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ABSTRACT

Split-up of family is not a gender-neutral phenomenon. In most cases, children are confided to the care of mother after the split-up. The family law recognizes also other forms of care, but both joint-custody parenting is rarely used in the Czech Republic. However, there is a tendency to change the state affairs in recent years. Supporters and opponents of joint custody voice their arguments in the public sphere, but relatively little attention has been paid so far to those who are supposed practice joint custody parenting, the parents. That is why, the focus of my research has been a comparison of experience of mothers and fathers practicing joint custody of their children in the Czech Republic.

Concretely, I wanted to study whether, similarly with foreign studies, the mothers and the fathers experience joint custody differently. For example, whether the fathers have received a bigger support from their family and friends than have the mothers and whether the fathers experience less financial stress than the mothers. My research is explorative which is why I decided to base it on interviews, which were focused on experiences of both parents, on material and social factors, which could have influenced their perception of situation and their practices. The analysis indicated both material and social factors having impact on experience being “alternate parent” were of different intensity related to mothers or fathers. Differences could also be seen in the impact of governmental and non-governmental institutions on women and men.

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