

## THE INTERVIEW METHOD AND QUALITATIVE RESEARCH WITHIN THE STUDY OF LEGAL CONSCIOUSNESS

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There is no universal meaning of legal consciousness in the modern psychology, besides there is a lack of integrity between empirical data and theoretical concepts. The existing theoretical model of legal consciousness functional structure by A.R. Ratinov, the concept of legal consciousness as the system of attitudes by O.S. Gulevich, in our opinion, do not offer a systematic concept of this phenomenon. We rely on the hypothesis by L.S. Vygotsky for conceptual and notional structure of consciousness to become a universal key to understanding of the legal consciousness psychological aspects. For the purpose of emphasizing of previously unresearched legal awareness analysis units of meaning and theoretical colligation of their specific features, the method of qualitative data research has been decided on, and a study procedure with the half-structured interview method has been introduced. The structure of an interview comprises of six issue-related conceptual blocks. The processing of the received data included the range of coherent analytical procedures, such as an interview text reduction, notional segments accentuation and coding, subjective meaning system reconstruction; alongside with the

category relation scheme establishing among the accentuated notional segments, based on the deductive strategies. Subsequently, basic generalizations have been performed and a hypothesis for notional structure of individual legal awareness and for necessity to expand the theoretical model of legal awareness constituent elements and their features has been developed. The qualitative interview data analysis has allowed to determine the differences in the individual notional systems of the tested, to (preliminary) distinguish different levels of legal awareness (superficial, advanced, profound); levels of legal literacy); level of significance of rights and freedoms; to determine the difference in the private and public concerns, and in the tolerance towards illegal behavior ; to differentiate the level of alert towards a misconduct. The results of the performed categorization have been summarized as the matrix category schemes, interpreted and theoretically conceptualized. It is worth mentioning that the study of the connections between the accentuated units of analysis demand further and deeper review and examination by the methods of quantitative data research.