Conclusion and Discussion

This study indicated a significant correlation between the classroom incvilities and character concepts among the undergraduate students. The integrity of their character concepts can be used to predict their perception of classroom incvilities. The respect concept of the students negatively predicted their approval of classroom incvilities. These findings are nearly identical to those of Patron and Bisping (2008) who asserted that the cognitive concepts of students are related with their behaviors. However, the findings differ from the research results about undergraduate students' incvilities obtained by Altmiller (2012) and Alkandari (2011) who contended that students' sense of responsibility was relevant to whether they approved of or demonstrated uncivil behavior in class. The responsbility and self-discipline concepts in this study did not significantly predict students' approval of classroom incivilities. According to Chien (2006), the perspective regarding civic virtues in an Eastern society involves passive or inactive civic behaviors, instead of active participation in public affairs, such as condemning those who disrupt orders, that Western society emphasizes. Thus, if the character education that has been promoted in elementary or high schools for a long time prompts students to develop character concepts tending toward Eastern civic virtues, students had not been encoureged to participate in public affairs during school years; they were only asked to obey the school displines, not to condemn the people with violence in the context. Whether students' perceptions and approval of classroom incivilities are affected by their character concepts should be addressed.

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