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WOMEN'S FEAR OF SUCCESS AND MEN'S FEAR OF WOMEN'S SUCCESS AS POSSIBLE CAUSES FOR FEMINIZATION OF POVERTY IN KYRGYZSTAN

A body of research demonstrated a current tendency of feminization of poverty in many countries and Kyrgyzstan in particular. Many explanations were given to this tendency but none of them concerned a psychological side of this social problem. However, analysis of literature and theories on psychological phenomena such as women's fear of success and men's fear of women's success showed that these two phenomena might be potentially interrelated and consequently both could contribute to women worldwide and Kyrgyz Republic in particular to become poorer than men. Profound research in the United States has shown that fears of success are possible reasons for high rates of women's unemployment, occupational segregation and low salaries of women. This also might be applicable to the fullest extent to the current situation in Kyrgyzstan. This research paper provides a line of arguments of the reasons why there might be a relation between fear of success in women and men's fear of women's success and how they can contribute to deterioration of economical status of women. Further scientific investigation of this acute problem should be done in order to find out the real correlation between fear of success in women and men's fear of women's success in Kyrgyzstan and their contribution to the feminization of poverty in Kyrgyzstan. Some peculiar features of feminization of poverty in Kyrgyzstan are provided at the end of the paper.