

Neurodiversity and the rights of people with autism

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ABSTRACT

The neurodiversity wanted to change the way society looks at different people. It mixes ethics, science and rights. Its importance has increased over time. The ideological influence has resounded in various fields: at the scientific / medical level, this would imply seeing autism as a difference or condition and not as a disorder; at the legal level, is aimed the effective access to life in society to people with autism and respect for their particularities, aspirations and life choices. Neurodiversity also means valuing and respecting specific needs. Faced with contradictory currents or ideas about "neurodiversity", it became necessary to look at what composes it, so to use the definition and thus to establish the scope of this movement. It turns out that neurodiversity, whether named or not, can not be denied: its existence comes from biology and established scientific knowledge. This makes changing the parameters and the look at different people and strengthens the rights of people with autism, but also any person neurodiverse for its integration into society.

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