

Abstract

This study concerned a pioneer area of relationship studies: the perception of friendship strength on a third-person perspective. University students were recruited to answer questionnaires concerning the characteristics of one of the friendship pairs which they know well. Result showed a significant correlation between perceived friendship intimacy and the two independent variables: overt dyadic behavioral exchange and perceived personality similarities of their selected friendship pair. Also, correlation between perceived dyadic behavioral exchange and perceived personality similarities suggested the importance of friendship behaviors in influencing the judgment of other's personality.