

The bachelor thesis "Social construction of temporary foster parents in the Czech print media" focuses on how temporary foster parents are constructed in Czech printed media. After the amendment of Act No. 359/1999 Coll. on the socio-legal protection of children in 2013 there was a development of temporary foster care and foster parents were mentioned in the Czech media. However, it is not clear how foster parents sound in them. The message of foster parents in the media is important because the media influence society, but also political decision-making, and the political measures taken are often related to how society perceives the issue. The theory of social construction of target populations and methodological approach of qualitative content analysis with quantitative elements is used in the work to find out the message of foster parents in the media. The aim of this work was to find out the social construction of temporary foster parents and its change in a given time period. Another goal of the work was to include foster parents in the typology of target populations and to explain the manifestation of social construction on the distribution of benefits and burdens for temporary foster parents. It was found out that temporary foster parents are mainly positively constructed in Czech printed media and belong to the group of Dependents according to the typology of target populations. Their social construction did not change significantly over time, but positive constructions increasingly prevailed. According to the identification of the provided benefits and burdens for temporary foster parents, it is possible to observe how the social construction of foster parents corresponds to the elements of their political design.