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IDEALIZM CZY REALIZM?

POLITYKA STANÓW ZJEDNOCZONYCH AMERYKI WOBEC PAŃSTW OBJĘTYCH PRZEMIANAMI ARABSKIEJ WIOSNY

ABSTRACT Idealism or realism? U.S. Policy Towards Countries Affected by the Arab Spring

A dispute between idealism and realism in International Relations theory is both widely known and still unresolved. Although one can find more arguments in favour of the latter perspective, once in a while the proponents of idealism – backed with solid evidence from international politics – raise justified objections. This phenomenon applies especially to the American foreign policy which provides many examples of the continuous rivalry between both paradigms. The article refers to that discourse and conducts an analysis of the U.S. policy towards the Arab Spring, where noble (and idealistic) values clashed with hard (and realist) interests. While addressing the question – idealism or realism? – the paper offers a slightly different approach to the subject. It distinguishes the “instrumental idealism” (which in fact is a disguised realism) and the “pure idealism” (which truly pursues its goals). Six countries, Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Bahrain and Syria, serve as case studies for the analysis. The article argues that the U.S. conducted a heterogeneous policy towards the Arab Spring, employing three approaches – realism in Yemen and Bahrain, idealism in Libya, and the combination of both in Tunisia, Egypt and Syria.

KEYWORDS Arab Spring, Barack Obama, idealism, realism, USA

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ODKRYWANIE TAJSKOŚCI – WICHIT WATHAKAN I POWSTANIE TAJSKIEJ TOŻSAMOŚCI NARODOWEJ

ABSTRACT **Discovering Thainess – Wichit Wathakan and Creation of Thai National Identity**

‘Thainess’ is a term deeply ingrained into political discourse of Kingdom of Thailand. Politicians from different camps and parties use it to this day. This quite new concept was defined by Wichit Wathakan, who created a political philosophy around it. His works set a tone of discussion about the nation and the state in Thailand back in the 1930s. His concepts are still alive and well, and also more apparent than those proposed by his opponents. This article explains reasons of emerging of nationalism in Thailand and Thai nationalism, as well as character of both of them.

KEYWORDS Thailand, Thai, Wichit, National Identity, Nation Building

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HANDEL LUDŹMI W II RZECZYPOSPOLITEJ POLSKIEJ

ZARYS ZJAWISKA

ABSTRACT **Human trafficking in the Second Polish Republic**

Human trafficking beings is considered as one of the most serious and most profitable crime in the world. After the political transformation in the 1990s, Poland is classified as a transit, destination and origin state of victims, but despite the constant presence of danger and its dynamic evolution, knowledge and awareness of history of human trafficking, particularly in Second Polish Republic, remains low. The article outlines the beginnings of human trafficking in the inter-war Poland, efforts of state and NGOs in fighting against trafficking, profile of violators and victims, and the mechanisms of recruitment and processes of control assumption over the sufferer.

KEYWORDS Human trafficking, Second Polish Republic, State and NGOs vs. trafficking, Mechanism of recruitment, Victim profile

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GILBERTA KEITHA CHESTERTONA KRYTYKA BRYTYJSKIEGO IMPERIALIZMU

ABSTRACT Gilbert Keith Chesterton's critique of British imperialism

Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874–1936) was a famous English writer, a journalist, a philosopher and a Christian apologetic. In his works he dealt with many issues, among which were those concerning significant political questions that were widely discussed in public debates in the United Kingdom in the first decades of the twentieth century. This article describes and analyses Chesterton's critical reflections on British imperialistic policy. The author: 1. Makes a brief analysis of the concept and the phenomenon of imperialism and imperialistic policy. 2. Presents Chesterton's point of view on imperialism. 3. Depicts Chesterton's vision of international order and England as part of this order. The author explains why imperialism must be, from a Christian point of view, found immoral and indicates how it is possible to remain being an English patriot while condemning the British Empire and its international politics.

KEYWORDS Chesterton, imperialism, patriotism, merry England, the British Empire