

The postgraduate thesis is looking into possible links between depression or depressiveness and aggression or aggressiveness in relation to the psychosocial atmosphere of prison focusing on sentenced drug users. Our study is also verifying the assumption, that aggression might be typical coping mechanism of men to control the depression.

The theoretical part is looking for potential links between terms depression and aggression based on technical knowledge in the literature studied; also pointing at gender conditioned ways of controlling a depression as well as connection between depression or aggression occurrence of sentenced and drug addicted sentenced individuals.

The empirical part of the study is based on findings, included in the thesis as a pre-study I and gained through psychosocial atmosphere of specialized detachment of Příbram's prison in 2006 (Dvořák, 2006). By using the same technique as in pre-study I (SPK form) work verifies, if current level of psychosocial atmosphere in specialized detachment corresponds to the pre-study I situation. SPK form scale of aggression is here used as the comparative parameter.

The postgraduate thesis is subsequently verifying the assumption of Rutz and his coauthors (1999), that aggression might be form of a depression control. Through CAE projective technique is the work detecting the existence of depression (as measurable level of phoria decrease) and aggression (as predisposition to aggressive behavior, e.i. aggression) on sentenced drug addicts in Příbram's prison.

Thesis is based on quantitative analysis of collected data, defining frequent occurrence of aggression together with depression, observed on sentenced drug addicts in specialized detachment as well as in other common detachment of Příbram's prison; both emotions are showing close functional connection.