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## REPRESENTATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN BELARUSIAN SOCIAL MEDIA

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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of the research is revealing the features of the representation of domestic violence in the Belarusian social media.

The object of the research of the thesis is the content of the Belarusian social media, thematically related to the phenomenon of domestic violence. The subject of the research of the thesis – features of the representation of domestic violence in the Belarusian social media. The methodological basis of the thesis consists of general scientific methods of knowledge: the method of analysis and synthesis, the method of induction and deduction, the descriptive and historical method, the method of classification, the method of analogy and generalization, as well as the particular scientific methods: method of discourse analysis and frame analysis.

In the process of writing the work, the following results were obtained: the social background of violence in society was revealed; the main types and forms of violence in the family were characterized; identified the main consequences of domestic violence in contemporary society; revealed the specificity of social media and their role in the discursive construction of the problem of domestic violence; revealed the features of content of the Belarusian social media, which is thematically related to the topic of domestic violence; described the processes of discursive construction of the problem of the Belarusian social media through posts and users' comments.

The novelty of the results obtained is due to due to little knowledge of the specifics of representation of domestic violence in Belarusian social media and the lack of information about the processes of constructing the problem of domestic violence in Belarusian social media. The results have a wide range of theoretical and practical applications. Thesis materials can be used in the educational process, in research as well as in the elaboration of measures to prevent domestic violence.

Materials and results of the thesis were obtained on the basis of reliable sources and independently conducted theoretical and practical research.

Keywords: violence, family violence (family violence), home violence, social media, social problem, discursive construction of social problem, representation, frame-analysis.