

Abstract

The master thesis „Public attitude towards parenting of homosexual individuals and couples” deals with an attitude of Czech public towards parental rights of homosexuals and attitude of European public towards alternative family forms with focus on homoparental families. The topic requires attention as part of Czech legislators currently tries to pass the novella of Registered Partnership Act, which would enable homosexuals to adopt children of their partners; and with regard to the impact of public attitude towards homoparental families on these families. The current legislation concerning homosexual rights is described in the paper along with the up to now legislative process of submitted novella of the law. Also other ways of becoming parents besides the adoption of partner’s child which homosexuals can use in the Czech Republic or elsewhere are presented. The thesis then focuses on adoption and assisted reproduction. Attitude of Czech public towards these parental rights of homosexuals is subject of own quantitative research, in which also predictors of this attitude and groups of people with more negative and more positive attitude than the rest of the population are identified. The following analysis of publicly accessible data shows the development of Czech attitude towards adoption of children by homosexuals in last ten years and the attitude of European public towards alternative family forms. With regard to this attitude and then also with regard to attitude towards homoparental families European countries are divided into groups. In the end the paper provides recommendation concerning mainly legalization of adoption of same sex partner’s child, which is due to mainly positive attitude of Czech public and inspiration in Slovenia (European country with the most similar attitude towards homoparental families) of approving nature.