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WHAT MAKES MALAYSIANS AND INDONESIANS HAPPY?
FURTHER QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OF THEIR HAPPINESS INDICATORS

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Abstract

Past studies on happiness have revealed that there are differences between Western and Eastern concepts of happiness. In order to extend the findings, the present study includes two Moslem societies which are known to uphold traditional religious values. A total of 202 respondents (100 Malaysians and 102 Indonesians) were asked to respond to questions on happiness. Qualitative analyses were conducted to examine their happiness indicators. Results are discussed.

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