offering a greater sense of safety for both parties and simultaneously providing a vast variety of legal benefits in their countries in comparison with the cohabitation relationships. The attractiveness and huge importance of the institution of marriage for the examined students also results from the national configurations of accepted social and cultural values in Poland and Slovakia, where the institution of marriage is still of great importance due to the high level of religiousness of the societies in comparison with the societies of Western Europe and Scandinavia.

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