent extremism. Furthermore, I particularly commend the carefully executed comparative analysis of the Hanau and Halle attack perpetrators, attesting to Barbora's aptitude for presenting compelling arguments to support her inferences. Barbora deserves recognition for her utilization of the manifestos of the perpetrators and other pertinent secondary sources, which establish a robust and reliable empirical foundation for her analysis.

For me personally, there are two things that stand out in Barbora's research. It is a very interesting and important discussion on the role of domestic violence as a precursor and significant driver of right-wing terrorist violence and the related call for future research in this realm. The second point is that the author effectively situates the findings within the P/CVE area, with the goal of enhancing the overall efficacy of these policies.



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I identified a minor lapse in the formulation of research objectives as the only weakness. Despite the apt formulation and comprehensive address of the research questions, I remain unconvinced that the selected methodology can satisfactorily examine the complementary hypothesis. Moreover, upon closer inspection, I failed to find any explicit discussion of the hypothesis in either the discussion section or the conclusion. Nevertheless, I do not consider this a major problem, as it is not related to resolving the main research problem, and does not detract anything from the contribution of this brilliant thesis.

Minor criteria:

The thesis benefits from an impeccably clear structure, a pre-requisite for any comparative analysis. It was a tremendous pleasure to read and follow the author's line of argumentation.

Assessment of plagiarism:

The anti-plagiarism software checks formally confirm 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.

Overall evaluation:

I would like to fully endorse the defence of this excellent thesis. I commend Barbora for not only selecting such an important topic but also for investing her intellectual capital and creativity into her research work. It felt deeply rewarding to serve as a supervisor for a student so well-motivated to make their research happen.

Suggested grade:

A

Signature: