Understanding Subjective Happiness: The Three-Way Interaction of Social Cynicism, Neuroticism and Openness to Experience

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to investigate the interactional effects between social cynicism, neuroticism and openness to experience on subjective happiness. Questionnaire survey was conducted in Chinese University of Hong Kong with 388 undergraduate students sampled. The two-way interaction effect of social cynicism by neuroticism as well as three-way interaction effect of social cynicism by neuroticism and openness were examined. Factor score approach was implemented in testing three-way interaction with the purpose to generate error-free associations between latent variables. Results indicated that the two-way interaction and three-way interaction negatively predicted subjective happiness.