

Abstract

In this study, western ideas about self-disclosure were explored among the Chinese university students. Sex differences in self-disclosure and quality of relationship with same-sex roommate were tested. The relationship between self-disclosure and quality of relationship was explored and sex difference in the correlation of these constructs was examined. Besides, dimensions of self-disclosure in Jourard's (1971) self-disclosure questionnaire were analyzed and a special dimension, namely 'disclosure about family', was included in the questionnaire. Results showed that there were no sex differences in the overall levels of self-disclosure and quality of relationship. However, sex difference in the correlation between self-disclosure and concord was found. This study also demonstrated that the scope of self-disclosure in the Chinese population embraced the dimension of 'disclosure about family'.