

Abstract

The diploma thesis *Media and Politics – Political Parties in Selected Czech Newspapers in the Period Before the Elections to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of Czech Republic in 2013* compares the representation of selected Czech political parties in the content of Czech national serious daily newspapers through quantitative content analysis of news in dailies *Hospodářské noviny*, *Mladá fronta Dnes*, *Lidové noviny* a *Právo*. The thesis explores the space which was given to individual political parties in studied newspapers, how often they were mentioned in the news, whether the approach of the parties in the news were balanced, and if the parties were neutrally presented in each daily news. The main aim of this thesis is to determine whether the Czech press is showing signs of political parallelism and whether it is objective to political parties. The theoretical framework of the thesis is the theory of political parallelism as perceived by Daniel C. Hallin and Paolo Mancini and objectivity of the media as perceived by Jörgen Westerståhl. The research draws on the foreign literature and also draws from research in this area that in the past took place abroad.