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Corruption as a problem and a challenge to contemporary administration.

Abstract

The article tries to characterize briefly the phenomenon of corruption in social and moral aspects. In the first place, the phenomenon of contemporary corruption is to be shown including corruption’s determinants and forms. Secondly, consequences and assessment of the phenomenon are to be included. Finally, some of the ways of counteracting the phenomenon are to be indicated with a special emphasis on the duties of Administrative Control Authority. On the basis of conducted analyses and reflections it can be stated that it is a man who is responsible for any corrupt behaviour since it is the man who is a culprit – a subject as well as a receiver – an object of any moral acts. Thus, a challenge for eliminating corruption in all its forms equals an effort to improve a man himself. It is the challenge to all of us but with a special concern for people doing their duties among whom those closely connected with administration have special commitments. From a negative side, this requirement eliminates or limits people who are disqualified because of their moral behaviour the access to decision making.

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