

Abstract

Never married women are one of the fastest growing populations in Hong Kong. Past research mainly concerned reasons for remaining single and social factors constituted to life satisfaction of single women. This study explored the psychological well being of never married women from the perspective of self-perception. Forty nine-never married women between the age of 30 to 58 participated in the study. Results indicated that incongruities between individual and significant others' standpoint on self-concept and the different domains of self were significant predictors of negative emotions experienced by never married women. Implications of these results for mental health are discussed.