ABSTRACT

This diploma thesis deals with the issue of the application of psychological theories in the framework of the creation of a psychobiographical text. First, I describe the historical background of the development of the psychobiographical approach and the main methodological procedures in psychobiographical research. Then I analyze the individual categories that were used in the subsequent interpretation. Proposals for interpretations for the creation of a future psychobiographical text arose from a purely autobiographical text (available memoirs of the analyzed personalities). I work here with the topic of psychobiography as a basic method of psychological research, which I apply to the leading politicians of the Czechoslovak political scene in the first half of the twentieth century. Namely, they are doctor of law Karel Kramář, Professor Edvard Beneš and journalist Jiří Stříbrný. The chosen psychological lenses through which these analyzed sources are interpreted are Kohut's theory on the creation of self and Adler's theory dealing with the striving for superiority. These interpretations are critically evaluated in the final chapter of this diploma thesis, and the usability of the given sources for further psychobiographical research is described.

The output of this work is the finding that the possibilities of interpretation are largely dependent on the abilities of the researcher. It is necessary for the researcher to appropriately choose an interpretive framework that would subsequently be appropriate for the analyzed data. It is also possible to say that the quality of the interpretive framework depends on the quality of the analysis of the source data. If the primary data is not significant in terms of content, psychobiographical processing is very difficult. This thesis will propose the procedure of interpretation of the selected subjects and evaluate their potential for subsequent research.

KEYWORDS

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