Counterproductive work behaviors within academic institutions: A myth or a reality

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Abstract 

Recent studies in counterproductive work behavior (CWB) have noted the seriousness of having deviant behaviors within the workplace environment. Acknowledging that CWBs exist in all types of organization; this would mean that even within academic institutions, occurrence of CWBs is inevitable. Within an initial study of CWBs in Taiwan academic institutions, results suggest a moderate occurrence of some serious negative behaviors. To clarify their findings, further validation of the CWB-T is needed. In the spring semester of 2015, an online survey was established and data was collected from strategically selected schools all over Taiwan. After three weeks of data collection, a total of 718 valid responds are noted and analyzed. Using the CWB-T framework, eight (8) factors are validated using Structured Equation Modelling (SEM). In addition, various demographical backgrounds are also collected and analyzed. Results suggest that teachers with administrative responsibilities, teachers with longer years of service, teachers working in urban cities, and teachers who are working in the key capital region all seem to perceived higher occurrence of CWBs within the academic workplace. In essence, it is currently noted that even within school, CWBs are occurring from low to moderate. Therefore, it is imperative that awareness of such deviant behaviors be achieved and further escalation be prevented. 

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1. Introduction

Counterproductive work behavior (CWB) is an issue that exists in all areas within the workplace (Spector et al., 2006), this is also quite true within educational institutions (Hu, Hung, & Ching, 2015). Many have also tried to further explain the relationship between CWB and organizational citizenship behavior (OCB), which are noted to show some significant connections (Dalal, 2005). Noting the positive role of OCB within educational institutions (Belogolovsky & Somech, 2010; Oplatka, 2009), however, with the pressure involved within the academic career (Fox & Stallworth, 2010), CWB would seem to be a type of normal response for teachers under such circumstances (Fox, Spector, & Miles, 2001). In essence, teachers are also normal individuals, hence exhibits similar behaviors as of the typical employees (Bayram, Gursakal, & Bilgel, 2009). Nevertheless, CWB is still considered quite harmful to both the people working within and to the organization itself (Gruys & Sackett, 2003; Robinson & Bennett, 1995; Sackett, 2002). Therefore, in order to prevent the current situation from getting worst, it is quite important to truly understand and determine the various CWBs that are currently happening inside the school.

As mentioned, CWB can be harmful to both people and organization. CWBs also comes in different levels, some minor issues might include coming late to work deliberately, or to the very serious incidents, such as theft and deliberate waste of organizational resources. Within Hu and her colleagues (2015) recent study, they suggest that CWBs can be differentiated with either the common ones or the very serious offenses. In their initial findings, they mentioned that there exists a certain amount of serious CWBs in Taiwan schools (Hu et al., 2015). While, in a study on secondary school teachers in Nigeria, Salami (2010) mentioned that work related stress and negative affectivity are two crucial predictors for CWB. As with the stressful nature of academic work in Taiwan (Hung, 2011; Kyriacou & Chien, 2004), occurrence of deviant behaviors are inevitable. More important, CWB studies in Taiwan are quite limited, hence, the current study shall attempt to further verify the CWB Taiwan (CWB-T) scale (Hu et al., 2015) within the elementary and high school teachers.

Within the CWB-T scale a total of 8 factors are mentioned, namely: time theft (TT) – reducing work hours using any form of improper or inappropriate reasons, inappropriate use of resources (IUR) – deliberate use, waste, theft, or destruction of schools’ properties, inappropriate student-teacher relationship (ISR) – any inappropriate, unethical, or unprofessional interactions between teachers and students, inappropriate parent-teacher relationship (IPR) – any inappropriate, unethical, or unprofessional interactions between teachers and parents, lack of professionalism (LOP) – lack of pedagogical and professional content knowledge resulting in poor teaching performance, apathy (AP) – lack of enthusiasm and/or unwilling to improve oneself, political tactics (PT) – forming alliances to gain control and personal attacks, and reluctant to accept administrative duties (RAD) – unwilling to accept any duties besides teaching (Hu et al., 2015, p. 71). CWB-T scale is computed to have Cronbach (1951) alpha reliabilities ranging from .73 to .90, denoting quite a reliable instrument (Cohen, Manion, & Morrison, 2007). Therefore, it would seem appropriate to validate the CWB-T and administer to wider participants.

2. The study

In order to determine the state of CWB within Taiwan schools, participants of the study are volunteer elementary and high school teachers from strategically selected schools all over Taiwan from the 2014-15 Ministry of Education database. After selecting the schools, invitation for volunteer participation were emailed. After 3 weeks, a total of 718 respondents were collected. Table 1 shows the various demographical backgrounds of the respondents, note the deliberate diverse characteristics of the respondents are selected to provide better coverage (Weisberg, Kronsnick, & Bowen, 1996). Furthermore, for ethical purposes, during the survey
administration participants are free to skip any questions that they would prefer not to answer (Walker, 2010).

Table 1 shows the various demographics with their corresponding number of participants. Results show that the proportion of male and female respondents is almost equal with 372 or 52% male teachers and 343 or 48% female teachers. While, there are 216 or 30.1% subject teachers, 245 or 34.1% teachers with class adviser duties, 185 or 25.8% teachers with administrative responsibilities/positions, 40 or 5.6% administrative staff, and 26 or 3.6% school principals. As for their educational attainment, 328 or 45.7% are college/university graduate (bachelor degree), 379 or 52.8% are master degree holders, and 8 or 1.1% are doctoral degree holders. For the years of service, almost half of the participants or 348 teachers worked for less than 10 years, while the rest are less than 20 years, while 69 or 9.6% of the teachers have worked for 21 to 25 years and 10 or 1.4% of the teachers have more than 26 years of experience in teaching.

For the geographical location, majority of the participants are actually from two areas namely: Northern Taiwan with 310 or 43.2%, Central Taiwan with 343 or 47.8%, while the remaining participants are from the Southern with 60 or 8% and Eastern Taiwan with 5 or 1%. For the school size, majority of the participants worked in schools with 13 to 48 classes; categorized as middle school by the MOE (313 or 43.6%) and schools with more than 49 classes; big schools (330 or 46%). Lastly, for school districts, participants who worked in urban/city schools with 490 or 68.2%, rural schools with 186 or 25.9%, and remote schools with 42 or 5.8%.

Table 1
Participants' demographic background (N=718)

| Items                        | n   | %   |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Gender                       |     |     |
| Male                         | 372 | 52  |
| Female                       | 343 | 48  |
| Role                         |     |     |
| Subject teacher              | 216 | 30  |
| Teacher (+ class adviser)    | 245 | 34  |
| Teacher (+ administrator)    | 185 | 26  |
| Administrative staff         | 40  | 6   |
| School Principal             | 26  | 4   |
| Education level              |     |     |
| College                      | 328 | 46  |
| Master                       | 379 | 53  |
| Doctor                       | 8   | 1   |
| Years of service             |     |     |
| 1 to 5 years                 | 179 | 25  |
| 6 to 10 years                | 169 | 24  |
| 11 to 15 years               | 118 | 16  |
| 16 to 20 years               | 126 | 18  |
| 21 to 25 years               | 69  | 10  |
| More than 26 years           | 10  | 1   |
| Geographical location        |     |     |
| North Taiwan                 | 310 | 43  |
| Central Taiwan               | 343 | 48  |
| South Taiwan                 | 60  | 8   |
| East Taiwan                  | 5   | 1   |
| School size                  |     |     |
| Less than 12 classes         | 74  | 10  |
| Between 13 to 48 classes     | 313 | 44  |
| More than 49 classes         | 330 | 46  |
| District                      |     |     |
| Urban/City                   | 490 | 68  |
| Rural                        | 186 | 26  |
| Remote                       | 42  | 6   |
2.1 Issues of social desirability

In order to prevent the issue of social desirability in affecting the self-reported survey, some statistical considerations were implemented. Following the design in the initial study of Hu et al. (2015) for the CWB-T, the perceived frequency of the various deviant practices, which is initially outline with Likert (1932) type scale ranging from 0 to 3; denoting never to always. In order to account for the effects of social desirability, the survey is recoded into either 0 for *none* occurrence and 1 for *possible* occurrence. Afterwards, reliability of the CWB-T factors is recomputed. Table 2 shows that the Cronbach (1951) alpha reliabilities before (original) and after (transformed) the recoding. Note that majority of the reliabilities improved slightly, hence, the transformed reliabilities ranges from .72 to .90, denoting a reliable instrument (Cohen et al., 2007).

Table 2

| Factors | Cronbach Alpha |
|---------|----------------|
|         | Original       | Transformed   |
| TT      | .81            | .81           |
| IUR     | .71            | .72           |
| ISR     | .84            | .86           |
| IPR     | .82            | .82           |
| LOP     | .81            | .84           |
| AP      | .83            | .82           |
| PT      | .92            | .90           |
| RAD     | .78            | .79           |

Besides the recoding of perceived CWB occurrence, a social desirability scale was also administered together with the survey. The current study employed the Fischer and Fick (1993) short version of the Marlowe-Crowne Social Desirability Scale (SDS), which is highly tested for its reliability in predicting socially conscious participants (Andrews & Meyer, 2003; Barger, 2002; Leite & Beretvas, 2005; Loo & Thorpe, 2000; Thompson & Phua, 2005). To check for social desirability issues, correlations were computed between the CWB-T factors and SDS. Table 3 shows that majority (6 out of 8) of the factors are not significantly correlated to SDS, hence, can be considered as reliable results. While, two of the CWB-T factors ISR and LOP might be slightly influenced by individual social desirability tendencies.

Table 3

| Factors | SDS  |
|---------|------|
| TT      | .030 |
| IUR     | .070 |
| ISR     | .087*|
| IPR     | .030 |
| LOP     | .076*|
| AP      | .060 |
| PT      | .050 |
| RAD     | -.020|

*Note. * p < .05 (2-tailed).

2.2 Factor analysis of CWB-T

To evaluate the CWB-T scale, confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) is accomplished using the structured equation modelling (SEM). Analysis followed the concepts mentioned in Kenny’s (2016), resulting with a good model fit (Kenny, 2015) with $\chi^2 = 2870.97^{***}$, $df = 961$, GFI = .93, CFI = .91, TLI = .92, NFI = .93, RMSEA = .053, SRMR = .046. Furthermore, Table 4 shows the various factor loadings with values above .5 and Average Variance Extracted (AVE) ranging from 46% to 63%, while the Composite Reliability (CR) are well above .7.
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denoting reliable CFA (Fornell & Larcker, 1981). In addition, Table 5 also shows the various inter-correlations of the CWB-T factors, denoting significant relationships among all of the indicators of CWB in Taiwan educational setting. In other words, the CWB-T can be considered as a reliable instrument.

Table 4

*Confirmatory factor analysis of CWB-T*

| Factors/Items                                      | Standardized factor loading | SE   | t   | AVE | CR  |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| **TT**                                            |                             |      |     |     |     |
| Lying about being sick                            | .65                         | .46  | 15.09 |
| Leaving without asking for leave                  | .66                         | 0.08 | 15.18 |
| Coming to school late and/or going home early     | .66                         | 0.07 | 15.61 |
| Asking for leave regardless of the work situation | .69                         | 0.07 | 15.79 |
| Doing personal stuff while on duty                | .70                         | 0.07 | 15.79 |
| Being online (personal internet surfing; FB) while on duty | .74                         | 0.08 | 16.49 |
| Chatting while on duty                            | .73                         | 0.08 | 16.38 |
| **IUR**                                           |                             |      |     |     |     |
| Waste of school's resources                       | .84                         | .48  | 24.58 |
| Occupying school's resources as if one's own property | .82                         | 0.04 | 13.96 |
| Stealing school resources                         | .52                         | 0.02 | 13.68 |
| Destruction of school's resources                 | .51                         | 0.02 | 13.68 |
| **ISR**                                           |                             |      |     |     |     |
| Favoritism or discriminating specific students    | .61                         | .49  | 15.83 |
| Improper student punishment                       | .68                         | 0.07 | 14.90 |
| Mocking students                                  | .74                         | 0.08 | 14.66 |
| Discrimination against students                   | .67                         | 0.06 | 14.50 |
| Deliberate singling out of specific students       | .72                         | 0.07 | 15.54 |
| Focusing only on students with good grades and ignoring others | .72                         | 0.08 | 15.51 |
| Separated and cold towards students' problems     | .74                         | 0.08 | 15.78 |
| **IPR**                                           |                             |      |     |     |     |
| Deliberate concealment or providing misleading information | .77                         | 0.04 | 20.66 |
| Improper behavior in front of parents             | .76                         | 0.04 | 17.62 |
| Encouraging parents to go against the school      | .66                         | 0.03 | 14.50 |
| Conniving with parents                            | .56                         | 0.03 | 14.50 |
| Ignoring or unwilling to communicate with parents | .73                         | 0.04 | 19.69 |
| **LOP**                                           |                             |      |     |     |     |
| Inadequate teacher preparation                    | .70                         | .48  | 16.71 |
| Not following proper curriculum                   | .68                         | 0.06 | 17.91 |
| Saying improper things during class               | .73                         | 0.06 | 15.67 |
| Too few or too much assignments/class activities  | .64                         | 0.06 | 15.67 |
| Casual checking of students' assignments          | .73                         | 0.05 | 17.72 |
| Improper use of teaching pedagogy (such as too much movie time) | .66                         | 0.06 | 16.27 |
| **AP**                                            |                             |      |     |     |     |
| Unwilling to undergo tutoring                     | .68                         | .48  | 16.10 |
| Lacks teaching enthusiasm                         | .67                         | 0.06 | 16.10 |
| Wrong use of educational resources                | .62                         | 0.06 | 15.03 |
| Lacks professional content knowledge              | .56                         | 0.05 | 13.65 |
| Unwilling to participate in professional development workshops | .80                         | 0.07 | 18.75 |
| Lacks the motivation to join professional development programs | .80                         | 0.07 | 18.65 |
| **PT**                                            |                             |      |     |     |     |
| Gossiping                                         | .73                         | .61  | 21.94 |
| Spreading wrong/bad information                    | .78                         | 0.05 | 20.39 |
| Improver verbal conduct                           | .75                         | 0.05 | 19.67 |
| Deliberate neglect or ignoring others             | .79                         | 0.05 | 20.75 |
| Deliberate singling out others                    | .83                         | 0.05 | 21.17 |
| Forming small groups/alliances to go against others | .81                         | 0.05 | 21.17 |
| Convincing others to go against the school        | .79                         | 0.05 | 20.83 |
Table 4 continued …

| Factors/Items                                      | Standardized factor loading | SE  | t    | AVE | CR  |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| RAD                                               |                             | .50 | .79  |     |     |
| Unwilling to cooperate with school administration | .85                         |     |      |     |     |
| Going against all educational reforms             | .73                         | 0.04| 20.98|     |     |
| Unwilling to undertake administrative responsibilities | .69                         | 0.06| 19.60|     |     |
| Miscommunication between teachers and administrators | .50                         | 0.06| 12.80|     |     |

Note. All standardized factor loading are significant with \( p < .001 \).

Table 5

Correlation analysis between CWB-T factors

| Factors | Mean | SD  | Skew | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
|---------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| TT      | 0.65 | 0.30| -.64 | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| IUR     | 0.29 | 0.30| .67  | .84 | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| ISR     | 0.49 | 0.35| .03  | .83 | .82 | 1   |     |     |     |     |     |
| IPR     | 0.28 | 0.34| .90  | .70 | .73 | .85 | 1   |     |     |     |     |
| LOP     | 0.54 | 0.37| -.14 | .70 | .74 | .71 | .73 | 1   |     |     |     |
| AP      | 0.59 | 0.34| -.35 | .77 | .74 | .69 | .61 | 1   |     |     |     |
| PT      | 0.46 | 0.38| .21  | .63 | .72 | .74 | .81 | .80 | .60 | 1   |     |
| RAD     | 0.61 | 0.37| -.40 | .71 | .67 | .69 | .67 | .60 | .84 | .60 | 1   |

Note. All correlations are significant with \( p < .001 \) (2-tailed).

3. Results and discussions

With a reliable instrument, appropriate analysis can now be accomplished. Table 6 shows the mean scores of the CWB-T factors. Results indicate that several factors such as: LOP (M=0.54), AP (M=0.59), RAD (M=0.61), and TT (M=0.65) seems to be perceived as occurring in the workplace, while ISR (M=0.49) and PT (M=0.46); with mean scores almost 0.50, also seems to be present within schools. The remaining CWB-T factors IPR (M=0.28) and IUR (M=0.29) indicates that these deviant behaviors seems unlikely or less chances of occurring. Furthermore, to better understand CWB, gender analysis was also accomplished. Table 7 shows that only ISR with \( t(713)=1.960, \ p=.050 \) and RAD with \( t(713)=2.991, \ p=.003 \), denoting female teachers perceived higher occurrence of CWBs than male faculty counterparts.

Table 6

CWB-T mean scores (N=718)

| Factors | Mean | SD  |
|---------|------|-----|
| TT      | 0.65 | 0.30|
| IUR     | 0.29 | 0.30|
| ISR     | 0.49 | 0.35|
| IPR     | 0.28 | 0.34|
| LOP     | 0.54 | 0.37|
| AP      | 0.59 | 0.34|
| PT      | 0.46 | 0.38|
| RAD     | 0.61 | 0.37|

For the perceived differences between teachers roles, Table 8 shows the Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) results noting significant differences in all of the CWB-T factors with \( F \) values ranging from 11.054 to 19.707 all with \( p=.001 \). As for the post-hoc analysis, significant differences were computed with Teachers with administrative duties and School principals perceiving significant higher CWB occurrences (in all of the eight factors) as compared to the other faculty. In addition, with some instances such as in the factors PT and RAD, School administrative staff perceived significant higher CWB occurrences as compared to Subject teachers and Teachers with class advising duties. Such findings clearly show that having administrative duties seems to provide better opportunities for the participants to observe what is really happening inside the school.

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Furthermore, as with the participants’ roles are related to their time spent in schools, such as teacher with administrative duties sometimes stayed late in the office, hence, better chance of encountering and identifying deviant behaviors that occurs within the school.

Table 7

| Factors | Gender | n  | Mean | SD  | t     | η²  |
|---------|--------|----|------|-----|-------|-----|
| TT      | Female | 343| 0.67 | 0.31| 1.348 | .003|
|         | Male   | 372| 0.64 | 0.30|       |     |
| IUR     | Female | 343| 0.30 | 0.30| 0.830 | .001|
|         | Male   | 372| 0.28 | 0.30|       |     |
| ISR     | Female | 343| 0.52 | 0.35| 1.960*| .005|
|         | Male   | 372| 0.47 | 0.34|       |     |
| IPR     | Female | 343| 0.30 | 0.34| 1.045 | .002|
|         | Male   | 372| 0.27 | 0.34|       |     |
| LOP     | Female | 343| 0.55 | 0.37| 0.909 | .001|
|         | Male   | 372| 0.53 | 0.36|       |     |
| AP      | Female | 343| 0.61 | 0.35| 1.267 | .002|
|         | Male   | 372| 0.58 | 0.34|       |     |
| PT      | Female | 343| 0.48 | 0.37| 1.556 | .003|
|         | Male   | 372| 0.44 | 0.38|       |     |
| RAD     | Female | 343| 0.65 | 0.36| 2.991**| .012|
|         | Male   | 372| 0.57 | 0.37|       |     |

Note. * p < .05. ** p < .01.

Table 8

| Factors | Role                          | n  | Mean | SD  | F      | η²  | Tukey post-hoc |
|---------|-------------------------------|----|------|-----|--------|-----|---------------|
| TT      | Subject teacher               | 216| 0.62 | 0.31| 11.054*** | .059| C>A, B; E>A, B, C, D |
|         | Teacher (+ class adviser)     | 245| 0.60 | 0.29|        |     |               |
|         | Teacher (+ administrator)     | 185| 0.72 | 0.30|        |     |               |
|         | Administrative staff           | 40 | 0.72 | 0.29|        |     |               |
|         | School Principal               | 26 | 0.93 | 0.14|        |     |               |
| IUR     | Subject teacher               | 216| 0.24 | 0.30| 11.458*** | .061| C>A, B; B>D; E>A, B, C |
|         | Teacher (+ class adviser)     | 245| 0.24 | 0.28|        |     |               |
|         | Teacher (+ administrator)     | 185| 0.35 | 0.30|        |     |               |
|         | Administrative staff           | 40 | 0.38 | 0.32|        |     |               |
|         | School Principal               | 26 | 0.54 | 0.18|        |     |               |
| ISR     | Subject teacher               | 216| 0.46 | 0.34| 11.298*** | .060| C>A, B; E>A, B, C, D |
|         | Teacher (+ class adviser)     | 245| 0.42 | 0.34|        |     |               |
|         | Teacher (+ administrator)     | 185| 0.56 | 0.35|        |     |               |
|         | Administrative staff           | 40 | 0.56 | 0.33|        |     |               |
|         | School Principal               | 26 | 0.80 | 0.21|        |     |               |
| IPR     | Subject teacher               | 216| 0.22 | 0.31| 19.707*** | .100| C>A, B; E>A, B, C, D |
|         | Teacher (+ class adviser)     | 245| 0.22 | 0.30|        |     |               |
|         | Teacher (+ administrator)     | 185| 0.38 | 0.36|        |     |               |
|         | Administrative staff           | 40 | 0.37 | 0.36|        |     |               |
|         | School Principal               | 26 | 0.68 | 0.26|        |     |               |
| LOP     | Subject teacher               | 216| 0.47 | 0.35| 19.488*** | .099| C>A, B; E>A, B, C, D |
|         | Teacher (+ class adviser)     | 245| 0.47 | 0.35|        |     |               |
|         | Teacher (+ administrator)     | 185| 0.65 | 0.37|        |     |               |
|         | Administrative staff           | 40 | 0.60 | 0.35|        |     |               |
|         | School Principal               | 26 | 0.96 | 0.11|        |     |               |
Table 8 ... continued

| Factors | Role                        | n   | Mean     | SD  | F          | η²  | Tukey post-hoc       |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----|----------|-----|------------|-----|----------------------|
| AP      | Subject teacher             | 216 | 0.53     | 0.33| 12.001***  | .064| C>A, B; E>A, B, C, D |
|         | Teacher (+ class adviser)   | 245 | 0.55     | 0.33|            |     |                      |
|         | Teacher (+ administrator)   | 185 | 0.67     | 0.35|            |     |                      |
|         | Administrative staff         | 40  | 0.65     | 0.35|            |     |                      |
|         | School Principal            | 26  | 0.90     | 0.16|            |     |                      |
| PT      | Subject teacher             | 216 | 0.40     | 0.37| 17.004***  | .088| C>A, B; D>B; E>A, B, C |
|         | Teacher (+ class adviser)   | 245 | 0.37     | 0.36|            |     |                      |
|         | Teacher (+ administrator)   | 185 | 0.55     | 0.37|            |     |                      |
|         | Administrative staff         | 40  | 0.63     | 0.37|            |     |                      |
|         | School Principal            | 26  | 0.82     | 0.27|            |     |                      |
| RAD     | Subject teacher             | 216 | 0.54     | 0.37| 17.907***  | .092| C>A, B; D>B; E>A, B, C |
|         | Teacher (+ class adviser)   | 245 | 0.52     | 0.36|            |     |                      |
|         | Teacher (+ administrator)   | 185 | 0.73     | 0.35|            |     |                      |
|         | Administrative staff         | 40  | 0.70     | 0.36|            |     |                      |
|         | School Principal            | 26  | 0.96     | 0.09|            |     |                      |

Note. Subject teacher=A, Teacher (+ class adviser)=B, Teacher (+ administrator)=C, Administrative staff=D, and School Principal=E.

*** p < .001.

For the perceived variations in CWB with teachers’ educational attainment and school size, ANOVA results noted that there are no significant differences with all the CWB-T factors. This would mean that CWBs is not just limited to big schools, even within small schools CWBs exists. More important, perception of CWBs is not affected by an individual’s educational attainment.

As with the school locations to whether it is located in the Northern, Central, Southern, or Eastern Taiwan, ANOVA results show that there are significant differences with F values ranging from 5.693 to 16.761 all with p values ranging from .000 to .001 (see Table 9). As with the majority of respondents are from the Northern and Central Taiwan, comparison of the two would seem more relevant. Table 9 shows that the post-hoc analyses all noted that teachers who worked in Northern Taiwan perceived significant higher CWB occurrence than their Central Taiwan teacher counterparts. This results actually signifies that CWB occurrence are more prevalent in Northern Taiwan elementary and high schools, which is quite contrary to the notions that since the Northern region is the seat of Taiwan government; the MOE is quite visible and strict, CWB should be minimal. However, results might also indicate a different spectrum, wherein elementary and high school teachers in Central Taiwan are not that sensitive and/or knowledgeable with CWB issues.

Table 9

Differences among location and CWB-T factors (N=718)

| Factors | Locations          | n   | Mean     | SD  | F          | η²  | Tukey post-hoc       |
|---------|--------------------|-----|----------|-----|------------|-----|----------------------|
| TT      | North Taiwan       | 310 | 0.70     | 0.30| 5.734**    | .024| A>B                  |
|         | Central Taiwan     | 343 | 0.61     | 0.31|            |     |                      |
|         | South Taiwan       | 60  | 0.65     | 0.27|            |     |                      |
|         | East Taiwan        | 5   | 0.80     | 0.24|            |     |                      |
| IUR     | North Taiwan       | 310 | 0.33     | 0.31| 5.693**    | .023| A>B                  |
|         | Central Taiwan     | 343 | 0.24     | 0.28|            |     |                      |
|         | South Taiwan       | 60  | 0.28     | 0.30|            |     |                      |
|         | East Taiwan        | 5   | 0.45     | 0.21|            |     |                      |
| ISR     | North Taiwan       | 310 | 0.56     | 0.34| 8.811***   | .036| A>B                  |
|         | Central Taiwan     | 343 | 0.43     | 0.34|            |     |                      |
|         | South Taiwan       | 60  | 0.48     | 0.36|            |     |                      |
|         | East Taiwan        | 5   | 0.71     | 0.29|            |     |                      |
| IPR     | North Taiwan       | 310 | 0.36     | 0.36| 12.393***  | .049| A>B; D>B             |
|         | Central Taiwan     | 343 | 0.21     | 0.30|            |     |                      |
|         | South Taiwan       | 60  | 0.27     | 0.34|            |     |                      |
|         | East Taiwan        | 5   | 0.60     | 0.42|            |     |                      |
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Table 9 … continued

| Factors | Locations      | n  | Mean | SD  | F       | η²  | Tukey post-hoc |
|---------|----------------|----|------|-----|---------|-----|----------------|
| LOP     | North Taiwan   | 310| 0.62 | 0.36| 10.825*** | .044 | A>B            |
|         | Central Taiwan | 343| 0.47 | 0.36|         |     |                |
|         | South Taiwan   | 60 | 0.50 | 0.38|         |     |                |
|         | East Taiwan    | 5  | 0.80 | 0.18|         |     |                |
| AP      | North Taiwan   | 310| 0.69 | 0.33| 16.761*** | .066 | A>B, C         |
|         | Central Taiwan | 343| 0.51 | 0.34|         |     |                |
|         | South Taiwan   | 60 | 0.51 | 0.33|         |     |                |
|         | East Taiwan    | 5  | 0.83 | 0.29|         |     |                |
| PT      | North Taiwan   | 310| 0.55 | 0.38| 11.618*** | .047 | A>B            |
|         | Central Taiwan | 343| 0.38 | 0.37|         |     |                |
|         | South Taiwan   | 60 | 0.45 | 0.34|         |     |                |
|         | East Taiwan    | 5  | 0.49 | 0.41|         |     |                |
| RAD     | North Taiwan   | 310| 0.71 | 0.35| 15.604*** | .062 | A>B, C         |
|         | Central Taiwan | 343| 0.52 | 0.36|         |     |                |
|         | South Taiwan   | 60 | 0.55 | 0.39|         |     |                |
|         | East Taiwan    | 5  | 0.65 | 0.42|         |     |                |

Note. North Taiwan=A, Central Taiwan=B, South Taiwan=C, and East Taiwan=D. ** p < .01. *** p < .001.

For the difference in schools either located in the City (urban), Rural, or in the Remote areas of Taiwan, ANOVA results show that only the CWB-T factor AP is noted with F(3, 714)=4.135, p=.016, hence, significant differences are found. While, post-hoc analysis shows that schools located in the City are perceived to have more CWBs than their Rural school counterparts (see Table 10). In some sense this result signifies that teachers who worked in city schools show less concern towards their students. It is hypothesized that work conditions and/or the stress connected in teaching within major cities as primary source of apathy. In other words, teachers in the city tend to get burn-out more often than the teachers who teach in the rural areas. Further analysis on this issue is suggested to future researcher on topics related to in schools CWBs.

Table 10

Differences among school district and CWB-T factors (N=718)

| Factors | District      | n  | Mean | SD  | F       | η²  | Tukey post-hoc |
|---------|---------------|----|------|-----|---------|-----|----------------|
| TT      | Urban/City    | 490| 0.65 | 0.31| 0.907   | .003|                |
|         | Rural         | 186| 0.68 | 0.29|         |     |                |
|         | Remote        | 42 | 0.64 | 0.29|         |     |                |
| IUR     | Urban/City    | 490| 0.27 | 0.29| 1.983   | .006|                |
|         | Rural         | 186| 0.32 | 0.31|         |     |                |
|         | Remote        | 42 | 0.28 | 0.30|         |     |                |
| ISR     | Urban/City    | 490| 0.48 | 0.35| 1.175   | .003|                |
|         | Rural         | 186| 0.52 | 0.34|         |     |                |
|         | Remote        | 42 | 0.52 | 0.38|         |     |                |
| IPR     | Urban/City    | 490| 0.28 | 0.34| 1.248   | .003|                |
|         | Rural         | 186| 0.28 | 0.33|         |     |                |
|         | Remote        | 42 | 0.36 | 0.35|         |     |                |
| LOP     | Urban/City    | 490| 0.53 | 0.37| 1.151   | .003|                |
|         | Rural         | 186| 0.56 | 0.35|         |     |                |
|         | Remote        | 42 | 0.60 | 0.36|         |     |                |
| AP      | Urban/City    | 490| 0.57 | 0.35| 4.135*  | .011| Urban/City > Rural|
|         | Rural         | 186| 0.65 | 0.32|         |     |                |
|         | Remote        | 42 | 0.62 | 0.31|         |     |                |
| PT      | Urban/City    | 490| 0.44 | 0.38| 1.271   | .004|                |
|         | Rural         | 186| 0.49 | 0.38|         |     |                |
|         | Remote        | 42 | 0.50 | 0.33|         |     |                |
| RAD     | Urban/City    | 490| 0.59 | 0.38| 2.349   | .007|                |
|         | Rural         | 186| 0.64 | 0.36|         |     |                |
|         | Remote        | 42 | 0.70 | 0.32|         |     |                |

Note. * p < .05.
Table 11

Differences among years of service and CWB-T factors (N=718)

| Factors | Years of service | n   | Mean | SD   | F      | $\eta^2$ | Tukey post-hoc |
|---------|-----------------|-----|------|------|--------|---------|----------------|
| TT      | 1 to 5 years    | 179 | 0.59 | 0.30 | 3.043* | .022    |                |
|         | 6 to 10 years   | 169 | 0.68 | 0.28 |        |         |                |
|         | 11 to 15 years  | 118 | 0.63 | 0.34 |        |         |                |
|         | 16 to 20 years  | 126 | 0.68 | 0.30 |        |         |                |
|         | 21 to 25 years  | 69  | 0.67 | 0.29 |        |         |                |
|         | More than 26 years | 10  | 0.84 | 0.23 |        |         |                |
| IUR     | 1 to 5 years    | 179 | 0.20 | 0.28 | 4.839*** | .035  | B>A; D>A       |
|         | 6 to 10 years   | 169 | 0.29 | 0.31 |        |         |                |
|         | 11 to 15 years  | 118 | 0.28 | 0.29 |        |         |                |
|         | 16 to 20 years  | 126 | 0.35 | 0.30 |        |         |                |
|         | 21 to 25 years  | 69  | 0.29 | 0.28 |        |         |                |
|         | More than 26 years | 10  | 0.45 | 0.31 |        |         |                |
| ISR     | 1 to 5 years    | 179 | 0.43 | 0.34 | 3.746** | .027  | D>A; F>A       |
|         | 6 to 10 years   | 169 | 0.46 | 0.34 |        |         |                |
|         | 11 to 15 years  | 118 | 0.46 | 0.33 |        |         |                |
|         | 16 to 20 years  | 126 | 0.55 | 0.34 |        |         |                |
|         | 21 to 25 years  | 69  | 0.53 | 0.37 |        |         |                |
|         | More than 26 years | 10  | 0.76 | 0.33 |        |         |                |
| IPR     | 1 to 5 years    | 179 | 0.22 | 0.32 | 3.629** | .027  | F>A            |
|         | 6 to 10 years   | 169 | 0.26 | 0.32 |        |         |                |
|         | 11 to 15 years  | 118 | 0.25 | 0.32 |        |         |                |
|         | 16 to 20 years  | 126 | 0.33 | 0.35 |        |         |                |
|         | 21 to 25 years  | 69  | 0.34 | 0.36 |        |         |                |
|         | More than 26 years | 10  | 0.54 | 0.30 |        |         |                |
| LOP     | 1 to 5 years    | 179 | 0.49 | 0.36 | 2.692* | .020  |                |
|         | 6 to 10 years   | 169 | 0.51 | 0.35 |        |         |                |
|         | 11 to 15 years  | 118 | 0.48 | 0.38 |        |         |                |
|         | 16 to 20 years  | 126 | 0.60 | 0.37 |        |         |                |
|         | 21 to 25 years  | 69  | 0.59 | 0.37 |        |         |                |
|         | More than 26 years | 10  | 0.72 | 0.34 |        |         |                |
| AP      | 1 to 5 years    | 179 | 0.52 | 0.32 | 2.909* | .021  | D>A            |
|         | 6 to 10 years   | 169 | 0.57 | 0.34 |        |         |                |
|         | 11 to 15 years  | 118 | 0.58 | 0.36 |        |         |                |
|         | 16 to 20 years  | 126 | 0.64 | 0.32 |        |         |                |
|         | 21 to 25 years  | 69  | 0.64 | 0.35 |        |         |                |
|         | More than 26 years | 10  | 0.75 | 0.30 |        |         |                |
| PT      | 1 to 5 years    | 179 | 0.40 | 0.37 | 3.504** | .026  | F>A            |
|         | 6 to 10 years   | 169 | 0.45 | 0.36 |        |         |                |
|         | 11 to 15 years  | 118 | 0.40 | 0.37 |        |         |                |
|         | 16 to 20 years  | 126 | 0.51 | 0.38 |        |         |                |
|         | 21 to 25 years  | 69  | 0.53 | 0.38 |        |         |                |
|         | More than 26 years | 10  | 0.74 | 0.34 |        |         |                |
| RAD     | 1 to 5 years    | 179 | 0.54 | 0.39 | 4.597*** | .033  | D>A, C; F>A, C |
|         | 6 to 10 years   | 169 | 0.60 | 0.37 |        |         |                |
|         | 11 to 15 years  | 118 | 0.55 | 0.39 |        |         |                |
|         | 16 to 20 years  | 126 | 0.68 | 0.32 |        |         |                |
|         | 21 to 25 years  | 69  | 0.66 | 0.35 |        |         |                |
|         | More than 26 years | 10  | 0.93 | 0.17 |        |         |                |

Note. 1 to 5 years=A, 6 to 10 years=B, 11 to 15 years=C, 16 to 20 years=D, 21 to 25 years=E, and more than 26 years=F. ** $p < .01$, *** $p < .001$. * $p < .05$.

Lastly, for the differences with the perceived CWBs in teachers’ years of service, Table 11 shows that there are significant differences in all the CWB-T factors with $F$ value ranging from 2.692 to 4.839 and $p$ value ranging from .000 to 0.20. Lastly, post-hoc analysis denotes the trend of faculty that worked longer (seniority)
perceived higher CWBs than their younger counterparts. Similar with the findings on the differences in teachers’ role or position, data suggest that faculty with higher years of service tend to have greater opportunity to observed what is really happening inside the school, hence, higher perception of CWB occurrence.

4. Conclusions

Occurrence of CWBs inside the school is a reality. Results of the current study clearly noted that the perceived CWB-T factors TT and RAD as the two highest occurring deviant behaviors within the school. Analyzing the results, the TT item “Doing personal stuff while on duty” was perceived the highest with a mean value of 0.86, this roughly translate to occurring around 86% of the time. Within the RAD items, “Unwilling to undertake administrative responsibilities” with mean value of 0.75 and the item “Miscommunication between teachers and administrators” with mean value of 0.69, both are crucial to the smooth operations within the school. Furthermore, ISR item “Favoritism or discriminating specific students” with mean value of 0.72 and item “Improper student punishment” with mean value of 0.62, LOP item “Too few or too much assignments/class activities” with mean value of 0.69, AP item “Lacks teaching enthusiasm” with mean value of 0.73 and item “Wrong use of educational resources” with mean value of 0.75, and PT item “Gossiping” with mean value of 0.72, all of which can be said to occur more than half of the time.

As for the differences with regards to the participants’ background demography, results suggest that teachers with administrative duties, teachers with longer years of service, teachers working in urban cities, and teachers who are working in the key capital region all seem to perceived higher occurrence of CWBs within the academic workplace. While, no perceived significant differences are found in teachers with different educational attainment and school sizes, these further suggests that no matter what size of the school is and to what level of education the teachers has, CWBs are still present. In sum, as awareness of CWBs within academic institutions increases, it is hoped that this type of study would be able to shed light and help policy makers design better strategies to help remedy the situation.

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