ABSTRACT

The Bachelor thesis tries to look at the problem of time perspective from the point of view of qualitative research and to find out how time perspective will be manifested in the testimonies of individuals about their own life or the life of strangers.

The theoretical part focuses on the introduction of time perspective and its research. It also describes the reason for researching time perspective in adolescence and describes several influential theories about time perspective. They are the personality-motivational concept by J. Nuttin, the theory of the future perspective by T. Gjesme and the theory of perspective orientation by I. Pavelková. Most attention is devoted to P. Zimbardo’s theory, which is also the basis for the carried-out research.

The empirical part focuses mainly on the presentation of results from the research. It was done in several grammar schools in Prague, where students filled out a time perspective questionnaire (ZTPI) and two other questionnaires that were not used in this work. Several selected students were then interviewed using the Thematic-apperception test (TAT) and the Lifeline test. The results were processed in the program „Interact”

The aim of the research was to find differences and abnormalities in the testimonies of individuals. Thus, we tried to reveal how time perspective can be manifested in conversations about own or somebody else’s lives.

The results showed the greatest differences and unusualness in descriptions of future events, both negative and positive. In further research, therefore, we will focus our interest specifically on exploring future time perspective.

KEYWORDS

time perspective, adolescents, projective methods, Zimbardo time perspective inventory