Abstract

In the past few decades, personality has been particularly influential in contributing insights into the researches of social anxiety (Norton, Cox, Hewitt & McLeod, 1997). According to Leary and Kowalski (1995), social anxiety was related to not only personality, but also to situational factors. Social axioms as generalized social expectancies may summarize one's assessment of the situational factors and predict social anxiety. Few empirical studies have been done on this issue. The objective in this paper is to figure out how socially anxious individuals view the world, and to investigate whether the view about the world has additive power over personality in predicting social anxiety. The results shown that socially anxious individuals tend to be cynical and believe in fate control. Also social axioms can add predictive power over personality in predicting social anxiety. Implications of the results and future research directions on social anxiety and social axioms will be discussed.