

***Défense de la France* entre 1941 et 1944 : une réponse au discours extrémiste sous l'Occupation**

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Abstract: This study aims to analyse the response to the extremist discourse of the German occupier by the clandestine resistance periodical *Défense de la France* of which forty-two issues published between 1941 and 1944 are considered. For the first time, a clandestine periodical is analysed by means of close reading and computational techniques, through which it is possible to identify discourse elements related to the key words *Allemand(s)*, *allemande(s)* and *Allemagne*. The analysis focuses on the rhetorical strategies employed to consolidate a resistant community by reinforcing positions against the adversary, understood as occupier and as *German* in general. Through the study of the (counter-)propaganda techniques employed in the discourse, it is observed how *Défense de la France* combats extremist discourse by means of an equally extremist discourse based on anti-Germanism and Germanophobia.

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