

Summary of doctoral dissertation

The Security policy and the National Security Strategy of the Republic of Poland in the context of influx of immigrants in years 2004-2021.

The research aim of this doctoral dissertation is to determine to what extent National Security Strategies relate to immigration and to what extent they achieve their objectives in this regard. Next to that, this dissertation seeks to indicate vital recommendations and conclusions necessary for future National Security Strategies. Moreover, my doctoral dissertation aims at verifying research hypotheses stating that changes introduced in the security policy of the Polish state in years 2004-2021 led to an introduction of regulations that support immigration from countries with close cultural links.

Considering the subject of the dissertation, it is important to compare National Security Strategies of the Republic of Poland from the following years: 2007, 2014 and 2020 with statistics relating to immigration and respondents' opinions regarding issues such as: immigration, aims of Polish security policy and provisions of the Strategy. The research will be conducted within that scope.

I have searched answers for the following research questions regarding the period from 2004 to 2021:

1. What has been the scale of the influx of immigrants to Poland and how has this phenomenon affected the state's security policy?
2. How has the influx of immigrants evolved in quantitative terms in individual years and how has the quantity of legal acts evolved?
3. What challenges/threats and opportunities do the documents and respondents identify from the perspective of the objectives of the security policy of the Polish state?
4. How has the security policy of the Polish state responded to the challenges posed by the influx of immigrants?
5. What were the directions of changes in the security policy of the Polish state in the context of the influx of immigrants?
6. To what extent have the changes in legislation been about the phenomenon of immigration and to what extent about specific groups of immigrants?
7. How are the changes in the Polish state security policy during the period under review perceived by the respondents?
8. What goals of the Polish state security policy can be identified/determined in the documents and which ones in the opinions of the respondents?

9. What were the biggest challenges/threats that the Polish state security policy had to deal with?
10. What were the effective actions of the execution of the Polish state security policy and what actions were missing according to the respondents?

The core research question that this project asks is: what recommendations can be made for the future regarding the security policy objectives of state, considering the previous experience?

To answer research questions, I decided to use several research methods from the field of social and legal sciences:

1. Literature review on the topic,
2. Analysis of official documents – legal acts and Strategies,
3. Comparative analysis,
4. Quantitative method – descriptive statistics,
5. Qualitative method – interviews conducted with experts.

The analysis of the literature on the topic i.e., analysis of the literature regarding security, immigration, Polish legislation on security and immigration as well as the analysis of the National Security Strategy was a starting point of preparation of my doctoral dissertation.

In order to point out similarities and differences between the Polish state security policy's objectives included in National Security Strategies of the Republic of Poland of 2007, 2014 and 2020, I employed a comparative analysis method which aims at indicating similarities and differences and comparing legal acts. It was used to compare elements of National Security Strategies of the Republic of Poland of 2007, 2014 and 2020, which are pivotal in terms of the subject matter. The analysis was conducted with the use of a quantitative analysis of the content and a summarising table with regard of strategies objectives was drafted and I searched these subjects in all strategies matrix. I used elements of a qualitative analysis of the content.

In this doctoral dissertation I completed the analysis of the National Security Strategy of the Republic of Poland in terms of objectives, challenges and threats to the national security policy posed as a result of the influx of immigrants with opinions of respondents who had taken part in preparing strategies of 2007, 2014 and 2020. It is crucial due to respondents' knowledge in the field of national security and their professional experience. It may also lead to consequences for security policy as well as determination of strengths and weaknesses.

To give a comprehensive view of immigratory phenomenon which have an impact on security policy in my dissertation, I presented reasons, course and effects of immigration movements as well as

actions undertaken by the state concerning analysis, planning and legal regulations. These include, inter alia, setting up immigration centres (which are open centres for foreign nationals, closed guarded centres) as well as help for immigrants (providing shelter, food, healthcare, psychological assistance, access to the labour market, social assistance, social activation). Activities against negative effects of immigration were presented.

The main objective of the security policy of the Polish state is to maintain the continuity of the nation and the state and their functioning. Specific objectives of security policy of the Polish state consist of protecting citizens and cultural heritage, maintaining territorial possessions, ensuring self-determination of the state and its political independence, proper functioning of the state administration and balance inside the state as well as various actions improving the standard of living of its citizens (sustainable development of society, economy and environment). Objectives of security policy of the Polish state were described as to identify principal objectives regarding challenges resulting from the influx of immigrants to Poland.

In my dissertation I used the following structure consisting of four chapters preceded by an introduction and concluded by a summary, bibliography, list of tables and iconography.

In the first chapter *National security – theoretical implications*, the issue of national security was discussed. It is the introductory part. It constitutes theoretical basis of the dissertation. This chapter contains issues such as: a definition of a term *security*, types of security, approach to national security which consists of internal and external security. Categories of security, types of national security and modern circumstances of national security of the Polish state were also presented.

In the second chapter *Migration and immigration: reasons, main directions, social and economic consequences, Polish legislation* basic division and main directions of immigration in the period from 2004 to 2021 were highlighted. I presented reasons and social consequences of immigration movements in the period considered. Immigration leads to consequences both to a host country and to a country from which an immigrant came from. As every phenomenon, it leads to benefits and losses. I elucidated the basic division of migration and the Polish legislation on immigration.

In the third chapter *Terms and conditions of a stay of a foreign national in the Republic of Poland* I discussed policy on asylum and migration. I analysed a definition of a term *asylum*, moreover, I highlighted differences between legal and illegal immigration. In this chapter I also presented benefits and losses resulting from immigration. I also reviewed the phenomenon of immigration as a cultural threat or an opportunity for improving baby bust. Immigrations can be both an opportunity and a threat. I described requirements that must be met in order to receive the Polish Card [*Karta Polaka*]

and the most important issues resulting from that fact. Immigration involves learning about many cultures, but it can also cause losses, as not all immigrants want to integrate into the community living in the area. I presented matters about legal immigration and protection of foreign nationals in the Republic of Poland.

In the fourth chapter *The National Security Strategy of the Republic of Poland* I produced a definition of a term *strategy* and National Security Strategies of the Republic of Poland with a particular consideration of the period adopted in the dissertation strategies of 2007, 2014, 2020. This part focuses on strategic documents of the Republic of Poland, it includes main objectives and interests relating to state security. Based on the analysis of the interviews conducted with respondents, documents, literature and drawing conclusions. On this basis I presented recommendations for the security policy of the Polish State and aspects of strategies.

This dissertation constitutes an attempt to use other approach to the matter with taking into consideration opinions of the people involved in the process of co-authoring of the Strategy. Owing to that fact in following part of the dissertation I was able to indicate recommendations and guidelines for future preparation of the Strategy. The doctoral dissertation may be an introduction to enhancing research on the matter and extending the research issues signalled in the research paper. Basic documents on immigration and foreigners are European legal acts which are regulated in Polish legislation in *Act of 12 December 2013 on Foreigners* and *Act of 13 June 2003 on Providing Protection for Foreigners in the Republic of Poland*.