

ABSTRACT

Perception of segregation in Sokolov

The work deals with segregation of the Romany minority in the town of Sokolov. The aim of the work is to discover how segregation and the problems connected are perceived in the town. Three major groups: the town representatives and non-governmental organizations, the population of the segregated areas and the population of the neighbouring areas have been examined in order to reveal how segregation is perceived. The main contribution of the work is in that it provides a more detailed insight into the problem and also the analysis of the situation in Romany areas in Sokolov as well as the relations, problems and conflicts between the Romany community and the majority society. Conflicts do not arise only between the Romany and the majority society, but also within the Romany community. Even the mutual coexistence of the Romanies is not without problems. The town representatives and non-governmental organizations become aware of the problems arising in connection with the segregated areas and of the necessity to find a solution. However, their approach to tackle the problems differ significantly.

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