Abstrakt

This diploma work deals with the situation of married couples, people who suffered a brain damage. After a brain damage many various mental changes of grave importance may appear apart from the physical consequences. These consequences affect not only the person that suffered the brain damage but also his closest mainly his partner and affect also the quality of their marriage.

The theoretical part of the diploma work deals primarily with the importance of the marriage from the sociological and the psychological point of view as well. Further the work focuses on the brain damage itself and its consequences. The attention is further drawn to the impact of such situation on the husband or wife of a person after brain damage. Following part deals with the motivations for marriage.

The empirical part of the work focuses on qualitative research based on eight individual in-depth interviews with husbands/wives of a person after a brain damage. The main goal of the work is to map the motivation of a husband/wife of the individual after a brain damage for remaining in marriage and identify other factors connected with this motivation.