

Abstract

Previous studies on suicide ideation paid much attention on identifying interpersonal predictors of suicide (e.g., hopelessness, emotional pain). They are important correlates of suicide ideation, however, interpersonal predictors should also be considered. This study aims at testing the two interpersonal indicators, thwarted belongingness and perceived burdensomeness proposed by Joiner's (2005) interpersonal-psychological theory of suicidal behavior. Moreover, the moderating role of social beliefs, fate control and social cynicism, on the relationship between depression and suicide ideation was also examined. One hundred and forty-five participants completed a self-report questionnaire packet. Logistic regressions were performed to test the prediction value of thwarted belongingness, perceived burdensomeness, and the moderating effect of fate control and social cynicism. Results supported our hypotheses that unsatisfied interpersonal needs were positively related to the development of suicidal thoughts. Furthermore, fate control interacted with depression in predicting suicidal ideation. However, the effect of social cynicism was not significant. Implications of the interpersonal indicators in the prevention and treatment of suicide were discussed.