

Abstract

The bachelor's thesis deals with selected self-ownership approaches to abortion and suicide. It is based on the observation that in these two areas, the argumentation based on the assumption of self-possession is relatively widespread. The question is to what extent are these approaches adequate, i.e. to what extent do they correspond to real-life situations. A way to assess adequacy is proposed expanding on Margaret Olivia Little. The self-ownership approach to abortion is then shown to be inadequate in specific cases. The thesis also focuses on the libertarian approach to the issue of the right to consensual killing. Discussing the article by Peter Vallentyne, it is shown that defence of this right based on self-ownership may not be sufficient. In this context, it focuses on the relationship between self-ownership and autonomy. It shows that they enable two separate argumentative strategies by which to defend an individual's rights.