

Abstract

The thesis focuses on the analysis of a dispute regarding home birth and discourses associated with it. The thesis focuses on the analysis of a dispute regarding home birth and discourses associated with it. The thesis focuses on the analysis of a dispute regarding home birth and discourses associated with it. Choice of location and process of giving birth in Czech environment remains very limited and domestic deliveries are subject of controversy among professional medical community and state institutions on the one hand and midwives, civil movements and committed mothers on the other hand. Theme divides lay and expert public. It's established through discourses, reflect the views and opinions of the two quarreled groups - supporters of medically controlled childbirth and supporters of natural birth. In the context of media reporting can be identified two main streams of discursive formations, scattering of concepts, thematic choices, objects and modalities of coming to the statement - medical discourse and natural discourse. The controversy both discourses in the Czech media escalated with court case with midwife Ivana Königsmarková, who in 2009 assisted at home birth that ended tragically - serious damage and subsequent death of a child. Just on the case of Ivana Königsmarková and its presentation in the media I want illustrate, how the supporters of the two competing concepts constructed discursive object (home birth), what means are used to produce their claim, how they justify and legitimize their actions and what strategies are used to promote their ideas. I will analyze articles on the topic in the three most widely read Czech "serious" newspapers - Mlada Fronta Dnes, Pravo and Lidove noviny. Using the concept of justificative regimes by Luc Boltanski also show that the discourses vary in value frameworks and support their claims using other systems of values