

Abstract:

The aim of the bachelor thesis is to find out whether there are gender differences in awareness of the problem of domestic violence. The thesis first focuses on defining the issue of domestic violence, its forms (physical, psychological, economic, sexual and social violence) and the actors of domestic violence, i.e. the victim and the perpetrator. It then looks at the consequences of domestic violence for victims and the available sources of help, including police, doctors, intervention centres and other social services. The importance of stereotypes associated with domestic violence, including gender roles and identities, and their impact on victims and perpetrators is also discussed. The aim of the research part is to find out whether gender or an individual's personal experience of domestic violence has an impact on awareness of the issue, and also whether there are differences in the perception of the prevalence of domestic violence in society among gender. Through a quantitative questionnaire survey, the thesis provides insight into gender differences in awareness of domestic violence and contributes to a better understanding of this important social issue. The results suggest that women have a greater awareness of the issue of domestic violence and the possibilities for addressing it than men. The same is true for people who have experienced domestic violence in direct or mediated forms. In addition to the evaluation of the two hypotheses, the practical section discusses the specific results and their correspondence with the initial literature.

Key words:

Domestic violence, gender, stereotypes, victims, perpetrators