

ABSTRACT

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The study intends to make an overall review on Hirschi's social control theory and to examine the relative effects and the influences of social bond on juvenile deviant behavior in Yunlin and Chiayi areas, and to research its mechanism of influences. In order to examine the hypotheses, the study used Dr. Chi's survey data of the study on formation of moral consciousness of students in Yunlin and Chiayi areas. This study chose 3 junior high schools and 3 primary schools. Two classes of 6th grade were chosen from each of the three primary schools, and also two classes were chosen from each grade of each junior high school. 823 students successfully completed the self-administered questionnaires.

The results of analysis of variance and multiple regression analysis show that the magnitude and direction of observed relationships between social bond and juvenile delinquency in three deviant behavior scales and in the whole deviant behavior. And all of them have moderately supported the Hirschi's theory. And in general, the variables of social control theory do have significant effects on the occurrences, especially the variables of attachment to parents, to schools, to classmates, involvement and the variable of belief. In the meantime, social bond are more predictive for the less serious forms of deviance than for the more serious forms.