

BACHELOR THESIS EVALUATION: THESIS ADVISOR

Thesis topic: **Interpretation of Herbert Marcuse's book, *One-Dimensional Man***

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Evaluation contains objective and critical analysis of a bachelor thesis proposal. Evaluation should be considered by the following criteria:

Criteria for the evaluation of the final thesis	Max. points	Points given by evaluator
1. Methodological aspect (logical frame, process of inquiry, topic specification, how realistic are set goals and how adequate are proposed working methods)	10	7
2. Sources of domestic and foreign literature, Familiarity with relevant literature	15	11
3. Formatting and style	15	9
4. Scope and proportionality of content	5	4
5. Systematic approach	15	11
6. Evaluation of achieved results	40	28
Total	100	70

Final evaluation: A (95-100 points), B (83-94 points), C (68-82 points), D (55-67 points), E (50-54 points), Fx(<50 points)

Evaluation, comments, recommendations of the thesis opponent:

Herbert Marcuse's book, *One-Dimensional Man* has been interpreted and critically assessed numerous times and has proven to be an inspiration for many generations of thinkers. In this thesis author has tried to give her interpretation of the book and assessment of its relevance in today's world. Logical frame of the work could have been better, as well as formatting and style. However the topic is very interesting and also quite broad, understandably very difficult to fully explore in a format of bachelor thesis. Considering given format, scope and proportionality of content was adequate and I would like to compliment the author for inclusion of both "for" and "against" arguments regarding Marcuse's books relevance in contemporary world. I think that Marcuse is still relevant today in many ways. As author herself notices "Marcuse has been essential in helping people understand that they were under social control" and that "...the logic of mass production asserted in capitalism only led to a rise in social control". The fact of the social control and growing capabilities to impose this control through modern technological means has not changed today. In Marcuse's words "technology serves to institute new, more effective, and more pleasant forms of social control and social cohesion", truly remarkable and prophetic statement, importance of which cannot be emphasized enough in today's world. Because of this, Marcuse's book still remains one of the many tools that help people to grasp the notion of social control and at least in this way it will always remain relevant. At the same time we should indeed understand time-period ramification of Marcuse's work and the fact that industrial, many times state-led capitalist system of his time has almost ceased to exist in today's world.

I recommend – ~~do not recommend~~ this thesis toward bachelor thesis defense in January 2022.

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