Psychological Factors Determining the Choice of a Future Job

Abstract

At the time of an economic crisis and its psychological consequences the attitudes and activity of young adults, who are just starting their vocational life, are of great significance. Graduates from colleges and universities are a very important group among them. Their abilities have an impact upon the intellectual potential of the country’s economy, and consequently upon its novelty.

The present research concentrated upon the knowledge of graduates about ongoing changes and tendencies in the labour market, and their ability to communicate their needs in this respect. The study comprised 602 students of the final years of B.A. and M.A. studies, since they are confronted with making a decision concerning their future jobs. Decisions made at that time have a long-lasting influence on the quality of their life. It is therefore worthwhile to acquire better knowledge on the inner motives of their choices.

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Introduction

In 1997 A. Jansen asked college students aged from 18 to 28 to select the indicators of adulthood out of forty proposed terms. Most frequent choices of the students included four indicators: 1) taking responsibility for your own actions, (2) making decisions based upon your own beliefs and values, (3) becoming independent and not relying on parents and other significant persons, (4) partnership