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Narkomania w Polsce jako problem społeczny w perspektywie konstrukcjonistycznej Część druga: okres powojenny do 1968/1969

Drug abuse as a social problem in Poland from the constructionist perspective. Part two: the postwar period to 1968/1969

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Abstract – In Poland in the 1950's and the 1960's the problem of drug abuse didn't officially exist. Physicians, psychiatrists, pharmacologists were interested in medicine abuse, only as opposed to drug abuse. *Drug abuse* was understood as abusing conventional narcotics such as morphine, cocaine, heroin, and as a social problem specific to capitalist countries, whilst *medicine abuse* was understood as abusing drugs in the strict sense of the word and was perceived as a phenomenon connected with the progress of civilization and the development of pharmacological industry. An interpretation such as this served political purposes of authorities. So, in the period from the beginning of the 1950's to 1968/1969 we can observe the processes of medicalization of medicine abuse and politicization of a claim about absence of drug abuse.

Key words: medicalization of medicine abuse, politicization of drug abuse

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