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Psychological aspects of the problem of corruption

If we want to change the way people behave, we should start with their attitudes and be capable to influence them. "Attitudes – is an effective way to evaluate an outside world". Attitudes and actions are interconnected just like chicken and an egg.

Following are some attitudes identified within sociological and psychological research "Corruption in education system: situation, causes and ways of resolving", conducted on a sample of 1030, including parents of schoolchildren, schoolchildren, teachers, university and college instructors, bachelor, master, PhD, and doctorate students living in different regions throughout Azerbaijan:

- According to about 60% of respondents corruption has significantly increased within the last five years in Azerbaijan;
- In comparison to the majority of developed countries and countries of the CIS Azerbaijan is much more corrupted (53,6% against 41,4% accordingly);
- The majority of school teachers and university instructors believe that most of the teachers and instructors are taking bribes, although only a few do confirm that bribe the students themselves with many excuses;
- While analyzing causes of corruption, the majority of respondents (54%) mention only one or two despite the fact that numerous causes were listed in a questionnaire. Among the main causes: low wages, poor legislation, corruptive government, and an unwillingness of the government to fight this problem have been mentioned most of all.