

## TEZE DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE

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Vývoj a politický dopad hnutí Tea Party a Occupy Wall Street v průběhu prezidentství Baracka Obamy

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**V čem se oproti původními zadání změnil cíl práce?**

Whereas the original concept focused on the effect of populism on the presidential and congressional elections of 2012 and 2016, the diploma thesis' focus shifted towards a comprehensive analysis of the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street as the most influential populist movements that arose during Barack Obama's presidency. The goal of my diploma thesis is to compare and contrast these movements and to determine whether they can be considered "grassroots" to the same extent, as well as how much the basic populist ideologies of these movements diverge from each other. I am also concerned with the political influence that Occupy Wall Street and the Tea Party achieved, therefore I devote a considerable portion of my work to ascertaining how the two movements fared in their integration into the Republican and Democratic parties. The elections of 2012 and 2016 are thus still an integral part of my work, as I touch on what effect the anti-establishment sentiment fostered by these two movements had on the races.

**Jaké změny nastaly v časovém, teritoriálním a věcném vymezení tématu?**

The time frame of the diploma thesis has broadened somewhat, since the final topic covers both of Obama's terms in office as opposed to only individual elections cycles. The geographic and thematic aspects have also seen slight additions. I still devote a large portion of my work to the discussion of U.S. congressional politics and the election seasons between 2008-2016, but the diploma thesis is also concerned with the nation-wide protests organized under the banners of the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street, which were of paramount importance in establishing the movements' identities.

**Jak se proměnila struktura práce (vyjádřete stručným obsahem)?**

The structure of the work has been finalized and split into 4 main chapters, opposed to the 3 more narrow chapters that the initial plans included.

**List of chapters (excluding the Introduction and Conclusion):**

- 1. The Tea Party: Taking the Country Back**
- 2. Occupy Wall Street: The Anger of the 99 Percent**
- 3. Two Movements: Different Sides of the Same Coin?**
- 4. The Day After: Political Impact and Integration**

**Jakým vývojem prošla metodologická koncepce práce?**

The diploma thesis focuses on Occupy Wall Street and the Tea Party first as individual movements and subsequently contrasts them as two distinct incarnations of populist rhetoric. The comparison of the movements also serves to determine to what extent the Tea Party's and Occupy Wall Street's different relationships to powers structures (particularly advocacy groups and political parties) affected the movements' ability to integrate themselves into the political mainstream during Barack Obama's presidency.

**Které nové prameny a sekundární literatura byly zpracovány a jak tato skutečnost ovlivnila celek práce?**

Several dozens of new publications have been added to the bibliography, predominantly works dealing with the intertwined relationship of the Republican Party and the Tea Party movement, as well as a handful of books on Occupy Wall Street and its use of social media platforms. I have also added a number of theoretical works on populism into my reading list, which proved invaluable in providing me with a framework for contrasting the ingrained narratives of the Occupy Wall Street and the Republican Party. Since my work also touches on relatively recent events such as the 2016 presidential elections, I also utilized a number of editorials and news articles by reliable outlets such as The Atlantic, The New Yorker, or Politico.

The new additions to the bibliography, among others, include:

- The Tea Party and the Remaking of Republican Conservatism (Williamson & Skocpol, 2014).
- The Rise of the Tea Party: Political Discontent and Corporate Media in the Age of Obama (DiMaggio, 2011).
- The Wrongs of the Right: Language, Race and the Republican Party in the Age of Obama (Parks, 2014).
- Tweets and the Streets: Social media and Contemporary Activism (Gerbaudo, 2012)
- Populist Explosion: How the Great Recession Transformed American and European Politics (Judis, 2016).
- The Victory of 'No' (Grunwald, POLITICO, 2016)
- The Liberal Millennial Revolution (Thompson, The Atlantic, 2016)

**Charakterizujte základní proměny práce v době od zadání projektu do odevzdání tezí a pokuste se vyhodnotit, jaký pokrok na práci jste během semestru zaznamenali (v bodech):**

- shifting the works' focus from the radicalization of the U.S. elections towards analyzing concrete movements that influenced this process, as well as how they reflected the growing lack of trust among the American public towards political institutions
- addition of a wide array of new sources, predominantly of recent publications
- review and revision through several iterations
- improvement of overall stylistic quality and thematic coherence based on supervisor's feedback

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