

VALUES OF JUDGES AS A FACTOR AFFECTING SENTENCING

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ANNOTATION

The study of values is one of the important directions of socio-psychological research. "Value is the significance of certain events for a person. Both the main goal of a person's life and the principles of its organization (conscientiousness, dignity, etc.) can be values for him. Values determine the range of options for solving complex life problems" [1; 384-p.].

In the course of our research, we conducted Rokich's "Value Orientation" methodology in order to determine to what extent judges' values affect their main activity, the sentencing process. Rokić divided values into two groups: terminal values and instrumental values.

In order to determine which value is important to the respondents of both groups, we created the following tables 3.3. In the table below, it can be seen that in the group of judges appointed for the next term, life wisdom, love, happiness of others, interesting work, and material well-being were chosen as the most important terminal values.

In the group of judges who were appointed for the first time, we are witnessing that self-confidence, interesting work, health, beauty of nature and art, and development were chosen as the most important life values. The most interesting thing is that the important values for judges appointed for the first time and judges appointed for the next term are fundamentally different from each other.

Only the value of interesting work was recognized as the second most important value for first-time judges and the fourth most important value for second-term judges.

Table 1

Differences in the most important terminal values in the group of respondents (n=77)

№	For the next term appointed judges	ранг	№	Judges appointed for the first time	ранг
1	Life wisdom	21,50	1	Self confidence	29,22
2	Love	22,07	2	Interesting work	33,10
3	Other people's happiness	31,40	3	Health	33,57
4	Interesting work	33,10	4	The beauty of nature and art	34,68
5	Material well-being	34,15	5	Development	34,70

In the questions of the questionnaire conducted with judges who were appointed for the first time, they stated that they chose the profession of judge because they were interested in this profession. It is important for the judges appointed for the next term to pay close attention to the surrounding events, including the cases being heard in court, to study deeply, analyze and synthesize, objectively evaluate each fact, and then draw a conclusion and make a judgment. The judges who were appointed for the first time emphasized self-confidence as an important value, confidence in one's own strength, not in others, relatives, colleagues, in any situation.

Now let's look at the top five important values among instrumental values in different groups of respondents, the results are shown in Table 2.

Judges appointed for the next term recognized independence, high standards, discipline, endurance, and honesty as important instrumental values. The important instrumental values of judges appointed for the first time are fundamentally different from those of judges appointed to the next term. They indicated efficiency in work, rationality, breadth of views, self-control, protection of one's opinion as important values.

Table 2

Differences in the most important instrumental values in the group of respondents (n=77)

№	Judges appointed for the next term	ранг	№	Judges appointed for the first time	ранг
1	Independence	21,23	1	Efficiency at work	26,3
2	High demands	21,30	2	Reasonableness	27,9
3	Education	28,8	3	The breadth of views	28,1
4	Endurance	32,3	4	Self control	28,34
5	Honesty	34,1	5	To defend one's opinion	32,96

Judges appointed for the next term defined independence in work, family, life, and sentencing the defendant as the most important value. In particular, they consider it important to issue an independent and fair judgment during the trial without being influenced by other court participants. Judges who have been appointed for the first time recognize results, work efficiency, and high ratings as an important instrumental value.

Thus, the terminal and instrumental values for first-time and second-term judges are fundamentally different.

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