

Abstract

The structure of political attitudes in Hong Kong was identified and compared to that from previous studies in other countries (Fleishman, 1988 & Ashton, Esses & Maio, 2000). In addition to relating the political attitudes to ‘values’ as in previous works, the present study also pioneered ‘social beliefs’ as a predictor of political attitudes. Factorial results revealed two dimensions of political attitudes:

“Egalitarianism” and “Freedom from regulation”. Egalitarianism was predicted by the dimension of social axioms labeled ‘Reward for application’ whereas Freedom from regulation was predicted by the dimension of social axioms labeled ‘Spiritual consequences’ along with the dimensions of values. Gender differences in political attitudes were also analyzed.