

ABSTRACT

The diploma thesis was created with the aim of mapping the effect of the cov-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown on the use of illegal substances among selected respondents. It was possible to compare the situation in detail with the pre-Covid period, because the respondents had already collaborated in the previous bachelor's thesis. It is a qualitative research in which thematic analysis is applied as a research method.

The theoretical part of the thesis elaborates addiction and addictive behavior, the developmental point of view, relevant theories of pathological behavior in the context of drug addiction, the development of the cov-19 pandemic and drug policy in the Czech Republic, and the treatment and cessation of addiction.

The research of the practical part is based on the statements of 10 participants of a semi-structured interview. The individual parts consist of a medallion of the respondents (information about the respondents from the previous bachelor's thesis), general information, the impact of the cov-19 pandemic on employment and education, partner and family relationships during the pandemic, free time and interests of the participants, addictive substances in the context of the cov-19 pandemic and mental state during the cov-19 pandemic. The primary research idea was whether the lockdown led to a significant worsening of addictive behavior. A detailed analysis of the data revealed that there was no worsening of addictive behavior on illegal substances in the majority of the selected respondents. Furthermore, the influence of the degree of dependence on use during the lockdown was investigated, whereby a decreasing frequency of use was found for recreational users and an increasing or unchanged intensity for daily users. During the cov-19 pandemic, a tendency to use illegal substances alone rather than with a group of friends was also observed among selected respondents. As this is a final work with a pedagogical overlap, coping strategies could not go unmentioned, which were especially important in such a tense situation.

KEYWORDS

addiction, comparison, covid-19 pandemic, illegal drugs, risky behavior