

Report on the final work of Gabriela Vavrová

The final bachelor work of Gabriela Vavrová, titled “Důstojnost mentálně postižených lidí z pohledu pracovníků centra”, consists in a detailed work on human dignity in the framework of a precise target, the people with mental disability from the point of view of social workers. In particular, after an historical reconstruction of the topic of human dignity, Vavrová roots her analysis on the people working and living the reality of the Stroom Dub, o.p.s. centre, located in Dub u Prachatic.

The work of Vavrová is divided into three parts, matching the three chapters in which the same work is organized:

1. History of human dignity;
2. Discussion of the topic in the Stroom Dub centre framework;
3. Application of the theoretical discussion, thanks to a set of questions provided to the people of the centre.

The thesis, in itself, appears to me complete and satisfactory. Moreover, it is truly original because of the quantitative and qualitative research the author presents during the work.

The first chapter is historical and mainly descriptive, but it does not fail to present the most important historical and theoretical sketches, that highlighted and traced the discussion on human dignity throughout history.

The second chapter deepens the discussions on human dignity, anchoring it to the practical life of the Stroom Dub centre. The author starts presenting the history of the centre, its ethical code and its main goals, especially in targeting the clients (also mentioning the efforts made by the centre during the Covid19 experience). Then, she introduces the reasons why Stroom Dub is a good case-study for the field of human dignity in people with mental disabilities.

The third chapter is the most practical one. There Vavrová does not hesitate in tracing the ways through which highlight her viewpoint in front of the targeted workers and their clients, underlining clearly methodology, targets, realization and results. She clearly reports the interviews realized with seven members of the centre and provides, resuming the answers, the basic guidelines of the relationship between human dignity and mental disability, namely: privacy, respect for partner relations, forms of positive attitudes and resulting reactions, negative actions (mainly from the part of any social worker) and the following amend.

The conclusions of the work are little sceptical and unoptimistic, as the author does not address an exact match among theoretical discussions on human dignity and their application in the life of the centre.

As stated above, I consider the thesis of Gabriela Vavrová as an original piece of theoretical and practical investigation and it is meritorious to be widely discussed during the final exam. From the other side, sometimes the work suffer of an excess of being systematic, but it is not a weak point, as it seems to me to express the personality of the author. Finally, as during the writing of the work we had some communication problem, mainly due to linguistic reasons, we decided to maintain a Czech-oriented bibliography (both in original and in translation), so to be more precise and trying to avoid possible further misunderstandings.

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