

POSUDEK BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

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Název bakalářské práce: Comparing Canada and the United States with a Particular Reference to Their Health Care
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- I. Cíl práce a jeho naplnění: 2. Cíl práce byl naplněn s drobnými nedostatky
- II. Struktura práce: 2. Přiměřená
- III. Práce s literaturou: 2. Velmi dobrá práce s adekvátními prameny v patřičném rozsahu
- IV. Formální stránka: 1. Odpovídá všem stanoveným požadavkům
- VI. Jazyková úroveň práce: 2. Velmi dobrá
- VII. Náročnost zpracování tématu: 2. Vysoká

Vyjádření oponenta bakalářské práce:

This thesis on the health care offered in two countries, a comparative study, has a few flaws with I will summarize: **1)** too much quoting from government sources are made, which is remarkable given the fact that Miss Říhová, as stated in her introduction stated that ample opportunity to access good libraries where CRITICAL, i.e., non-governmental publications, exist. Yet in the history of Canadian health care subchapter (pp. 4-7) exclusively one 2012 official Canadian government source is cited, and in scholarly texts like a bachelor thesis, we expect data other than (possible propaganda) government-written histories of that same government. Up to page 19 only three are non-Internet sources cited out of some 25 citations. **2)** Grammar and English language errors abound. Immediately on p. 1 you have for example a sentence with no verb ("Early beginnings of health care and the current controversial aspects of Medicare in both countries.") You have many run-on sentences, one sentence paragraphs, missing articles, spelling, subject-verb agreement errors, mixed tense use within a compound sentence etc, so the thesis would have benefitted greatly from proofreading or more careful editing. **3)** Unusually for our department of English language and literature, data here is quantitative and the math is off. If as Miss Říhová claims the United States has a population of 300 million and Canada 30 million, then USA has 10 times,

not nine times (p. 2) the population. Math can be difficult likewise when one chapter on Canada compared 32 OECD countries regarding costs using 2010 cost calculations (p. 10) and later comparing with 35 OECD countries in 2016 (p. 10) while the next section specifically dedicated to prescription medication compared Canada with just 9 other nations (p. 13) specifying data from New Zealand and Switzerland.

In general, lots of secondary literature is cited throughout the bachelor theses which may have distracted Miss Říhová from narrowly focusing on comparing the two countries in question (p. 10) but instead she is comparing Canada with 31 other OECD countries at one point and as stated above with 9 countries in another rather than EXCLUSIVELY focusing on what the title of her thesis indicated.

On p. 15 one reads reports about patients in Canada waiting and not waiting in Canada. Miss Říhová cannot simply quote both reports and leave the reader confused! Which is right? (The fact that she quotes at length from various sources but ends comparatively briefly with the opposite view is inconclusive: Miss Říhová does not seem to know herself.) Again, she writes "Canada's health care system is not the world leader..." (p. 16) comparing the northern country with the world rather than with the USA.

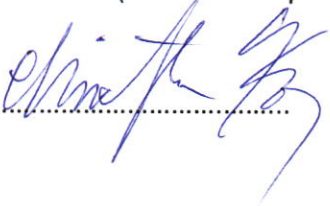
With regard to "TrumpCare" no law has been passed up to now. The Affordable Healthcare Act was not repealed and replaced as President Trump had promised. The bill was voted down by the United States Senate on July 27, 2017 even though the senate is still under Republican Party control. It is unclear to me why this vote and its consequences have not been reflected in this thesis since it happened at least 8 months before this bachelor thesis was completed and turned in.

Práce splňuje * základní požadavky kladené na tento typ prací, a proto ji doporučuji * k ústní obhajobě.

Navrhovaná známka: velmi dobře *

Otázky k obhajobě:

1. You mention maternity leave which is financial support while women stay at home. It is not health care, so why do you have a chapter dedicated to it?
2. You refer to Donald Trump but not to Justin Trudeau as new leaders. Has Justin Trudeau addressed any issues of criticism which you have raised, especially the long waits by patients since he took office (before Trump took office) ?

Podpis oponenta bakalářské práce:.....

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