

PHILOLOGY

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Are there objective criteria for the offensive utterance?

Within the emerging scientific discipline, called "linguoconflictology", the issue of objective criteria for "verbal crimes", including offense, is being actively discussed. If the use of invectives and obscenities (and with an obvious "offensive intentionality") do not cause doubts when they are qualified in legal linguistics, but other cases (and there are a lot of them) are interpreted ambiguously. It is carried out the analysis of implicitly offensive utterances that can be qualified by recipients in different ways. On the material of narratives related to the theme of the Great Patriotic War, it is shown the possibility of mutually exclusive interpretations, proved that the phenomenon of "offense" is analyzed comprehensively, that is, simultaneously from the ethical and linguistic points of view.

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