

Abstract

In recent years, Hong Kong young adults had a high rate of participation in civic engagement activities, especially in terms of political involvement, which was contrary with the usual trend of a lot of developed countries. The following study sought to investigate this phenomenon through examining the associations of socio-political values in spirituality, authoritarianism and social identity of local undergraduate students with four forms of civic engagement, including Standard Political activities, Social Movement activities, Community Services activities and Community Gathering involvement. A total of 139 Hong Kong local undergraduate students participated in the study. In comparing related studies, both similar and reverse pattern of associations of socio-political values and specific forms of civic engagement were discovered. Spirituality predict similarly with related studies of having positive association with community services activities of civic engagement, while a unique association of authoritarianism and standard political activities was found. Significant differences was found among individual's' form of civic engagement with respect to different social identity. Attempt of examining the moderating effect of social identity was also conducted which resulted in providing evidence for a part of the suggestion due the limitation of insufficient sample. The study is valuable in indicating certain commonalities and differences of associations between socio-political beliefs and certain forms of civic engagement from established research in other regions and is insightful to show relationship of studied socio-political values and specific forms of civic engagement differed in a unique region that went through political transition.