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An historical overview of the United States immigration policy since 1965

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This study provides an historical account of United States immigration policy from 1965 until the present day. The work is placed in historical context and a brief background of pre-1965 immigration legislation is included. Many factors are discussed including national sentiment, the racial composition of newcomers, and the often passionate tone of the national debate on immigration. In addition, the matter of illegal immigration and efforts to combat it are addressed. Immigration has been and will remain a sensitive issue in the United States and, to this day, no broad consensus has emerged.

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The aim of this work is to point out the characteristic features of first Slovak American settlement in the USA and the preservation of Slovak cultural heritage in terms of Slovak language, traditions, customs, press and art in the context of the historical development. I provide the historical background of Slovak American immigration, highlight the main figures in political and cultural life as well as the influence of Americanization upon the Slovak immigrants.

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The contribution deals with the socio-philosophical thoughts concerning the problem of revolution in the philosophy of the Russian personalist N. A. Berdyaev. It provides a short overview of the significant features of ideological roots of revolution and analyzes some specificities of its phenomenal part. We lay focus on the interpretation from the perspective of Christian personalism and on Berdyaev's differentiation of some cultural particularities dealing with the question of philosophical inspiration of revolution.

Marek Hampel
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This paper provides an overview of the elements of political discourse. It deals with the relationship between language and power, with the concept of political discourse and with the main features of political speeches. The theoretical framework for the analysis is situated within Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA). Attention is also paid to the function of persuasion in discourse. The paper aims to observe the main features of the "war on terror" discourse as well as discursive strategies through which justification of important political decisions can be achieved. The main focus of the second part of the article is placed on the concept of metaphor in political discourse, more specifically in the Cold War political discourse. Emphasis is also placed on the persuasive function of metaphors in political discourse.
