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ATTITUDES TOWARDS SEX WITH ALCOHOLICS

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Attitude is defined as acquired disposition, readiness for a certain way of perception, thinking, emotional reacting and behaving. The formation of social attitudes is greatly influenced by a group (alcoholics group). Drinking alcohol also disrupts higher cognitive processes: abstraction, conceptualization, problem solving and influences on different opinions.

Our research concerned the impact of chronic alcohol use and membership to alcoholic group as a framework that influences attitudes towards sexuality. 200 persons were sampled in this research: 100 alcohol addicts and 100 persons of the control group. The instrument used in this study was Scale of attitudes toward sex.

Statistically significant difference was found in five attitudes:

- Differences in two paragraphs point to some homosexual orientation. We can confidently say that this is a "latent homosexuality in an alcoholic", it is possible that the difference arises because of the presence of homosexuals in the group of alcoholics, although the subjects did not say to have such orientation.
- Some conservatism is present in the attitude drinkers to sexuality of the young, they argue that sexual experience can wait until more mature years.
- Extramarital relationships are positively evaluated by the control group, while alcoholics show greater disapproval.
- Alcoholics have the attitude that sexual arousal does not come with ease, unlike the control group.
- They are more liberal about the social situation of people with HIV (a certain degree of identification with an estimated negative social group).

Results showed small difference in attitudes between alcoholics and nonalcoholic.