

Abstract

The bachelor's thesis examines the impact of parental divorce experienced during childhood on young adults. Its aim was to determine whether young adults perceive the effects of their parents' divorce even with temporal distance into their early adulthood. If so, what are these effects and what do they believe causes them?

The thesis is divided into two main parts. The first part presents the theoretical framework, drawing from professional literature by both Czech and international authors. It focuses on family dynamics, divorce, children's reactions, and the influences to which they are subjected during marital dissolution. The second part focuses on the research methodology. It introduces the research objectives, main research questions, sample description, methods, research data, their summary, and comparison in the discussion.

Given the theme of my bachelor's thesis, I chose a mixed research method that combines quantitative and qualitative approaches. During data collection, I utilized the Sequential Explanatory Design, where quantitative investigation is followed by qualitative elucidation. The research was conducted in two phases of data collection. In the first phase, respondents were sent a questionnaire to gather both research data and information about the respondents themselves. Subsequently, in the second phase, three transcribed verbatim.

The research explored four life domains in which the impacts of divorce may manifest: psychological stability, romantic relationships, relationships with parents, and social relationships. The findings indicated that all participants indeed perceive the impacts of divorce in their current lives, most prominently in the realm of romantic relationships, relationships with parents, and psychological stability, with the least impacts observed in social relationships. Respondents acknowledged an influence on their overall perception of relationship concepts and even on relationship maintenance. However, the desire to enter into matrimony remained unaffected by divorce among the respondents. Additionally, a deterioration in relationships with parents and a general dissatisfaction with parental care, both during and post-divorce, were noted. A common occurrence was the ongoing influence of the hostile relationship between parents, who remained unable to reconcile even after years. Through life

experience interviews, it emerged that a significant portion of the challenges faced by respondents stemmed from inappropriate parental conduct toward their children.