Abstract

In this work, I have researched online infidelity, focusing on how it is understood and how it interferes with young people's relationships. The theoretical part relies mainly on the work of Anthony Giddens and Zykmund Bauman in transforming relationships, and Lynn Jamieson and Ziyad Marar in terms of exploring intimacy. Internet communication has some specifics different from the classic one that make dating quick and simple, creating the ideal environment for online infidelity. At the same time, it is not clear where the boundaries of this infidelity begin on the Internet, what is right in the relationship and what is already interfering with it. It is therefore necessary to find out what, specifically, young people think of as infidelity. The research was carried out using quantitative research and surveyed young people who had experienced a long-term relationship. The aim of this work is to find out how online technology disrupts couples' intimacy. What attitudes young people have about online infidelity, and whether paired intimacy and the occurrence of online infidelity in relationships are related. This was examined from the objective and subjective point of view of respondents. As part of online technologies that can disrupt a relationship, I have researched and compared attitudes towards the consumption of classic pornography and virtual reality pornography.