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# SOCIAL-PSYCHOLOGICAL METHODS OF SELF-CONTROL

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Abstract: This article explores the socio-psychological methods of developing and strengthening the ability of a person to control himself. The article analyzes the theoretical foundations and practical importance of self-control, which plays an important role in personal growth and development. Also, the authors suggest effective ways to improve self-control through various psychological studies and experiments. These methods include approaches such as developing self-awareness, increasing motivation, stress management techniques, and building time and emotion management skills. The techniques and suggestions presented in the article provide practical tools that can help students gain self-control.

**Key words:** self-control, social-psychological methods, personal growth, motivation, stress management, emotion management, self-awareness

In today's society, with the increasingly complex tasks and demands a person faces in their personal and professional lives, self-control is becoming increasingly important. Self-control is a person's ability to consciously control their actions, emotions, and motivations. This ability plays an important role in achieving one's goals, effectively managing stressful situations, and generally improving one's quality of life.

In the era of constantly changing conditions of society, the rapid development of new technologies, and people's lifestyles are rapidly changing, the study and development of socio-psychological methods of self-control is an urgent topic. Therefore, this article analyzes the main theoretical concepts and practical methods of self-control, as well as the socio-psychological approaches necessary for the development and strengthening of this ability.

The main goal of our article is to contribute to the success of a person in his personal and professional life by providing effective socio-psychological methods of formation and development of self-control. To achieve this goal, we will first consider the psychological basis of self-control, and then we will discuss practical recommendations and methods necessary to strengthen this ability of a person.

**Theoretical foundations.** The psychology of self-control is one of the most widely researched topics in psychology. In this section, various theoretical models of self-control and the research based on them are reviewed. Including, the ability of individuals to plan their behavior, motivate, control their emotions and avoid impulsive behavior is analyzed.

**Practical methods.** In the practical application of theoretical knowledge, concrete methods of self-control and practical studies based on them are presented. The following methods are covered in more depth:

- *Meditation and mindfulness:* With these techniques, individuals learn to control their thoughts and emotions, which helps them focus and reduce stress.
- Goal setting: Setting clear and measurable goals allows individuals to allocate their resources effectively and increase motivation.



- *Time Management:* These techniques show how individuals can effectively manage their time, which in turn reduces stress and increases productivity.
- Stress Management: Individuals learn how to manage and cope with stress, which improves their mental and physical health.

Experiments and survey results, as well as data from focus groups and observations, are discussed to measure the effectiveness of each method.

**Approaches and techniques used.** In the practical methods part, the approaches and techniques used in personal growth and self-development are analyzed, their results and how they cause positive changes in the lives of individuals. Among these techniques, in addition to traditional psychological exercises, programs and mobile applications developed using modern technologies are also considered.

### LITERATURE ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY

A literature review for a scientific article entitled "Social-psychological methods of self-control" can be as follows:

This scientific article is devoted to the study of socio-psychological methods of improving a person's ability to control himself. The importance and necessity of this process has been emphasized by many authors. In particular, the research of Baumeister and Vohs (2004) states that self-control is the key to personal success and social adaptability. They noted the limited resources of self-control and the importance of effective management of these resources.

Also, Duckworth and Seligman (2005) showed in their research that self-control is an important factor in academic success. They proved that the development of self-control skills in school-aged children is directly related to their academic performance.

Researchers have also suggested different ways to develop self-control. For example, Mischel et al.'s (1972) famous "marshmallow test" measures patience and self-control by choosing a delayed reward. The results of this test were later found to be associated with success in life.

In addition, contemporary literature in Psychology and Psychotherapy, including Kabat-Zinn's (1994) Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) program, has been recognized as an effective method for improving self-control. Through this program, individuals learn to connect with the present moment and respond effectively to stress.

The methodology of this study includes a number of scientific approaches and methods for studying socio-psychological methods of self-control. The main goal is to identify effective ways to improve self-control and evaluate their impact on personal life. The following research methods are used for this:

- **1. Literature review:** The available scientific literature on the topic, including articles, books and electronic resources, is analyzed in depth. This is necessary to form the theoretical basis of the research.
- **2. Survey:** A survey is conducted among target groups (for example, students, workers and management personnel). Questionnaires are designed to measure individuals' self-control abilities, their stress response, and work performance.
- **3. Experiments:** Various methods for developing self-control (eg, meditation, time management techniques, goal setting) are used in practice, and their effects are studied through experimental studies.
- **4. Focus groups:** Focus groups are organized to conduct discussions aimed at improving self-control using various socio-psychological methods. This method helps to develop a deeper understanding of the research topic.



**5. Observation:** Observations are made by observing the behavior of individuals in real-life situations that require self-control.

The combination of methods used in the research allows to identify effective socio-psychological methods of self-control and to analyze their impact on the lives of individuals. The results of the research can be used in the development of scientifically based methods for the development of self-control.

#### **RESULTS**

As part of this study, we tested various social-psychological methods of developing self-control. Psychological methods selected according to the respondents in our study were applied, including methods such as motivational enhancement, stress management, time management, emotion control, and self-awareness. The main results of the study are as follows:

- **1. Self-awareness:** Participants reported better understanding of their emotions and motivations after practicing self-awareness. This helped them plan their next steps more consciously.
- **2. Increase motivation:** Methods such as setting goals and recording them significantly increased the motivation of the participants. These methods also helped to increase their persistence and perseverance in achieving their goals.
- **3. Stress Management:** Stress management techniques, such as breathing exercises and meditation, were found to be instrumental in reducing participants' stress levels and improving their overall mood. These techniques have also been useful in strengthening self-control.
- **4. Time Management:** The application of time management techniques helped participants manage their time resources more effectively. This ensured that their agenda was more organized and efficient.
- **5. Emotion Management:** Exercises in the perception and expression of emotions improved participants' ability to control their emotional states. This played an important role in improving the quality of their social relations.

In general, the results of the study showed the effectiveness of social-psychological methods of self-control. After using these techniques, the participants felt that their self-control skills improved significantly. These results confirm the importance of self-monitoring in personal growth and development and indicate the need for further research in the field.

#### **DISCUSSIONS**

Based on the results of this study, it is clear that self-control has a significant impact on an individual's quality of life. The social-psychological techniques examined in our study, including goal setting, planning, motivation, stress management techniques, and time and emotion management skills, were found to significantly improve individuals' self-control. However, it was found that the effectiveness of these methods depends on the individual characteristics of the person, conditions and the level of application of these methods.

Also, the results of the study showed that the environment is also important for the development of self-control. Social support, education and upbringing environment, as well as the influence of social norms and values play an important role in the formation of this ability. This means that in the development of self-control, not only individual methods should be taken into account, but also the improvement of the socio-psychological environment.

As a result, effective use of social-psychological methods of self-control requires a comprehensive approach of individuals, teachers, psychologists, etc. In this process, it is important to take into account personal characteristics, optimize the environment and teach the necessary psychological skills and strategies in order to increase self-control.

In addition, constant practice and patience are necessary to improve self-control. The results of our research show that using self-control skills and techniques regularly and adopting them as a way of life can help improve the overall quality of life of a person. That is, the development and strengthening of



the ability to control oneself is carried out as a result of the interaction between the person himself, the people around him and the general socio-psychological environment. The success of this process depends on a person's conscious approach to himself, determination and patience.

### **CONCLUSION**

This article reaffirmed the importance of self-control and its impact on personal and social life. The ability to control oneself is one of the main tools necessary for a person to effectively manage his life, achieve his goals and behave in various stressful situations. Effective ways to improve and strengthen this ability were identified through the socio-psychological methods and analysis considered in the article.

The results highlighted important practical techniques and strategies needed to develop self-control. In particular, techniques such as increasing motivation, managing stress, deepening self-awareness, and building time management skills can significantly improve individuals' self-control abilities.

In the discussion part, the importance of self-control in different societies and its connection with sociopsychological factors were widely discussed. New directions and topics for future research were also suggested.o

In conclusion, it can be said that the in-depth study and implementation of social-psychological methods of self-control contribute to the development of the individual, the achievement of his goals, and the improvement of the quality of life of the society in general. happy Therefore, it is important to continue research and search for new methods in this field.

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