

Sexual abuse of young women in Germany and in Slovenia

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The results of several studies demonstrate that official crime statistics showing the incidence of criminal offences against sexual integrity are not reliable or that they underestimate the real state. The article presents a research project that established the actual rate of sexual violence or sexual harassment among Slovene and German female students and compared research results. They confirm a high rate of unrecorded crimes, which is a little bit higher in the Slovenian sample than in the German one. It seems that there is a higher rate of less serious forms of sexual violence among German students, while in more serious forms of crimes the difference is smaller, though the situation is a little bit worse in Slovenia. Research also confirmed the hypothesis that more serious forms of sexual violence are more frequently committed by persons known to the victim, while less serious forms of sexual harassment are mostly committed by less known or even unknown persons, which applies to both countries.

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