

## REVIEW

on the final qualification work of a 4-year student of the full-time department (bachelor's degree) of the Faculty of Sociology CHISTOVA Violetta Aleksandrovna on the topic " The Social portrait of the NEET-youth of St. Petersburg: characteristics and typologies».

Chistova V.A. deals with this topic from the second year. She thus had a good start for the final qualifying work. This topic is very difficult to study, especially in the current difficult sanitary and epidemiological situation, because representatives of the studied youth group and members of their families are kept in isolation, it is difficult to establish contact with them. Nevertheless, she managed to establish contact with them and conduct an independent qualitative sociological study. To carry out this study, in addition to a sufficiently high level of professionalism, it required social courage, perseverance, the ability to establish contacts with often unwilling to disclose their lifestyle, sources of livelihood by young people. On the whole, she analyzed well the specifics of this rather large youth group of St. Petersburg.

Violetta developed a set of methods for studying this group: online interviewing representatives of the NEET group, their families, relatives, and experts working with young people. A technique was also used to identify the value orientations of this group. As a result, she managed to implement an integrated approach in the study of this youth group. The social portrait of this group turned out to be quite diverse. She identified as many as five significantly different types of NEET youth in St. Petersburg. It was expected that some of them are formed in a dysfunctional family situation, but it turned out to be unexpected that a considerable part of these young people come from a complete, prosperous family. Their inactive lifestyle is influenced by parents who continue to support a dependent young man after graduation. The parental family for them is a comfortable zone with which they do not want to leave. The strong point of the work is not only the compilation of a social portrait of NEET youth, but also the identification of qualitatively different types within this group. There is no such typology in the literature; it is quite new. Therefore, it was interesting for me to work with Violetta on this topic, especially in the aspect of this typology of representatives of NEET youth. This material can be used in my courses on the sociology of conflict, social work with youth, and practical conflictology.

The independence and determination shown by Violetta allowed her to reveal the general characteristics of these young people: lack of clear goals and life plans, infantility, lack of independence, quick getting used to unlimited freedom, rejecting efforts to include in permanent employment and education, inability to long concentration, following labor standards and educational activities, unwillingness to part with a comfortable existence due to the immediate environment.

In identifying these common qualities, Violetta showed expressed creative qualities, motivation, sociability and perseverance in overcoming the many difficulties that arise (search for informants, experts, contacts with relatives of informants, etc.). She thus showed a pronounced personal and professional potential, orientation in research methods, and the ability to implement an integrated approach to the study of a very urgent problem.

Confirmation of her potential is the presence of two publications on the topic of final qualifying work in the framework of the All-Russian scientific and practical conference with international participation XIII Kovalevsky readings "Youth of the XXI century: the image of the future" (St. Petersburg State University, November 14-16, 2019):

1. "The NEET phenomenon as a conscious choice of life path for young people."
2. "Social types of youth and a differentiated approach to working with them."

The work was tested according to the «Rukontekst» program (assessment of the originality of the text - 99%).

In general, the final work of Chistovoy V.A. performed at a high professional level and meets the requirements for graduation qualification in the direction of "sociology", and deserves a high positive assessment.

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