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WITCHCRAFT IN THE TREATMENT OF DISEASE – A GENDER APPROACH TO ONE FORM OF PRESUMED FEMALE BEHAVIOR

Summary: In this paper, the author first refers to the beginning of the proclamation of the pandemic of the infectious disease COVID-19 by the WHO, and then to the proclamation of the epidemic of the infectious disease COVID-19 in our country. The aim of this paper is to point out the phenomena of women's witchcraft in healing people, from ancient times to the present, in pandemics, where quackery and / or men's witchcraft is not a problematic issue of scientific refutation, but often arousing public sympathy. The approach stems from the practice of these procedures by men (physicians, biologists, historians). In the general eclectic abundance of information, through various platforms, or live, the gender approach to the topic of witchcraft, or miraculous healing with herbs and magic, completely loses the visible domain of distinguishing male and female approach to this topic, with a clear distinction: female is magical, dangerous, and what is important, it is worth controversy. The problematic reflection of this text stemmed from the author's intention to announce his own need to connect dilemmas between science and the content of the mass media through the gender perspective of a forgotten, and perhaps from the revelation of, or, rather, rather into something surreal, and yet natural, which would not disrupt the course of natural physical and mental healing. This paper, by asking the problem of the dominance of belief in natural or scientifically based healing from disease, opens the perspective of considering the source, rather than offering an answer. Therefore, the methodological procedure applied in this paper is qualitative, without drawing general conclusions, but with the need to initiate a dialogue. That is the goal of this article - to emphasize the gender perspective of an occupation and employment in the 21st century, which seems to have been long forgotten, but in fact present - witchcraft, and put back in the spotlight of pandemic living conditions. In this paper, the analysis of titles and texts over the Internet, as well as an interview with a doctor about her thinking about witch-hunting during a pandemic, will try to show how gender stereotypes in certain self-proclaimed occupations, even in the field of physical health conditions of the world pandemic of the 21st century.

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