

Abstract

Diploma thesis focuses on victim blaming and using rape myths in public discussions of the news articles. Specifically it is focused on discussions of online media Seznam zprávy, Novinky and iDnes. In the theoretical part it represents the issue of sexual violence, victim blaming theories and the behavior of internet users in discussions. Further it focuses on three specific cases related to sexual violence – cases of Dominik Feri, Jan Cimický and statement of the police chief Martin Vondrášek about fake rapes. Research part of diploma theses examines a total of 4 890 comments from public discussions of the news media. Research maps the level of victim blaming and using rape myths. In each of the cases it takes into account specific aspects of a particular case. The results show, that the level of victim blaming in discussions is almost 36 percent. Rape myths are using by 38 percent of users. It follows further from the research, that debaters often downplay sexual violence. Semiotic analysis is devoted to specific myths used in discussions. In addition to rape myths, it also refers about other users assumptions, that have come up in the discussions. The theses deals in comments with phenomena such as racial prejudice of sexual violence or the MeToo Movement. Together, it gives a comprehensive insight into the opinion spectrum in public discussions of Czech news articles in online media.