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POSUDEK DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE

“The One Island, One Republic Policy of the Irish Republican Army”

(téma)

The stated purpose of this work is to review a specific policy of the Irish Republican Army, or IRA, with regard to the unity of the Irish nation, in the form of an independent republic, formulated in the particular phrasing, “one island, one republic.” This policy is known to be a stated goal of the political wing of the Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland called Sinn Féin. However, this diploma work dedicates too much time summarizing a general history of Ireland (economic history, diplomatic history, neutrality stance, Catholic vs. Protestant debates, social problems connected with poverty and unemployment etc. The work only barely delves into the actual topic of the work of Irish national/political unity. Moreover, it culls the general history of Ireland from standard Irish historical secondary sources, particularly books by Tim Pat Coogan, without attributing authorship except the very few cases when literature is directly cited, and even then attributions are missing in the appendices. Numerous photos embedded into the text of the diploma work are not sourced either.

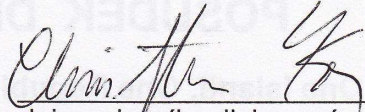
With regard to format, the pages are double-sided, so it appears not to follow the standardized format requirements. The diploma work seems to fall slightly short of the length requirements as well, because the so-called “Epilogue” ends on p. 57 while the Czech summary covers pp. 58-60 though a Czech summary is not ordinarily regarded as part of the body of the text of a diploma work, as I would have understood it. Otherwise, the work usually follows the format requirements.

This work is not original which is part of what should encompass the research of a diploma work. Rewriting Irish history found in standard books, Sedláčková only sources direct quotes and she does not interpret differing or contradictory data of the Irish history books she uses. She simply copies their interpretations and criticism of Irish politicians without citing which historians had made those interpretations or criticism, ignoring issues of basic historiography altogether.

In short, Sedláčková really does not accomplish her stated objective, since she does not focus on the topic (the one island, one republic policy) of her diploma work in any consistent way, but simply reviews the basic history of Ireland generally, with a panorama on the general policies of the significant Irish politicians as well as the Civil War and the “Troubles” in Northern Ireland and the IRA terrorism in both Ireland as well as Great Britain. Hence, the objective of the diploma work has not been achieved at all. It is written as if the title of the diploma work were “History of Ireland.” After suggesting that she refer to her actual topic more often and detail that issue in her conclusion, it is particularly disheartening for the supervisor to read that “it is hard to say ...if Northern Ireland will become a part of united Ireland” even when there is reference to this policy in “Appendix 3.” Concretely, she does not confirm the 1998 changes in the Irish Republic’s constitution (p. 69) with the policy of the government in Northern Ireland today. Where are the sources for the appendices? (Why is there a footnote under “**Article 3**” of “The current text of the constitution” [also copied from the Internet?]) with no reference to that footnote?)

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