ABSTRACT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: WHAT DO THOSE FUTURE PROFESSIONALS WHO WILL HAVE TO COPE WITH IT KNOW AND THINK ABOUT THIS TOPIC? A RESEARCH PROJECT.

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Nowadays, domestic violence against women is considered an important social problem and is analysed from a multi-causal perspective. Nevertheless, an important quantity of myths still persists concerning this question. Among them the myths about the causes of domestic violence and the women reasons for remaining in this type of relationship stand out for its importance. These myths are very much extended and have relevant repercussions in the attempts undertaken to cope with the problem.

Recent researches in the European Union and in Spain allow us to know the beliefs and attitudes towards domestic violence, both in adult population and in teenagers. The aim of this research is to analyse these beliefs and attitudes in a specific segment of population: university students. This sample is of interest because this is precisely the group of future professionals that (shortly or in the medium term) will have to face domestic violence, directly or indirectly. Therefore, analysing their knowledge, beliefs and attitudes on the topic will help us to detect their training level and sensibility, and to understand their strengths and weaknesses to coping with it and, eventually, to proceed to design actions and recommendations in order to improve their possibilities of performance.