

Abstract

Argyle, Henderson, Bond, Iizuka, and Contarellor's (1986) 33 common social rules were replicated to explore Hong Kong and Japanese participants' differences in rules endorsement in same sex friendship, opposite sex romantic relationship, teacher-student and student-teacher relationships. Fisher's z transformations were performed to assure equal weighting of both cultures and genders in the results. Factor structures of the rules were explored and compared across relationship. Results revealed that two factors, namely communion and agency, were found across all relationships and both cultures. Moreover, Repeated Measures ANOVAs and various T-tests were performed and significant interaction effects were found in the rules endorsement of the 2 factors. Lists of highly endorsed/sanctioned rules in both cultures and gender were shown.