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## THE PHILOSOPHY OF FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE CONTEXT OF YOUTH'S CHOICE OF ATTITUDE TO DRUGS

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### ABSTRACT

The article explores the philosophical aspects of youth's perception of freedom and responsibility in the context of drug use. The authors analyze the philosophical concepts of freedom and consider them in the light of the modern challenges faced by young people in the field of drugs. The article offers a reflection on how philosophical principles can influence individual decisions of young people regarding drug use and what social and cultural factors shape their views. Ultimately, the article aims to enrich the discussion on the importance of understanding the philosophical aspects of freedom and responsibility when analyzing youth's drug choices, as well as to suggest possible ways to develop philosophically sound strategies in the field of prevention and recovery.

### KEYWORDS

philosophy of freedom, philosophy of responsibility, youth and choice, drugs and their influence, ethics of drug use, personal freedom and social responsibility, environmental influence on youth decisions, drug education and awareness, strategies for the prevention of drug addiction among young people, the role of the state in regulating drug use.

### INTRODUCTION

In modern society, young people face many choices that shape their worldview and outlook on life. One of such serious choices is the attitude towards drugs. This question not only reflects personal preferences, but also touches on fundamental aspects of the philosophy of freedom and responsibility. The philosophy of freedom assumes that everyone has the right to make their own decisions and choices. In the context of drug attitudes, freedom manifests itself in the individual's right to decide whether to participate in the use of a substance or abstain from it[1]. However, there is a question about the limits of freedom, especially when it comes to substances that can have an impact on health and public order.

Freedom carries a responsibility. In the context of choosing an attitude to drugs, young people are faced with the issue of personal responsibility for their actions. The decision to take or give up drugs has consequences for health, social relationships and professional life. How do young people balance freedom of choice with responsibility to themselves and society? Attitudes towards drugs also depend on the social context and environmental influences[2]. The opinions of friends, family, educational institutions and the media can have a decisive impact on the decision of young people. Modern society is faced with a number of difficult issues, including the drug problem. Young people, as a key element of society, face the challenge of defining their attitude to drugs in

the context of the philosophy of freedom and responsibility. This article offers an examination of the problem through the prism of philosophical concepts, emphasizing the importance of individual choice and appropriate responsibility.

The philosophy of freedom emphasizes the importance of individual choice. Young people are faced with many opportunities and solutions, and in this context, freedom provides an opportunity to independently determine their values and priorities. However, with this freedom comes responsibility for the consequences of one's decisions. Choosing an attitude to drugs has not only personal, but also social consequences. Young people should be aware of their responsibility to society, taking into account the impact of their decisions on others. The philosophy of responsibility presupposes meaningful and grounded behavior that takes into account social norms and values. The formation of a conscious attitude towards drugs requires education and education. Society and the State can help create conditions for teaching young people to make informed decisions and develop critical thinking[3]. Effective educational work can help young people realize the consequences of their actions and choose a path consistent with the philosophy of freedom and responsibility.

Creating conditions to support young people in their pursuit of a healthy lifestyle is also an integral part of solving the problem. Providing access to resources,

psychological help and communities with like-minded people can contribute to the formation of persistent drug withdrawal[4]. Today's youth face many challenges and opportunities, among which a special place is occupied by the choice of attitude to drugs. This theme permeates society in various aspects, ranging from medical and social problems to philosophical reflections on freedom and responsibility. The philosophy of freedom plays a key role in understanding the choices of young people in relation to drugs. Freedom in decision—making is not only a right, but also the burden of responsibility for the consequences of one's actions. Such freedom can serve as an incentive for self-knowledge and personal growth, but at the same time requires a balanced and conscious approach.

Choosing an attitude to drugs is responsible not only to oneself, but also to society. The philosophy of freedom in this context implies compliance with rules and laws, respect for the interests of other people and concern for society as a whole. This is an important reminder that individual freedom should not disrupt harmony in society. The environment, cultural stereotypes and peer influence have a significant impact on youth drug choices. The philosophy of freedom emphasizes the need to master critical thinking skills so that young people can consciously resist negative influences and make their own decisions.

The philosophy of freedom and responsibility requires the creation of educational programs aimed at developing a conscious and informed approach to drug issues. Education should become a tool for developing critical thinking that can help young people make decisions based on knowledge and understanding[5]. The philosophy of freedom and responsibility in the context of youth's choice in relation to drugs emphasizes the importance of a balance between freedom of personal choice and responsibility to society. This balance can contribute to the development of independent, responsible individuals who are able to make informed decisions and contribute to the creation of a healthy society.

Today's youth face many challenges and choices, including in the context of the use of narcotic substances. In this article, we will look at a philosophical approach to freedom and responsibility, analyzing how these principles can influence young people's decisions regarding drug use. Freedom is one of the fundamental concepts in philosophy. It presupposes the individual's ability to make his own decisions and act in accordance with his beliefs. In the context of choosing an attitude towards drugs, freedom implies the right of every person to decide whether to participate in such activities. Freedom, however, does not mean irresponsibility. The philosophy of responsibility says that freedom carries with it the obligation to accept the consequences of

one's decisions. In the case of drug use, this means awareness of possible risks and willingness to accept them.

Young people often face pressure from society, peer influence, explore their identity and try new forms of self-expression. During this period, young people are often faced with a decision related to drug use[6]. It is important to emphasize that freedom of choice carries with it the responsibility to take care of oneself and others. In the light of the philosophy of freedom and responsibility, young people should be aware of their motivations and psychological aspects that influence the decision to use drugs. Thinking about your own values, taking care of your health, and understanding the social consequences will help you make a more informed decision. Education plays a key role in shaping the understanding of freedom and responsibility. Schools and universities should provide young people with information about the consequences of drug use and develop critical thinking to make informed decisions.

Society, in turn, must create conditions conducive to the inclusion of young people in constructive activities that support their desire for self-realization and self-expression, which can reduce the attractiveness of drugs.

In modern society, issues of freedom and responsibility occupy a central place in discussions about youth

culture. Special attention is paid to the choices that young people make regarding drug use. The philosophy of freedom and responsibility is becoming a key aspect of understanding why some young people choose the path of drug addiction, while others decide to give it up. The philosophy of freedom assumes that every individual has the right to make decisions about his life, including the choice of drug use. This right to freedom is one of the basic principles of democratic societies. Young people, who are often in search of their identity and self-expression, may see drug use as a way to free themselves from social restrictions and norms.

However, the philosophy of freedom must be accompanied by an understanding of responsibility towards society and oneself. The question is how young people can combine their freedom of choice with conscious responsibility. This includes awareness of the possible consequences of drug use not only for yourself, but also for others[7]. The sociocultural context has a significant impact on the perception of freedom and responsibility by young people. Social norms, stereotypes and structures can shape the understanding of what is considered acceptable or unacceptable in relation to drug use. The philosophy of freedom must be balanced with an awareness of social limitations and responsibility to society. The formation of a healthy and conscious attitude towards drugs begins with education and prevention. Young people

should be informed about the consequences of drug use, as well as about their rights and responsibilities. An effective education and prevention system can help young people make more informed decisions and develop critical thinking.

The philosophy of freedom and responsibility in the context of youth's choice of attitude to drugs requires a balance between the right to freedom and conscious responsibility. This is not only a matter of individual choice, but also the influence of the socio-cultural environment and education. Society must create conditions in which young people can develop freely, but at the same time be aware of their responsibility to themselves and society.

## CONCLUSION

The philosophy of freedom and responsibility provides youth with a framework for thinking about the choice of attitude to drugs. Developing a conscious and responsible approach to this problem will help young people not only in personal growth, but also in creating a healthy and responsible society. In the context of choosing an attitude to drugs, the philosophy of freedom and responsibility emphasizes the importance of a conscious and deliberate approach. Young people, having freedom of choice, are also responsible for their actions and their consequences. Education and society play an essential role in making informed decisions,

contributing to the development of a mature and responsible personality.

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