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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS ONE OF THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF MODERN SOCIETY

***Abstract:** This article considers the highly important issue of modern society like domestic abuse, specifically the globality of this issue in the Russian Federation. The causes of domestic violence, its characteristics and prevalence are considered in detail. Statistics on this topic are given in the work. This problem is very relevant because its prevalence increases year by year.*

***Keywords:** violence, domestic violence, family, social problem, society.*

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ДОМАШНЕЕ НАСИЛИЕ КАК ОДНА ИЗ СОЦИАЛЬНЫХ ПРОБЛЕМ СОВРЕМЕННОГО ОБЩЕСТВА

***Аннотация:** В данной статье рассматривается такая важная проблема современного общества, как домашнее насилие. А именно, глобальность этой проблемы в Российской Федерации. Подробно рассматриваются причины возникновения домашнего насилия, его характеристика и распространенность. В работе приводятся статистические данные по этой теме. Данная проблема очень актуальна, поскольку распространенность с каждым годом только увеличивается.*

***Ключевые слова:** насилие, домашнее насилие, семья, социальная проблема, общество.*

Family is one of the major elements of society. Its well-being says that the state has a future. Because exactly the family brings up the new generation on which the further destiny of the state will depend. The stability of the family is the main condition of the stability of the state. That is why the family-policy issue question is the main question in the Russian Federation. Nonetheless, family as society's cell is unstable in the modern world. A lot of factors and destructive processes promote this. And one of the main factors is domestic violence. That is why the solution to this problem is one of the main tasks of state family policy.

Domestic violence is a cycle of physical, sexual, verbal, psychological and economical insult and pressure in relation to relatives in order to gain power and control over them that repeats with increasing frequency [1].

However, no problem arises without a reason. So domestic violence has causes that are worth considering:

- 1) Alcohol

Alcohol consumption often becomes a factor in domestic violence in Russia. According to research from the expert from Saint Petersburg State University, statistics for 2019 on this issue are as follows:

70% of incidents of domestic violence were committed when both the rapist and the victim were intoxicated,

20% - when either the victim or rapist was intoxicated.

10% of incidents of domestic violence are not connected with alcohol [2].

2) Low income

Another important cause of domestic violence often nominates the family's low incomes. Low incomes are most often the result of unemployment, which as of March 2019 covers 4.7% of the country's working population [3].

The high level of unemployment leads to alcohol abuse and violence towards women, teenagers and aged people.

So, summing up the causes of domestic violence, we can say that the main reason is alcohol. According to statistics, only 10% of recorded cases of domestic violence are not the result of intoxication.

Also, domestic violence has some specifics which differ it from other kinds of social pressure:

1) Domestic violence represents recurring incidents.

This is a distinguishing feature of domestic violence towards conflict. The conflict has a problem in its foundation which can be solved. In a situation of domestic violence, one person constantly controls or tries to control the other person and manages his behaviour and feelings by force. As a result, an abused person may get psychological, social, economical, sexual and physical harm, damage or trauma.

2) Relationship feature between the object and the subject of the violence.

In contradiction to the crime committed on the street by a stranger, domestic violence occurs in relation to close people who live together. Most often women suffer from domestic violence.

According to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, for the first 9 months of 2019 more than 15 thousand crimes in the field of family relations were committed against women [4].

Thus, speaking about the danger which domestic violence represents and the scale of its impact, it must be considered that even if violent acts are directed only at one person, all other family members are also exposed to what some researchers refer to as «secondary victimization». Its gist is that people who became witnesses of violence receive the same psychological trauma as people who have directly experienced violence.

Statistics for Russia.

The main problem in researching the topic of domestic violence is that official data are scarce. Most complete information is available only for 2017.

In 2017, according to the Federal State Statistics Service (Rosstat), 25.7 thousand women and 10.4 thousand men suffered from violent acts committed against a family member.

According to these data, it can be understood that, as was said earlier, women suffer more from domestic violence.

However, the data provided by Rosstat are often criticized, as many publications doubt their accuracy.

Such a global problem requires legislative reinforcement. That is why in July 2016 the law «On the prevention of domestic violence in the Russian Federation» was adopted. This law criminalized beatings against family members.

However, after dissatisfaction on the part of the Russian Orthodox Church, Russia excluded this offence from the Criminal Code and transferred it to the category of administrative offences.

Both laws provoked mixed reactions in Russian society. Some talk about the tragic consequences of decriminalizing beatings as domestic violence is becoming the norm. Others, by contrast, argue that corporal punishment is the sacred right of parents.

Marina Pisklakova-Parker, director of the Anna Center organization, which helps victims of domestic violence, said decriminalization turned out to be «very dangerous for the safety of thousands of Russian women».

After a year of decriminalization of domestic beatings specialists began to notice that this item of law is not effective: minimal fines do not stop the violence [5].

Conclusion. Domestic violence is something that must be fought and destroyed. As long as the state legalizes beatings in the family, this most important cell of society will subject to ever greater destruction. Until enough attention is paid to this problem, the number of victims of domestic violence will only increase. According to unofficial data, every fifth family in the Russian Federation currently has domestic violence. And everything leads to the fact that very soon in every family children, women and aged people will be in a difficult social situation.

Domestic violence is something that must be eradicated until it is completely gone.

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