

Peculiarities of Representations about Unfamiliar People Depending on the Level of Interpersonal Trust

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We present the data of theoretical and empirical analysis of the problem of trust towards strangers. We present the results of the empirical research carried out on a sample of students enrolled in the Udmurt State University in Izhevsk (N = 302, mean age = 24, 2 years, 30% of the sample were male, and 70% - female). Application of psycho-diagnostic tools: a questionnaire "The image of another person whom I trust" (Leonov I.Ju.), the technique of the "Scale of interpersonal (social) trust" (J.B.Rotter, adapted by Dostovalov S.G.) allowed to reveal the specifics of perceiving the subjects of trust towards a stranger, depending on their level of interpersonal trust. It is established that a person with a high level of interpersonal trust is more likely to grant to a stranger such qualities as reliable, significant, understanding, sensual, sociable, active, confident, open. A personality manifesting distrust of others tends to think of a stranger as unreliable, insignificant, misunderstanding, dangerous, unsociable, passive, un-confident and closed.

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