

Abstract

This dissertation studies the lifestyles of Czech singles with special attention being paid to their sexual and intimate relationships. This is a qualitative research examining the biography of people who define themselves as singles and the aim of which is to briefly illustrate their lifestyle and to take a closer look at the sexual and intimate relationships that they form. This research is supported by the work of Anthony Giddens on sexuality and of Lynn Jamieson on describing intimacy. Aided by deep qualitative talks, the author was looking to find the attributes of a single life and the life motivations of her research subjects with regard to a life as a single person – how did they become single and why do they continue with this lifestyle, is it a temporary state or intended to become a long term prospect. Special attention was paid to sexual and intimate relationships – what types of relationships singles form, how is sexuality and intimacy handled in these relationships, does it raise moral and gender questions and if so, which? The result of this work is primarily describing the attributes of the single lifestyle and identification of their life motivations. The main finding is the characterisation of six types of sexual relationships, their internal structure and the method of experiencing such sexuality and shared intimacy. The author further explains the social dilemmas that arise from sexuality and gender stereotypes.