

Abstract

A total of 91 pairs of couples (30 pairs of Chinese-Chinese couples, 31 pairs of Western-Western couples, and 30 pairs of Western-Chinese Couples) living in Hong Kong were recruited for the present study to compare the relationship standards and level of satisfaction, and to explore the association in between. Findings showed that, Western-Western couples had the highest level of relationship satisfaction while Chinese-Chinese couples reported the lowest among the three groups. Chinese-Chinese couples endorsed more strongly on the standards of family responsibility, and Western-Western couples endorsed the least. For the endorsement on the standards of couple bond, the three groups had no significant difference after controlling the demographic data. A difference in pattern of association was identified across gender and groups. For male respondents, their own standard on couple bond was significantly correlated with relationship satisfaction across the groups. For female respondents, relationship satisfaction was significantly correlated with couple bond for Chinese female with Western partner. On the other hand, for Chinese female with Chinese partner, relationship satisfaction was significantly correlated with family responsibility.