

Abstract

The work focuses on the research of sources of social support among immigrants from Eastern European states (Russia, Ukraine, Belarus) legally residing in the Czech Republic. The thesis is divided into two sections. The theoretical part contains the conceptualization and description of basic terms. Empirical contains description of the methodology as well as analysis of the obtained data. The aim of this research was to find out what are the sources of social support for immigrants from the East Slavic ethnolinguistic area. Qualitative research methodology was used to conduct the research. For data collection was chosen a semi-structured interview, which was in the immigrants' native language. The study involved 12 respondents equally divided by nationality and sex. The research showed that the emotional and informational component of social support was the most important for immigrants. The main sources of social support for immigrants include the immediate environment: partner, friends and family.

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