

Annotation

The aim of the work is to explore attitude of society to homosexuality in connection with potential children adoption. The first part of the thesis is aimed at defining the term of homosexuality, clarifying its origins and summarizing its history. There are also described attitude changes in present society in connection with homosexual emancipation. Attention is devoted to the fact, how it is reflected in attitudes of society in working and school environment and also in context of friendly relationships. The last part of the thesis is devoted to topic of homoparentality, what is children upbringing by homosexual partners. Discussed is also potential influence of parents' sexual orientation when children are raised by gay or lesbian couple. Issues of adoption of children from institutional care, a child adoption by the other partner and foster care are also studied. Results of the research, whose aim was to map attitude of humanist and technical oriented men and women to non-heterosexuality and possible child adoption by homosexual families, are presented in the second part of the thesis. Some of the respondents' reactions that present attitudes towards given minority are quoted.

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