

ABSTRACT. OBRĘBSKA MONIKA, *MYŚLENIE STEREOTYPOWE W NORMIE I W PATOLOGII* [STEREOTYPICAL THINKING IN THE NORM AND IN PATHOLOGY]. *STEREOTYPY I STEREOTYPIZACJA* [STEREOTYPES AND STEREOTYPIZATION] EDITED BY W. DOMACHOWSKI – „CZŁOWIEK I SPOŁECZEŃSTWO”, VOL. XXVII, POZNAŃ 2007, PP. 135-144. ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY PRESS. ISBN 978-83-232180-6-7. ISSN 0239-3271.

This article includes a thorough analysis of dynamics of healthy people's stereotypical thinking and the stereotypical thinking of people that suffer from the paranoid schizophrenia. The stereotypical thinking is defined within the article, after M. Kofta as "mental heuristics", that depends on the use of simplifications, cognitive abbreviations, stiffened and hard to change social groups' patterns. This kind of thinking is also subsumed as a categorical or regulatory and even as a thinking that generalizes information of social reality. A stereotyped thinking which is characteristic for schizophrenia was treated as an extreme example of the stereotypical thinking. The stereotyped thinking displays with a stiffened recurrence of phrases what was examined in the empirical study in the District Hospital for the Neural and Psychiatrically Diseased in Gniezno.

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