



## RESEARCH VECTORS IN GENDER COMPONENT OF CORRUPTION

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### SUMMARY

Research of problems of corruption in the modern world is made from different perspectives, such as sociological, economic, legal, psychological, and others. However, the study of the corruption phenomenon requires a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach.

Opportunity to construct gender examination of corruption represents an interest for the Russian sociological community. In particular, answers to questions regarding correlation of corruption and gender, based on the fact that in recent years Russia had major corruption scandals associated with women (for example, Evgenya Vasilyeva, Elena Skrynnik, and others).

Historically, corruption is directly related to the state and its level of political and economic development. Patriarchal community has always put men in the key roles of society. Existing exceptions in the history only confirm the pattern. Adopted in gender studies, "gender pyramid" describes the structure of government in society and defines approach, which operates such regularity as "the higher and more powerful position, the fewer women in such positions." There is a possibility that mentioned "gender pyramid" could be transformed into a "gender-corruption pyramid".

However, number of current research on anti-corruption issues indicates that the more tolerant the society is to gender and higher level of the society development, the less it is prone to corruption. For example, some researchers had analyzed the minimization of corruption in the Scandinavian countries, where about half of the top political posts are held by women. The conclusion was - the more women in power, the lower the level of corruption.

When investigating gender dimension of corruption in the modern world, it is necessary to distinguish three main accents, which will be revealed further.

The first accent relates to correlation of corruption and gender peculiarity of the society in general.

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The second accent refers to examining the peculiarities of "female" corruption based on the structure of "gender pyramid". Thus, in Russian reality, there are certain positions, which are traditionally held by women. These positions include executive managers and employees of financial, economic, property, human resources and some other units. Corruption in these positions has their own specifics, which are very different from the "male" corruption.

The last accent is associated with "family" corruption. This problem arises from the analysis of information on incomes provided to government employees. Opening own business for state employees is prohibited by the law so male state employees formalize necessary documentation on their wives. Currently, no interdiction of these actions is formulated. De facto, there is a merging of state employee and business; de jure, there is a legal procedure. Recently, there is a necessity to formulate effective methods to terminate such actions when by the fact spouses are not involved in the businesses that are registered on them, but managed by state employees.

Thereby, the main vectors of gender study of corruption are presented, the research that will devise additional mechanisms to resist this deviation.