

This diploma work aims at the woman's view of desirable masculinity and its social background and context. The work especially focuses on established stereotypes in disposal of man's and woman's roles in partner relationships and the manifestation of these stereotypes. The ground for the work is a qualitative research which means twelve depth interviews with women in age range from 20 to 63 years. A part of respondents are women who experienced a physical and mental violence in their intimate relationship and their ex-partners thus represent an extreme type of masculinity in its established conception. The research has shown that women expect and demand strong, active and in some way dominant man, because if they want to respect him and live with him in a partner relationship, the man should be in some way superior to them. These demands correspond to traditional configuration of our society, but they hinder women and men from constructing really equal partner relationships.