

Abstract:

The topic of this thesis is selected characteristics of persons engaged in sadomasochistic activities. The content of the theoretical part is the definition of sadomasochistic activities and an overview of contemporary knowledge about this topic. Research is focused on three areas - personality characteristics, satisfaction and potentially associated negative phenomena.

Innovative part of this research is the way of identifying the groups. There are not only persons who are engaged in sadomasochistic activities and persons who aren't. But also persons who are engaged in this activity because of their sadomasochistic sexual variation and persons who are engaged in this activity without sadomasochistic sexual variation. The results of this thesis are the basis for further, more detailed research on this topic.

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