

## Abstract

There has been many researchers investigating the specific interactional model of personality and life events on depression. A rather mixed result was revealed. Although, cultural value was usually not considered as a factor in those models, some evidence showed influence of cultural value on personality development. So, it is worthwhile to explore the effect of cultural value on depression. The present study aims at testing the congruent hypothesis of life event and personality proposed by Beck and the interactional effect of cultural value relation to depression. Beck Depression Inventory (BDI), Sociotropy-Autonomy Scale(SAS), Life Experience Survey (LES) and a Individualism-Collectivism Scale(INDCOL) were applied to measure the severity of depression, personality, life events and cultural value respectively. 241 subjects, 56 male and 185 female, were recruited to complete the battery of questionnaires. Result reveal that only strong effect of negative life event on depression is found but there is no support for specific interactional model and interactional effect of culture value. However, the two hypotheses are not supported. Methodological and theoretical explanations are suggested to account for the insignificant result.