

This thesis „Voluntary childlessness in the Czech Republic in the international context“ is focused on the phenomenon of voluntary childlessness, that has been increasing in the past twenty years in the Czech Republic and other countries. It is based on relevant sociological theories, particularly theories of individualization and a cultural change and also the value of child theory. It deals with demographical changes and the second demographic transition in the Czech Republic and Europe. On this basis there is built an idea of using information about voluntary childlessness in other countries for the phenomenon in the Czech Republic as well, because it has similar reproductional intentions as in the other countries. The paper explains the term childlessness and defines a voluntary and involuntary choice, with accent to the first type. Shortly it deals with a media reflection and public opinion. To achieve goals of the thesis which are understanding and describing factors and motives of voluntarily childlessness and for creating a model of the factors and motives, a qualitative attitude was used to review the research. There are described three basic types of factors and motives, each of them is described in one chapter. Moreover there is a chapter dedicated to the stereotypization and stigmatization of childfree people, which are also factors of the voluntary childlessness. The paper is also focused on revealing voluntarily childless intentions and reactions of other people, which is a demanding situation. In the paper there is also mentioned the evaluation of the reproductional choice by childfree people themselves.