

Abstract

The topic of the diploma thesis is the issue of state social support benefits. The aim is to find out the current state of abuse of state social support benefits and identify their shortcomings. The topic is examined from the perspective of the theory of social construction of target populations and the theory of street-level bureaucrats. The work examines the construction of recipients of SSS benefits in both media and political discourse. Qualitative research was used to achieve the goal of the work, in the form of semi-structured interviews with street-level bureaucrats and document analysis. In order to obtain information on the construction of recipients of SSS benefits, articles in online and print media and stenographic records from the meetings of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic were analysed. I consider the finding that the recipients of SSS benefits are not perceived as a homogeneous group and are constructed according to the individual benefits they receive to be the main results of the work. Furthermore, forms of abuse of SSS benefits were identified, which are distinguished into fraudulent practices of clients and the maximum possible use of the law. The main findings of abuse were presented in the case study. Along with the misuse of benefits, barriers that line workers experience in their practice have also been identified.