

The dissertation is devoted to the present attitude of the young generation towards the problems of marriage and parenthood. In the theoretical part a historical concept and evolution of family, the development stages of western family type, social and legal problems of marriage and family and the family policy in the Czech Republic are described. Also a confrontation of two concepts of a Czech family before and after the year 1989 is analyzed and discussed in this part of the dissertation.

In the empirical part young generation's values and attitudes of the young people towards marriage and family are presented. A set of comparable indicators is used for the purposes of the research. The outcomes of the research are used for their comparison with the findings of the extensive research on this topic which was carried out in the past. As the informants for this study were chosen students at the age between 16-20 years studying different types of high schools.