

Authoritarianism and the Views on Rehabilitation Held by the Students of Rehabilitation Pedagogy

Abstract

This paper presents correlations between authoritarianism and the views on rehabilitation. The research was conducted among students of rehabilitation pedagogy (in the Provinces of Silesia and Małopolska). Authoritarianism was investigated from the classical perspective by T. Adorno. The views on rehabilitation were examined using a research instrument devised by Zdzisław Bartkowicz and Paweł Maciaszczyk, who distinguished the following scales: belief in the efficacy of rehabilitation, negativism towards rehabilitation, and biological determinism. Data analysis was conducted aimed at evaluating the impact of selected socio-demographic variables (e.g. the subject's age, year or mode of studies) on the process of shaping authoritarian behaviour and the views on rehabilitation. The research findings prove that there are specific correlations between all the investigated variables, which points to a significant role of authoritarianism as an independent variable (the views on rehabilitation) as well as a dependent one (the subject's age, year or mode of studies).

Key words: *authoritarianism, the views on rehabilitation, belief in the efficacy of rehabilitation, negativism towards rehabilitation, biological determinism, socio-demographic variables (age, year or mode of studies).*

Introduction

The quality and the effectiveness of rehabilitation are mainly determined by personal characteristics, convictions and the views of the rehabilitation educator