

Is Globalization Changing the Culture from Movie Perspectives?

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Abstract

In survey of marketing, there are important issues as “Is globalization changing cultures?”, “Are different cultures becoming more alike?”, and “If cultures are becoming more alike, how does this affect global marketing strategies?” One of the most popular cultural practices is movie-watching; Movies and/or TV dramas are greater information sources and part of popular culture. Culture is essential to success in marketing; it is important to explore if a culture is impacted by globalization through analyzing the perspectives of movie viewers [1]. The study is designed to investigate culture using the perspectives on a film randomly chosen from 1980s Taiwan early times. First of all, the method of the study is fundamentally described through Dunning and Hofstede’s theories and basic concepts of the qualitative methodologies as storytelling etc. [2]. Then, the study articulated and described the movie’s story, techniques, the similarities or differences between US and Taiwanese cinema, critic on the film and praised or suggested other films, at the same time, examined and analyzed if each perspective matched the dimensions of Hofstede’s Cultural theory. Finally, the analysis of the study both qualitative and quantitative provides with a significant indication of identifying the present culture in the measurement of movie perspectives, which have been the focus of mainstream strategy researchers, such as social, or reputational capital [3] and it comes into the conclusion that it is difficult and slow process for globalization changing cultures of Taiwan.

Keywords

Movie, Culture, Ideology, Globalization, Marketing Strategy

1. Introduction

1.1. Globalization from Theorists

In 1848 Marx [4] and Engels described that people would “find new wants requiring for their satisfaction the

products of distant lands and climes” and supposed that “modern industry has established the world market” and it was called globalization today.

Dunning [5] stated that some key features of 20/21 globalization are consisting of Technological Advances, and Ideological Changes (cf. pre-1980 period): Reconfiguration of (dominating) belief systems and mindsets of several societies, and others (p. 181).

1.2. Globalization and Tourism

In the context of **globalization**, tourism industry is developing rapidly. As a result, the **culture** changes in tourist destinations are increasingly significant, which has become a public concern [6]. **Globalization** and international tourism, the latter a cause and consequence of the former, are seen to have the capacity to both threaten and help safeguard ethnic **cultures** [7].

1.3. Impact of Tourism on the Original Culture

Tourism accelerates the speed of **globalization**. While, the local **culture** is becoming less attractive gradually. However, seeking heterogeneous experience is a basic motivation of tourists; tourism destinations should maintain local characteristics [6].

1.4. Globalization and Culture

As globalization has become a worrisome issue for many cultures and identify/understand their cultures or cultural factors that affect consumer buying decisions will help positive achieve results in global cooperation or business competition, the study is ultimately rewarding the market success.

1.5. Essence of Culture

Culture has been called the way of life for an entire society. Therefore, it includes codes of manners, dress, language, religion, rituals, norms of behavior and systems of belief [8].

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia [9], Culture is a word for people’s “way of life”, meaning the way groups do things. Different groups of people may have different cultures. A culture is passed on to the next generation by learning. Culture is seen in people’s writing, religion, music, clothes, cooking, and in what they do. The word “culture” is most commonly used in three ways: (1) Excellence of taste in the fine arts and humanities, as high culture; (2) An integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior; (3) The outlook, attitudes, values, moral goals, and custom by a society.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization UNESCO [10] described culture as follows: “culture should be regarded as the set of distinctive spiritual, material, intellectual and emotional features of society or a social group, and that it encompasses, in addition to art and literature, lifestyles, ways of living together, value systems, traditions and beliefs” [4].

1.6. Using Popular Movies in Cross-Cultural Management

Popular movies, if appropriately selected and included in cross-cultural training programs for expatriate managers, immigrant workers and managers who travel to different countries, could be very useful as a tool for developing multicultural perspective and cross-cultural competence as well as a research and an instructional tool [11].

2. Statement of the Problem

Global markets and each country’s culture are important, in order to identify how “if cultures are becoming more alike” affects global marketing strategies, the purpose of this study is to recognize whether or not globalization changes cultures, *i.e.*, if different cultures will become more alike worldwide? As **movies** and/or TV dramas are richer information sources and are part of popular **culture**, this study is designed to recognize and analyze the culture of Taiwan by using of both interviewing the perspectives on a film and a questionnaire survey. Thus, the research questions guided the study as follows:

Purpose of the Study and Research Questions

The purpose of this study was to do the following:

1) Measure value and concepts of the movie toward Hofstede's five Cultural Dimensions from the respondents (seniors) after taking a course "Cinema and Social Culture in Taiwan" focusing on movie culture;

2) Assess effectiveness of the instrument designed to examine (qualitative and quantitative) and verify the perspectives of various diversity of Taiwan culture described by students on Hofstede's cultural dimensions theory.

Thus, the following **research questions** guided the study.

RQ-1. What differences exist between the perceived Taiwan culture in a movie described by student-respondents and the perceived present Taiwan culture?

RQ-2. What is the impact of globalization on Taiwan culture?

RQ-3. How does globalization changes culture and affect global marketing strategies?

3. Review of Related Literature

The purpose of the literature review was to explore the existence of the culture and the research relevant studies of the factors/variables such as culture and others in a film would be as subheadings as following.

3.1. Culture

"Culture is a learned, shared, compelling and interrelated set of symbols and assumptions whose meanings provide a set of orientations for members of a society" [12] (p. 187). The composition of the cultural environment of international business includes language, religion, values and attitudes, law, education, politics, technology and material culture, and social organization [8].

Before dividing from Mainland China in 1949, Taiwan with China has a five thousand long/complex history and very extensive cultural resources include contemporary literature, cultural activities, local culture, the arts, religion, history, living, education, museum information, and others. In spite of many dynasties change, the culture always has patiently involved other cultures into uniformity. Consequently, people in Taiwan can find Starbucks, Nike/Barbie markets; however, the Dragon Boat Festival, the Mid-Autumn traditional festivals, Taiwan Weights, Measures & Metric Conversions, Chinese Kung-Fu are still prevailed and used by Taiwanese and which could be said as the negative result of cultural fusion.

How "cultural capital" understood as specialized subsets of intangible resources and capabilities, enable firms to achieve valuable strategic positions in ways that are currently not explored by mainstream strategy literature [3], from which culture is a necessary factor in strategy marketing.

3.2. Technology

From tiny cell phones to big-screen TVs, the low weight, low power consumption, and high resolution of LCD screens, along with their low radiation levels and longevity, have made them the focus of a new generation of technology. Since 1998, LCD technology has been transferred to Taiwanese companies from Japan, and this acquired technology, together with Taiwan's own capital and talent pool, have been the main pillars of Taiwan's development of this new technology industry [13].

Taiwanese know that the only way for Taiwanese to keep the higher standard of living now is to develop technology but still to sustain Taiwan culture. That is the main target to work harder both the government and the Taiwan people.

3.3. Recognizing Cultural Value [14]

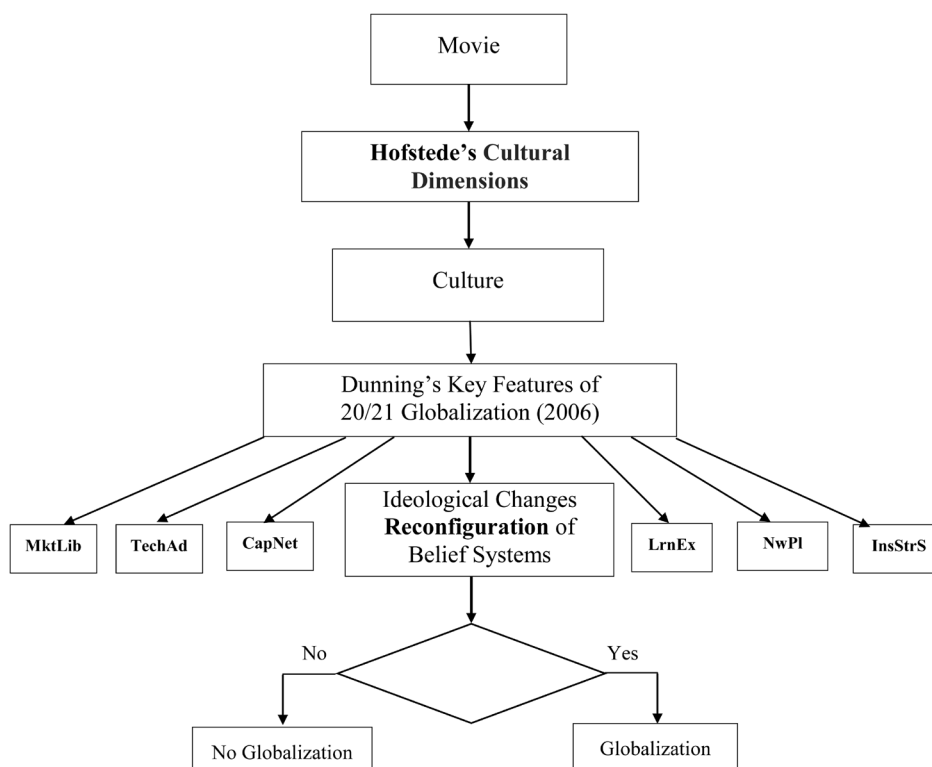
Measuring culture elements in movie is as an important factor in culture presentation/existence. To present current culture in the measurement of movie perspectives in Cultural domains could be: A: Cultural and Natural Heritage; B: Performance and Celebration; C: Visual Arts and Crafts; D: Books and Press; E: Audio-visual and Interactive Media; F: Design and Creative Services; Intangible Cultural Heritage (transversal domain). Related domains are: G: Tourism; H: Sports and Recreation [14].

3.4. Some Key Features of 20/21 Globalization

Dunning [1] stated that some key features of globalization are (1) Market Liberalization: (a) As affecting transition economies (and (some) developing economies); (b) As affecting all economies. (2) Technological Advances: (a) Transport and communications (leading to increased speed, lower cost, improved quality); (b) Other. (3) **Ideological Changes (cf. pre-1980 period): (a) Reconfiguration of (dominating) belief systems and mindsets of several societies;** (b) A more intensive focus on the human (cf. the physical) environment underpinning economic activity. (4) Relative Growth of Alliance Capitalism and Network Relationships: (a) Intra firm; (b) Inter-firm; (c) Inter-organization (e.g. between governments, NGOs and firms, etc.). (5) Learning Experiences/Trajectories of Past. (6) Emergence and Growth of New Players on World Economic Stage (especially China and India). (7) New Importance attached to the institutional Structure of Societies as a Determinant of Economic Success” (p. 181).

3.5. Movies-Culture Ideology-Globalization

On literature, Ideology is a key term in literary, cultural, and film studies; in 2007 Geertz [15] proposed *Ideology* as a *Cultural System*; Definition of *ideology* from the Merriam-Webster [16] Online Dictionary with audio is: (a) A systematic body of concepts especially about human life or *culture*. (b) A manner or the content of thinking characteristic of an individual, group, or culture (Merriam-Webster). **Movies** are part of popular culture, and culture existence could be recognized through measuring culture elements/value from movie perspectives. As mentioned above, *culture is so close related with Ideology, according to Dunning, if Ideological Changes (Reconfiguration belief systems or else), which represents one of key features of globalization, then, everybody knows that globalization would be popular.* Consequently, this study was designed to explore the problem of globalization by basically examining, **measuring** and analyzing the **perspectives** on the film from randomly selected respondents and a questionnaire to assess its effectiveness in Taiwan. Refer to the **Figure 1**, structure flowchart.



Movies → (Hofstede's Cultural Dimensions) → Culture → Ideology (Dunning, 2006 (3) Ideological Changes: (a) Reconfiguration of belief systems and mindsets of several societies) X → Globalization X (not popular).

Figure 1. Structure flowchart.

4. Significance of the Study

Information that emerges from the present study may:

1. Help understand whether globalization changes cultures;
2. Assist people in increasing intercultural awareness for improving international understanding and increasing positive results in global business competition.

Dimensions of National Culture (vs. Cultural Dimensions and Measure Items, pp. 18-19)

Hofstede's cultural dimensions theory. Values were measured by Hofstede's [17] original four and afterward add one more dimensions. It is a framework for cross-cultural communication, developed by Geert Hofstede. It describes the effects of a society's culture on the values of its members, and how these values relate to behavior, etc. [18].

Power distance index (PDI). "Power distance is the extent to which the less powerful members of organizations and institutions (like the family) accept and expect that power is distributed unequally". In *Power Distance* terms, the organization is seen as embedded with "Power Culture" where there is "relatively bounded and stable occurrences of social order based on habits of deference to authority".

Individualism (IDV) vs. Collectivism. In individualistic societies, the stress is put on personal achievements and individual rights. In contrast, in collectivist societies, individuals act predominantly as members of a life-long and cohesive group or organization. In *Individualism* terms, people are interested in the work itself; thus, an organization tends to have "Achievement Culture", which assumes that people will be self-motivated and enjoy working at tasks, which are intrinsically satisfying. People also emphasize their personal commitment and achievement.

Uncertainty avoidance index (UAI). "A society's tolerance for uncertainty and ambiguity". It reflects the extent to which members of a society attempt to cope with anxiety by minimizing uncertainty. They try to minimize the occurrence of unknown and unusual circumstances and to proceed with careful changes step by step planning and by implementing rules, laws and regulations. In *Uncertainty Avoidance* terms, an organization is seen as having a "Role Culture" where people work most effectively and efficiently if they have relatively simple and clearly defined tasks. Clarity of roles and procedures fits the parts of organization together like a machine.

Masculinity (MAS) vs. Femininity. "The distribution of emotional roles between the genders". Masculine cultures' values are competitiveness, assertiveness, materialism, ambition and power, whereas feminine cultures place more value on relationships and quality of life. The *Femininity Culture* offers satisfaction through relationships, mutuality, belonging and connection. People contribute out of a sense of commitment to the organization. Thus it would match a "Support Culture" in organizations.

Long-term orientation (LTO) vs. Short term orientation. First called "Confucian dynamism", it describes societies' time horizon. Long-term oriented societies attach more importance to the future. In short term oriented societies, values promoted are related to the past and the present, including steadiness, respect for tradition, preservation of one's face, reciprocation and fulfilling social obligations.

Indulgence vs. Restraint (IVR). The extent to which members of a society try to control their desires and impulses.

5. Methodology

5.1. Qualitative Approach

Take the same approach of Pandey [11], this is a study based on qualitative analysis of reflection interview of three students who participated in an elective course on "*Cinema and Social Culture in Taiwan*" in the senior year of the BA program. The students were randomly chosen and asked to receive the interview to submit their reflection focused on classroom learning as an outcome of the course with specific reference to used movies outsourced. The reactions in the reflection provided by the students were as the survey material and which were analyzed through qualitative content analysis for this research.

The **qualitative approach** besides the main ways of collecting data presented above, qualitative methods can contribute to an understanding of particularly complex issues, such as habits, behaviour and attitudes, thereby improving the chance of being able to interpret the phenomena related to cultural sustainable without becoming more alike. Qualitative approaches can be properly used to investigate, in general, "why and how people choose

to engage with the arts, their motivations for doing so and the barriers that may prevent them from engaging with the arts” [19].

Among such tools are: In depth interviews; observation, builds on literature and theories on globalization, ideology, and culture, as well as literature on related issues. This paper comprises three parts:

1. The first explorative stage based on literature review and qualitative method used.
2. The second part is based on the survey through qualitative interviewing respondents’ perspectives of movie and measuring culture value from their perspectives that explores culture existence or absence of usual activities or performances along the attributes of culture in the film.
3. The third assess effectiveness of the instrument designed to verify the Dimension of Taiwan culture described by students on another researcher’s theory and by a questionnaire also on Hofstede’s cultural dimensions theory to implement the quantitative approach.

The objective of this paper is to examine if there is difference exist between the perceived Taiwan culture in a movie described by student-respondents and the perceived present Taiwan culture. **Qualitative** was conducted with 3 randomly selected senior-students using **interview** techniques.

5.2. Quantitative Approach

This study also uses quantitative to assess the qualitative approach; result almost the same.

Refer to **Figure 2**, methodological framework.

6. Interview, Narrative Description, and Analysis

As **Table 1**, the interview provided a unique perspective on how the plot or contents were transforming traditional approaches to the art and industry of film-making. Key indicators focus on providing a good perspective on cinema with the films—the arts (e.g. nice theme or song) and artistic and cultural activities.

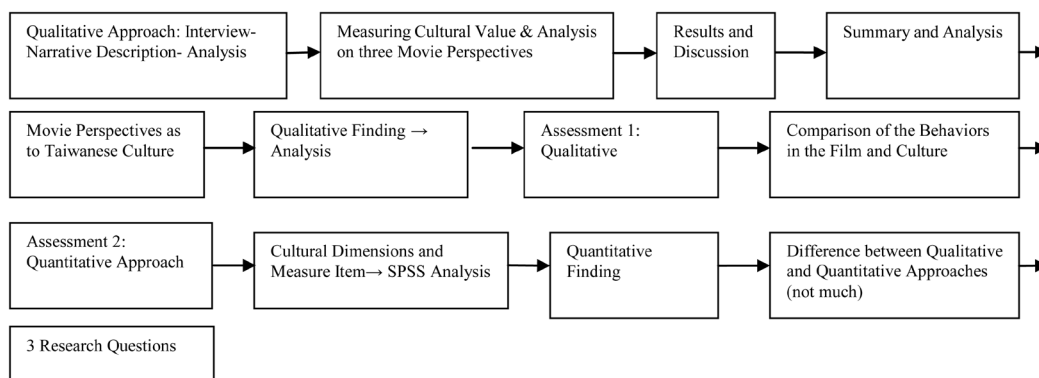
Qualitative analysis is defined as the examination of non-measurable data such as a firm’s reputation, a brand’ image, or a customer’s feelings about a product/service, e.g. movies. The following paragraphs were described narratively by one of the respondents (senior student):

(1) Cinema and Social Culture in Taiwan—the perspectives of a randomly chosen student

Talk about Taiwanese film, the great director editor and writers—Mr. Hou, H. H. would be mentioned because he is the leading figure of Taiwanese New cinema movement. One of his works is *Dust in the Wind*. *Dust in the Wind*, which is important to Taiwanese as it brings impacts to Taiwanese cinema.

(2) The Story: *Dust in the Wind* [20] (details refer to **Figure A1**)

It is about a young couple from a small village in the north-eastern part of Taiwan that experienced difficulties in life and must overcome the obstacles to survive in a big city. The boy named Ah-Yuan graduated from a junior high school, but decided not to continue any further in his education. Instead, he went to Taipei to find work so that



Methodological Framework: Qualitative Approach: Interview-Narrative Description-Analysis → Measuring Cultural Value/Elements and Analysis on three Movie Perspectives → Results and Discussion → Summary and Analysis → The Movie Perspectives with regards to Taiwanese Culture → Qualitative Finding → Analysis → Assessment 1: Qualitative → Comparison of the Behaviors in the Film and Culture → Assessment 2: Quantitative Approach → Cultural Dimensions and Measure Item → SPSS Analysis → Quantitative Finding → Difference between qualitative and quantitative approaches (not much) → 3 Research Questions.

Figure 2. Methodological framework.

Table 1. Measuring cultural value/elements and analysis on 3 movie perspectives summarized.

Film Category Facts & Differentiators			Measuring Cultural Value/Elements: Hofstede's Cultural Dimensions
General Observations: All respondents offer full support for the interview. All strive to provide the researcher's support at all times.			
Perspectives + Description: Respondent 1	Respondent 2	Respondent 3	
<p>1. The film was 1986 directed by Hou, H. H., who is the leading figure of Taiwanese New cinema movement.</p> <p>2. Received Different Evaluation: This movie in 1986 received significant acclaim by critics. But it was commercially unsuccessful.</p> <p>3. Movie Technique:</p> <p>(1) Lighting: There weren't many lighting techniques used in <i>Dust in the Wind</i>; they mostly use natural lighting throughout the film.</p> <p>(2) Created Techniques: Hou created his own types for this film -Minimal amount of dialogues, no movement and expression, beautiful wide angle shots, no close-up, no follow shot, no panning, and no whip pan. Anyway, some of his techniques are still being used in Taiwanese films today.</p> <p>(3) New Actors/Actress used & Not in Studios: It was filmed in local areas with actors and actresses that had no experience or training in acting; moreover, every scene was not filmed in studios and had no special fast-paced editing, which means that the scenes usually is quite long.</p>	<p>1. Hou described realsocial phenomenon—the creation of focusing on living things around.</p> <p>2. It earned (1) The Award of Edit, (2) France Nantes Film Festival: • "Best Music Award" • "Best Photography Award" (3) Portugal Castro Oia Film Festival: • "Best Director Award" (4) Academy Awards • "Best Director Award"</p> <p>(1) Emphasis on personal experiences and memories of growing.</p> <p>(2) The film seems to closer to the role of the man in the street to construct the general public living experience, express concern Taiwanese culture. That's great.</p> <p>(3) Since our eyes don't move as fast as the camera fast-pasting angel, so it's better for the audience to see the whole long shot in the film and clear the culture more.</p>	<p>1. Director Hou is professional at new technique of filming.</p> <p>2. The film's popularity reaches worldwide.</p> <p>(1) With deep focus on photography and emphasis long lens aesthetics, with a realism and modernism style.</p> <p>(2) There were strong local nature, close to the Taiwanese people's lives: Use of local resources.</p> <p>(3) It's very nature, not artificial for actors/actress with no experience which works perfectly in the film.</p> <p>(1) It was made by Phase a spectrum with human interaction poems, very good.</p> <p>(2) It was an understandable movie for audience to clear even there was not a lot of details in the film.</p> <p>(3) The main reason those old Hollywood cinema became successful is because it's entertaining and fun to watch.</p>	<p>2. Power Distance Index (PDI) (Awards)</p> <p>(1) - (3) Uncertainly Avoidance (Trials)</p> <p>(1) Uncertainly Avoidance (Audio-Visual)</p> <p>(2) Uncertainly Avoidance (Effects-Spirit)</p> <p>(3) Uncertainly Avoidance (Customer Service)</p>
<p>4. Difference between US (Hollywood) and New Taiwan Cinema</p> <p>(1) Without Many Conversations: It is an unusual movie; Ah-Yuan and Ah-Yun, did not have many conversations or dialogue in the entire movie. There was a scene where Ah-Yun sent Ah-Yuan off at the train station, but did not talk the entire time while waiting for the train to come; they both kept silent even until they had parted ways.</p> <p>(2) Encourage Context: I could understand that they were experiencing many difficult situations in life, but why would Mr. Hou not include some basic dialogue in this film? As I guessed, Mr. Hou did this on purpose because he wanted the audience to think about the context of the film.</p> <p>(3) Cinematography & Content different: The comparison does not match up at the first place because we did not compare films that are in the same genre. Obviously, the more notable and successful Hollywood films are lots of action, fighting, special effects, and fast paced cuts. <i>Shawshank Redemption</i> (1994), <i>The Godfather</i> (1972) are ranked in the top movies of all time and use little no to no special effects, fast cuts, or intense action in their movies.</p>			

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<p>(4) Similar to <i>The Breakfast Club</i> except entertaining and great story: made in 1985, around the same time of <i>Dust in the Wind</i> in the late 1980's. None of those actors or actresses was professionally trained; also the entire movie was filmed in the local areas. Critics considered as one of the greatest high school/coming-of-age films of all time. While, it has comedy and entertaining, and it is mainly because it has a great story line, I think; <i>Dust in the Wind</i> has no a great story.</p>	<p>(4) But I think, it has a dull realistic life with concatenated into family life, youth or a living wage, sometimes just like a documentary film. Valuable!</p>	<p>(4) If studio records the film with realistic life and not much of dialogues, but I think that is one of purposes for this film.</p>	<p>(4) Uncertainty Avoidance (Customer Service) Or Collectivism (Family Theme)</p>
<p>5. More Context than Content: possibly makes viewing the film into the wrong way or in an unintentional way:</p>			
<p>(1) His Bride Married To Another Guy: One possibly unintentional observation may be that Ah-Yun is a faithless woman who cheated on Ah-Yuan without telling him about her marriage to a good job-postman officer until three years later.</p>	<p>(1) Ah-Yun may thought there is no future between her and Ah-Yuan so decided to take further steps for her life.</p>	<p>(1) It's surprising to see Ah-Yun married to a post man at the end.</p>	<p>(1) Uncertainty Avoidance (Ah-Yun's faithless)</p>
<p>(2) Less Confidence: Another possible observation is that Ah-Yuan is a loser, who can't handle a simple job tasks and is too scared to speak up to Ah-Yun anything.</p>	<p>(2) Ah-Yuan only care about himself which makes him a selfish person.</p>	<p>(2) Ah-Yuan had not enough self-confidence to speak even for his job tasks.</p>	<p>(2) Uncertainty Avoidance (job tasks, etc.)</p>
<p>(3) Until Very Adult: Ah-Yuan's father pours the wine for Ah-Yuan is to show his father finally treats him as a man instead of little boy. But if Ah-Yuan's father gave him a persuasive speech instead that way, the audience would think his father is an influential person.</p>	<p>(3) Trustworthiness Tolerance, Moral, Intimate character: Ah-Yuan's mother showed symbol of trust worthiness and still hoped to give the ring (his family's Heirloom) to Ah-Yun, even though she was married to other man; the grandfather's tolerance, moral, intimate character, are all the traditional of Chinese human generations.</p>	<p>(3) For Chinese traditional loyalty, the two families didn't want to break as the agreement was made early when the couple were very young.</p>	<p>(3): High Levels of Collectivism (Family)</p>
<p>(4) Lack Courage to Express One's Own Feeling: Even though they were living closer to each other, their relationship was strained from their inability to express the love that they have for one another.</p>	<p>(4) Ah-Yuan needs to be more confidence about himself. However, that is kind of human.</p>	<p>(4) The Relationship of the couple involved several challenges but Ah-Yuan didn't face any of those. Maybe he was younger with a little impetuous.</p>	<p>(4) Low levels of Masculinity (Ah-Yuan)</p>
<p>6. The Audiences: Mr. Hou's films would be interesting to the older generation of viewers nostalgia or those who enjoy absolute realism.</p>	<p>I like the film, a new generation of viewers like it, too; and it also would meet foreigners to look at these films as Taiwan growth history.</p>	<p>Everyone has different taste in watching films.</p>	<p>Power Distance Index (Service) +</p>
<p>7. Entertainment and Great Story is the Key to Attract the Audience</p>			
<p><i>Cape No. 7</i> and <i>You Are the Apple of My Eyes</i> are the more successful Taiwanese films for audiences even internationally to watch. In the beginning there are some films may be considered low budget or bad "quality", at last they receive loved and their true quality generally lies within the storytelling.</p>	<p>Story is important, Taiwan is full of story resource.</p>	<p>But I like the films analyzing real social phenomenon.</p>	<p>Uncertainly Avoidance</p>
<p>8. The Ways the Film as a Significant indication of the Social Culture Taiwan</p>			
<p>(1) Military Service: a. Males aged 18: adult males need to participate into the military at the age of 18;</p>	<p>(1) a. Taiwan was in war with China during 1949-1987.</p>	<p>(1) a. Even in the modern day, military Taiwan still drifts the middle-aged males to military sometimes.</p>	<p>(1) a. Collectivism (Military)</p>
<p>b. Affect Young Couple's Marriage: Young ladies do not want to wait for the men to complete their service that influencing to marry to another gay;</p>	<p>b. Ah-Yun discovered the post man has stable income and decided to marry him instead of Ah-Yuan.</p>	<p>b. Ah-Yun should have showed up when she was about to marry to the other person.</p>	<p>b. Power Distance (Ah-Yun married to a powerful man with higher social status)</p>

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<p>c. Regulatory Reform Towards Evening: Taiwan changes in rules and policies of military requirement or laws often. The actor Ah-Yuan was drafted to military under age of eighteen, earlier than required.</p>	<p>c. Taiwan's policy is not as strictly as before nowadays.</p>	<p>c. The timing is strange for audience to understand why all of the sudden Ah-Yuan was forced into army (due to possible policy changes).</p>	<p>c. Uncertainty Avoidance (often changes in rules/policy)</p>
<p>(2) Gender Issue: Taiwanese people still have a really strong traditional sense, such as men being more dominate than women a. Females Should Listen to Males: Ah-Yuan was mad about Ah-Yun's drinking alcohol with several men in the dinner table—this scene indicates a kind of dominate control, where the male believe the female should follow his orders. Gender still impacts today's Taiwanese society. b. Bias against Females: Elders and parents treat their sons and daughters in a different way.</p>	<p>(2) a. Not only Gender issue, but the younger to respect elders were raised in this film, too. b. Males are considered more important than female because male carries family's name.</p>	<p>(2) a. Females are considered as housewives in the Chinese traditional family while the males go out to work. b. Males are more valued in Chinese traditional culture.</p>	<p>a. Masculinity (Listen to Males) b. High level of Masculinity (Males are important)</p>
<p>9. Emotional Challenge: One aspect of the film that does not quite match up with modern Taiwanese social culture is the communication:</p>			
<p>(1) Throughout the entire movie both of them never confess or talk to each other; (2) If you're in love with someone, you should have some indication of passion, infatuation or even actions to show your love; (3) This is not the way the director chose to have the characters express their feelings</p>	<p>(1) The young couple were lack of communication. (2) The director wanted the audience to think what was going to this couple. Instead of dialogues, director gave the audience foreshadowing in the film. (3) Director wanted to have a different specific express and feelings in the film.</p>	<p>(1) It is a plain storytelling with the beautiful scenes in the film. (2) Since there is no great plot and story in the film, it's obviously there is not much of complicated relationship in the film in earlier times of Taiwan. (3) Director wants to test out new techniques of film.</p>	<p>(1)-(3). Uncertainly Avoidance and Power Distance</p>
<p>10. What I learn from the film on culture, anyway? I appreciate the Director taking good photographing by beautiful wide angle shot, etc., and others so that the thing or activities in 1980's could be seen and understood. And real record of social life and history of Taiwan, let people tell the story directly in the lens, and focus on Life. Thanks.</p>	<p>(1) Strength of the film should be focus the life. (2) Director Ho produced plain, very simple, all people can see, and he did record of the past and the present, Taiwan. I am grateful to him; and made me have three philosophical attitudes to life: after deep experience, to love nature/life, respect, understanding, and tolerance.</p>	<p>Good Director!</p>	<p>(Conservative before, gradually tends to the indication of passion, infatuation or even actions to show your love.)</p>

he could start earning money. The girl he loves, Ah-Yun, followed him the next year and found a work in Taipei to save up money, in hopes that they would have enough to get married. **Even though they were living closer to each other, their relationship was strained from their inability to express the love that they have for one another.** Unfortunately, Ah-Yuan was suddenly drafted to the military for three years. Ah-Yun had waited for him, but could not wait any longer after a couple years. Ultimately, she decided to marry a postman without her family approval.

(3) How the Film relevant to the observations or experiences in Taiwan on the Movie Technique

This movie was released in 1986 and received significant acclaim by critics. However it was commercially unsuccessful. It was filmed in local areas with actors and actresses that had no experience or training in acting; moreover, every scene was not filmed in studios and had no special fast-paced editing, which means that the scenes usually is quite long. Why it became significantly acclaimed by New Taiwanese Cinema? I think it was because Mr. Hou wanted to try out different filmmaking techniques by not following the usual cinematography techniques of the time. Instead, he created his own types of techniques for this movie: Minimal amount of dialogues, no movement and expression, beautiful wide angle shots, no close-up, no follow shot, no panning, and no whip pan. Some of his techniques are still being used in Taiwanese films today. Also, I realize

there weren't many lighting techniques used in *Dust in the Wind*; they mostly use natural lighting throughout the film. It is easy to see why Mr. Hou's projects became widely known in Taiwan.

(4) The difference between US (Hollywood) and New Taiwan Cinema

Personally I think that *Dust in the Wind* is an unusual movie; it may be due to the fact that I have not seen old Taiwanese movies like it. I often found myself lost and confused in some parts of the film when I first saw it. The protagonists, Ah-Yuan and Ah-Yun, do not have many conversations or dialogue in the entire movie. For instance, there is a scene where Ah-Yun sends Ah-Yuan off at the train station, but did not talk the entire time while waiting for the train to come; they both kept silent even until they had parted ways. I could understand that they were experiencing many difficult situations in life, but why would Mr. Hou not include some basic dialogue in this film? As I guessed, Mr. Hou did this on purpose because he wanted the audience to think about the context of the film. Let's compare Hollywood cinema's and New Taiwan cinema's difference with the basis of filmmaking, which includes **cinematography and content**. In my opinion, the comparison does not match up at the first place because we did not compare films that are in the same genre. I am comparing *Dust in the Wind*, made in 1986, with *Avengers* or *Iron Man*, which only came out recently in the 2008-2012. Obviously the more notable and successful Hollywood films are the ones with lots of **action, fighting, special effects, and fast paced cuts**. However, there are other many well known and equally successful dramatic movies that have received much acclaim from critics worldwide. For example, dramatic movies like *Citizen Kane* (1941), *Shawshank Redemption* (1994), *The Godfather* (1972) are ranked in the top movies of all time and **use little no to no special effects, fast cuts, or intense action** in their movies. Another movie that is comparable *Dust in the Wind* is *The Breakfast Club*, made in 1985, around the same time in the late 1980's. *The Breakfast Club* has been a famous film in America for a long time; its fame even reached globally. It is both critically acclaimed and financially successful due to its popularity and connection to its audience. None of those actors or actresses was professionally trained; also the entire movie was filmed in the local areas. Critics considered *The Breakfast Club* as one of the greatest high school/coming-of-age films of all time. Is it because it has comedy and is entertaining? I would say both but it is mainly because **it has a great story line**.

(5) More Context than Content in Mr. Hou's Movie

Compared to *Dust in the Wind*, Mr. Hou wanted the audience to think about the context of the film rather than the content; however, without some specific content the audience may end up receiving the message or viewing the film the wrong way or in an unintentional way. One possibly unintentional observation may be that Ah-Yun is a cruel woman who cheated on Ah-Yuan without telling him until three years later about her re-marriage, while he was still in the military. Another possible observation is that Ah-Yuan is a loser, who can't handle a simple job tasks and is too scared to speak up to Ah-Yun. There are a few foreshadowing and hints to tell the audience about the couple but I think those aren't necessary to be in the film. For instance: Ah-Yuan's father pours the wine to Ah-Yuan to show his father who finally treats him as a man instead of little boy, this techniques were used in many other old films too. It would be better if Ah-Yuan's father give him a persuasive speech instead, that way the audience would think his father is an influential person.

(6) Other Films for Audiences even Internationally to Watch

From my observation, I can see that Taiwanese Cinema is trying to catch up to the filming techniques as the American Cinema. Mr. Hou's films may be interesting for older audiences or those who enjoy absolute realism, but is not too interesting for the general audience. There are many new filmmaking techniques that can capture the same emotions or feeling of dramatic situations like in this film even better if used correctly. *海角七號* (*Cape No. 7*) and *那些年，我們一起追的女孩* (*You Are the Apple of My Eyes*) are the more successful Taiwanese films for audiences even internationally to watch. **Entertainment and good story is the key to attract the audience**. There are many successful and widely acclaimed movies that in the beginning may be considered low budget or bad "quality" compared to the bigger "Hollywood" types; however, at last they receive loved and their true quality lies within the storytelling.

(7) The ways I consider it as a significant indication of knowing the social culture in Taiwan

My observation on *Dust in the Wind* is that some similarities and differences to the Taiwanese culture today. Taiwan's new military system has reduced the amount of years to a couple months in military but still require adult male to participate. In situations like being a continuing graduate students, they are required to enlist in the military after graduation. Some Taiwanese women do not want to wait for men to complete their service in military. I think it is because that when the men complete their service in military; they won't able to find a proper job right away, which is the reason influenced Ah-Yun married to another well-paid average gentleman in the movie. I

figured that Ah-Yuan was drafted to military under age of eighteen (maybe 16), which didn't make sense in the movie as generally the age requirement to join the military in Taiwan is at least eighteen years old. Ah-Yuan started to work around age of sixteen then received a military letter just a year later—unreasonable! It is most likely due to changes in rules and policies from military requirement and laws often.

In addition, Taiwanese people still have a really strong traditional sense, such as men being more dominate than women. In the movie, Ah-Yuan was mad about Ah-Yun drinking alcohol with several men in the dinner table; this scene indicates a bit dominate control, where the male believe the female should follow his orders. Gender still impacts today's Taiwanese society, especially elders and parents treat their sons and daughters in a different way. One aspect of the film that does not quite match up with modern Taiwanese social culture is the communication. In the film, it is only implied that Ah-Yuan and Ah-Yun are in love with each other, but throughout the entire movie both of them never confess or talk to each other. If you're in love with someone, you should have some indication of passion, infatuation or even actions to show your love, especially for young people. However, this is not the way the director chose to have the characters express their feelings".

7. Results and Discussion

Enjoy movies as learning experience and awaring culture. Pandey [11] proposed popular movies, appropriately selected, could as a research or an tool for exploring the culture or psychodynamics of learning in management and social sciences courses or professional training programs focused on cross-cultural management skills, global leadership skills; *i.e.*, it is very useful as a tool for developing multicultural perspective and cross cultural competence.

In 2006 Dunning, it is only when **Ideological Changes specially in Reconfiguration of (dominating) belief systems and mindsets of several societies** as well as ...activity and others, then, globalization comes. From the above, we understand the three respondents' perspectives generally were satisfied with this film even it was taken in earlier times so we don't see Taiwan needs any reconfiguration of belief system or mindsets of several societies nor anything needed to change even though the survey samples are not much; therefore, Taiwan culture should still be existed in most Taiwanese way of life, the times of vigorous globalization is a long way to come to our side. The research has found and implications as the following **Table 2**.

8. Qualitative Finding

Hofstede's cultural dimensions theory describes the effects of a society's culture on the values of its members, and how these values relate to behavior.

Table 2. Summary and analysis: the movie perspectives with regards to Taiwanese culture.

Critical Film Elements	Dimension of Taiwanese Culture (By Hofstede's National Culture)
Overall Performance	- Power Distance : the less powerful members of the group expect and accept that power is distributed unequally; emphasis on differentiation-the awards granted to the edit, music, Director, photography , and significant acclaim by critics but commercially unsuccessful.
For the Audience (Spirit of Work)	- Uncertainty Avoidance : adventurousness, eager to take new chance, less care about risk- the techniques by using-natural lighting, the Director's own types, new actor/actress, not filmed in studios, make audience to think about the context, different cinematography &Content, less entertaining nor great story in this film.
Times-Theme Selection & Processing	- Uncertainty Avoidance (Ah-Yun's faithless) & Power Distance (Married to powerful man) - Uncertainty Avoidance (Less confidence to face problem of job tasks, etc.) - Collectivism with high level (Family's moral, tolerance, etc. are traditional virtues) - Masculinity low level (Ah-Yuan worked to receive personal rewards worth the effort spent)
The Ways as a Significant Indication of Social Culture	- Collectivism (Military Service: Males aged 18) - Power Distance (Military Service affects young couple's marriage) - Uncertainty Avoidance (Military Service often changes in rules/policies) - Masculinity (Females should listen to Males) - Masculinity with high level (Bias Against Females: Males are more important by the elder or parents) - Uncertainly Avoidance & Power Distance (Conservative before, gradually tends to change into the indication of passion, infatuation or even actions to show your love)

Power Distance Index (PDI): 4 (cases); **Uncertainty Avoidance Index (UAI):** 5 (cases); **Individualism (IDV) vs. Collectivism:** 0/2 (cases); **Masculinity (MAS) vs. Femininity:** 3 (cases); **Long-term Orientation (LTO) vs. Short term Orientation:** 0 (cases); **UAI > PDI > MAS > IND/COL.**

8.1. Analysis and Result

- 1) Of the dimension of Taiwanese culture in this film, **Uncertainty Avoidance Index (UAI)** was described or perceived by respondents and analyzed as the most popularly used to relate the behaviors to Taiwanese culture value, **UAI = 5 Cases**; and **Power Distance Index, PDI = 4 Cases**, is the next.
- 2) While **Individualism (IDV = 0)**, and Long-term Short-term Orientation (LTO = 0, STO = 0) were considered by respondents as their least used to reflect the behaviors or perception to Taiwanese culture in this film.
- 3) **Collectivism** is second to the last used to relate Taiwanese behaviors to culture (Collectivism = 2) in this film.
- 4) The dimension of **Masculinity**, MAS = 3 Cases, in this film were a **moderately** used dimension.
- 5) All of the behaviors described from the beginning to the end in the film were all related to Taiwanese culture dimensions without any exception.
- 6) The film earned awards of three international and one Taiwan domestic on edit, music, Director, photography, the older/new generation of viewers as well as the foreigners (e.g., France, Portugal) like it.

8.2. Analysis

1. Uncertainty Avoidance: It is a society's tolerance for uncertainty and ambiguity. Historical experience of Chinese for thousands of years of wars, Chinese people in the culture naturally tend to be more less care about risk, they are more tolerant of adventurousness, and eager to take new chance. Therefore, the techniques used by this film, *i.e.*, natural lighting (more natural), the Director's own types, new actor/actress (none **was** professionally trained), not filmed in studios, make audience to think about the context, different cinematography & Content, less entertaining nor great story, still won five awards international and domestic. The techniques in this film matched the culture dimension of uncertainty avoidance with considerable levels of success. However,

The couple did not have good ending; Ah-Yun's faithlessness to Ah-Yuan (low Uncertainty) so she chose to marry to another man having more stable (powerful) job. Ah-Yuan's silent personality made not much dialogues or communications with Ah-Yun (instead of passion, even actions to show his love) or was not confidence enough to face his job tasks, etc were all the examples of low Uncertainty. However, the film was choosing not to avoid or deny these non-perfect characters but honestly truly present the life (the culture) to the audience.

Taiwan's Military Service has been changed in its rules or policies. Before males went to the army at the age of eighteen, were not allowed to go abroad, and were very serious in the training; but it is now significantly different, service time is shortened and not so harsh or rigid, which also belongs to Uncertainty Avoidance. UAI has five Cases in this film, Uncertainty avoidance is highly involved in Taiwanese's life or way of life or culture is identified.

2. Individualism: Individualism is more emphasized by young people who expect to stand up for themselves; however, people have large extended families, which are used as a protection in exchange for unquestioning loyalty. In collectivist societies, individuals act mainly as members of a lifelong and cohesive group or organization. At first Ah-Yuan went to Taipei to pursuit quality individual life; thereafter, through the time of military service (collectivism), and further his knowing Ah-Yun became other's bride, he returned his hometown, which could be as a protection for his unquestioning loyalty. Chinese people are tending to low Individualism [17]; therefore, Individualism—zero case and Collectivism 2 cases—second to the last in this film are reasonable.

3. Power Distance: In 2001, Hofstede stated, Chinese naturally belong to high power distance. Cultures that endorse low power distance expect and accept power relations that are more consultative or democratic. People in these cultures tend to be more pragmatic, they are more tolerant of change. In this film there are 4 cases of Power Distance:

(1) As less powerful members of the group expect and accept that power is distributed unequally and prefer fix work in one professional field with the related powers emphasis on autonomy, differentiation; therefore, this film won many awards of edit, music, Director, photography, and significant acclaim by critics even though commercially unsuccessful.

(2) Subordinates tolerate inspection and distribution of power at work, Military Service affects young males' life, life direction, even young couple's marriage; Ah-Yun may thought there was no future between her and Ah-Yuan so decided to take further steps for her life, not married to Ah-Yuan but a stable (powerful) man. She was impacted and wanted to have mutual support of Power Distance.

4. Masculinity& Femininity: In Dimensions of Cultural Values of Hofstede [14], Masculinity describes a society: Men are supposed to be assertive, tough and focused on material success; whereas women are supposed to be more modest, tender, and concerned with the quality of life (p. 262). The Femininity Culture offers satisfaction through relationships, mutuality, belonging and connection. In this film there are three cases of Masculinity which were moderate, not high nor low. In the film,

(1) Ah-Yuan lacks encourage to express his love to Ah-Yun, who grew up with him together since childhood-low Masculinity; however,

(2) Ah-Yuan was mad about Ah-Yun’s drinking alcohol with several men in the dinner table, which indicated that Females should listen to Males’ order; and

(3) It is bias concept: Males are more important than females by the elders or parents even the times of today. Generally, Taiwanese had had with a high MF scores and tended to reflect a more masculine assertiveness, aggressive, calculative, advancement type attitude, whereas, it is now getting trend to reflect a feminine type of cooperative or modesty behavior, and which is consistent with the result of this study in **moderate** degree of Masculinity.

5. Long-Term/Short-Term Orientation is the extent of which individuals think and behave for future rewards or present values [21], had not found by the respondents in this film.

6. The film earned three international and one Taiwan domestic awards on edit, music, photography et., the older and new generation of viewers (even if a little critic) as well as the foreigners all like it, which represents Taiwanese culture’s existence and characteristics through the movie. That is, Taiwan culture is not integrated into other culture or is not becoming more alike, globalization is not changing Taiwan culture so fast.

9. Assessment 1: Qualitative

Assess the effectiveness of the instrument was designed to verify and relate the Taiwanese behaviors (described by students) to the Dimension of Taiwan culture on Wikipedia’s Concept of Culture as follows:

“Culture is a word for people’s ‘way of life’, meaning ‘the way groups do things’. Culture is seen in people’s writing, religion, music, clothes, cooking, and in what they do.

According to the conceptof culture, culture is most commonly used in three ways as **Table 3**.

1. Excellence of taste in the fine arts and humanities, known as *high culture*.
2. An integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior.
3. The outlook, attitudes, values, moralsgoals, and customs shared by a society”.

From the Comparison **Table 3**, we can see the corresponding of the Behaviors with the Culture, that means, the Behaviors match Wikipedia’s Concept of Culture, we come to understand Taiwanese culture through movies, so do our younger generation even if they watched the film after twenty-eight years since the film was made.

Table 3. Comparison of the behaviors in the film and culture.

The behaviors (Elements) of the Film	Wikipedia’s Culture	Match
Overall Performance: The film earned awards of edit, music, Director, photography.	1. Excellence of taste in the fine arts and humanities.	Yes
For the Audience: The techniques of the film by using: natural lighting, the Director’s own types, new actor/actress, not filmed in studios, make audience to think about the context, different cinematography & Content, less entertaining nor great story in this film.	2. An integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior.	Yes
Theme Selection & Processing: Ah-Yun’s faithless, married to a more powerful man, The actor’s less confident to face job tasks, etc. Family’s moral, tolerance, etc. are traditional virtues, Ah-Yuan working to receive personal rewards worth the effort spent.	3. The outlook, attitudes, values, moralsgoals, and customs shared by a society.	Yes
The Ways as a Significant Indication of SocialCulture in Taiwan: Military Service: Males aged 18, Military Service Affects Young Couple’s Marriage, Military Service often changes in rules/policies, Females should listen to Males, Bias: Males are more important than females by the elder or parents, Conservative before, gradually tends to change into the indication of passion, infatuation or even actions to show one’s own love.	3. The outlook, attitudes, values, moralsgoals, and customs shared by a society.	Yes

10. Assessment 2: Quantitative

10.1. The Quantitative Approach

The five dimensions of Hofstede's cultural dimensions theory [17] [18] were used and developed into a questionnaire. The dimensions in this study with measure items are as **Table 4**.

Culture Dimension Questionnaires (Responses are on a five-point Likert-type scale ranging from (1) = strongly disagree to (5) = strongly agree) were collected from randomly chosen thirty senior students who all ever took elective course on "Cinema and Social Culture in Taiwan" in the senior year of the BA program. The Department Chairperson was contacted personally requesting permission to conduct the study at their institution. Eight didn't return the survey (response rate of 73.3 percent) and analyzed by SPSS. Reliability analysis using Cronbach's alpha (Scale-Reliability Analysis) was completed on five dimensions. The alphas ranged from 0.644 to 0.716. In addition, through descriptive statistics-frequencies, mean and standard deviation were obtained as well for reference.

10.2. Quantitative Finding

1. The KMO value 0.694 as **Table 5** revealed that the study was still suitable for proceeding with factor analysis; from **Table 6**, we got a high Explanation Power: 78.772%.

Table 4. Cultural dimensions and measure item.

Dimensions	Measure Item	Reference
1. Power Distance	Q1. Cultures that endorse low power distance expect and accept power relations that are more consultative or democratic. Taiwan provides employee's learning opportunity and makes them progressive is high level of power distance country.	Hofstede's cultural dimensions theory [17] [18]: The five dimensions provide a standard to recognize and understand the cultural phenomenon for people.
	Q2. The movie received significant acclaim by critics and many awards-music, photography, but it was commercially unsuccessful is a case of Power Distance .	
	Q3. The actress may thought there would be no future between her and the actor so decided to take further steps for her life and married to another guy belongs to the case of Power Distance .	
2. Individualism vs. Collectivism	Q4. Taiwan is less Individualism than Collectivism that throughout people's lifetime continue to protect them in exchange for unquestioning loyalty.	
	Q5. Taiwan males aged 18 should serve in the army. It's a Case of Collectivism .	
3. Uncertainty Avoidance	Q6. The Actor's mother with trustworthiness & moral Chinese traditional virtues still hoped to send the ring (Family Heirloom) to the actress, even though she was married to other man. It's a Case of Collectivism .	
	Q7. UA is try to minimize the occurrence of unknown and unusual circumstances and to proceed with careful changes step by step planning and by implementing rules, laws and regulations. Taiwan was high level of UA in the past.	
	Q8. The techniques used by this film-natural lighting, the Director's own types, new actor/actress, not filmed in studios, make audience to think about the context, different content & cinematography, less entertaining nor great story, is a Case of UA .	
4. Masculinity vs. Femininity	Q9. Ah-Yuan, less confidence and can't handle a simple job tasks well, was too scared to speak up to Ah-Yun anything; at last he lost his bride. It is a Case of UA .	
	Q10. Masculinity describes that men are assertive, tough and focused on material success; whereas women are more modest, tender, and concerned with the quality of life. Taiwan's MAS higher than Fem .	
	Q11. Elders and parents treat their sons and daughters in a different way; males are more valued in Chinese traditional culture. It is a Case of MAS .	
5. Long-Term Orientation vs. Short-Term Orientation	Q12. Ah-Yuan was mad about Ah-Yun's drinking alcohol with several men; females should listen to males' order. It is a Case of MAS .	
	Q13. LTO stands for the fostering of virtues oriented toward future rewards, perseverance and thrift.	
	Q14. In STO societies, values promoted are related to the past and the present, including stediness, respect for tradition, preservation of one's face, reciprocation and fulfilling social obligations.	
	Q15. First called "Confucian dynamism", it describes societies' time horizon. It emphasizes the future. Much of our culture is LTO .	

Table 5. KMO and Bartlett’s test.

Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.		0.694
Bartlett’s Test of Sphericity	Approx. Chi-Square	87.311
	df	55
	Sig.	0.093

Even though KMO is not very high enough, still it is ok to proceed the factor analysis.

Table 6. Total variance explained.

Total	Rotation Sums of Squared Loadings	
	% of Variance	Cumulative %
2.394	15.960	15.960
2.360	15.736	31.696
2.285	15.231	46.926
1.813	12.086	59.012
1.532	10.212	69.224
1.432	9.547	78.772

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis. (1) Explanation Power: 78.772%; (2) Four Items #1, 6, 10, 15 were deleted through factor analysis.

- As **Table 7** of the measure items, Q8 (The techniques used by this film-natural lighting etc. is a Case of UA) was perceived by quantitative respondents as most popularly perceived culture dimension, Q7 (Taiwan was high level of UA in the past etc.) is the next.
- While Q4 (Taiwan is less Individualism than Collectivism that throughout people’s lifetime continue to protect them in exchange for unquestioning loyalty) was considered as the least popularly perceived item. Q5 (Taiwan males aged 18 should serve in the army). It’s a Case of Collectivism, ranking is second to the last.
- Four Items #1, 6, 10, 15 were deleted through factor analysis.
- There was significant correlation between Taiwanese PDI and LTO/STO, as shown in **Table 8**.
- From **Table 8**, UA also has significant correlations with IND/COL.
- The **difference between Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches** is for the dimension of Long-term/Short-term Orientation; in the qualitative, LT/ST Orientation had not been found in the film by the respondents; the others are **generally the same**.
- However, we found a lot and understand more about Taiwanese culture’s existence and characteristics which is deep in solid through the film. Taiwan’s culture is not integrated into other culture or not becoming more alike as others, it will be impossible or a very long time for globalization to take over Taiwan’s own culture.
- Using the same methodology, the other countries can understand their cultures more.

RQ-1. What differences exist between the perceived Taiwan culture in a movie described by student-respondents and the perceived present Taiwan culture?

Nothing different. Through the above two assessments of quantitative and qualitative approaches’ examination, Taiwanese culture, *i.e.*, Ah-Yuan’s mother showed trustworthiness (COL), young males lack courage (MAS) to express one’s own emotion, described by the respondents, are still existing. And from the finding of the quantitative survey, except LTO/STO dimension, the other dimensions generally have same rating to the qualitative assessment:

UA > LTO/STO > PDI > MF > IND/COL (as **Table 9**)

Moreover, other researches ever stated Taiwanese’s PDI is high. There are Qualitative 4 cases matching PDI; and the mean of PDI in this Quantitative survey is 3.9091 shown as **Table 9** which is high and in consistent with the other research’s premise. Therefore, we insist that there are no differences existing between the perceived Taiwan culture in a movie described by student-respondent and the perceived present Taiwan culture.

RQ-2. What is the impact of globalization on Taiwan culture?

Table 7. Descriptive statistics.

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic	Statistic
Q8	22	3.00	5.00	4.6818	0.56790
Q7	22	2.00	5.00	4.5000	0.80178
Q9	22	2.00	5.00	4.4545	0.73855
Q14	22	3.00	5.00	4.2273	0.68534
Q3	22	2.00	5.00	3.9091	0.92113
Q2	22	2.00	5.00	3.9091	0.81118
Q11	22	2.00	5.00	3.8636	1.08213
Q13	22	2.00	5.00	3.7273	0.76730
Q12	22	1.00	5.00	3.4091	0.95912
Q5	22	2.00	5.00	3.2727	0.82703
Q4	22	2.00	5.00	2.8636	0.94089
Valid N (listwise)	22				

Q8 has the highest mean, Q7 is the next; while Q4 has the least mean, Q5 is second to the last.

Table 8. Correlations.

		PDI	IndCol	UA	MF	LtoSto
PDI	Pearson Correlation	1	-0.010	0.131	0.243	0.515(*)
	Sig. (2-tailed)		0.964	0.560	0.275	0.014
	N	22	22	22	22	22
IndCol	Pearson Correlation	-0.010	1	-0.632(**)	0.145	-0.156
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.964		0.002	0.519	0.487
	N	22	22	22	22	22
UA	Pearson Correlation	0.131	-0.632(**)	1	-.275	0.188
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.560	0.002		.215	0.402
	N	22	22	22	22	22
MF	Pearson Correlation	.243	-.145	-0.275	1	-0.124
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.275	0.519	0.215		0.583
	N	22	22	22	22	22
LtoSto	Pearson Correlation	0.515(*)	-0.156	0.188	-0.124	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.014	0.487	0.402	0.583	
	N	22	22	22	22	22

*Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed); **Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed). (1) PDI has significant correlations with LTO/STO; (2) IndCol has significant correlations with UA.

Table 9. Descriptive statistics by category.

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
UA	22	2.67	5.00	4.5455	0.47749
LtoSto	22	3.00	5.00	3.9773	0.58711
PDI	22	2.50	5.00	3.9091	0.70096
MF	22	2.00	4.50	3.6364	0.77432
IndCol	22	2.00	5.00	3.0682	0.76057
Valid N (listwise)	22				

By category, UA is the highest dimension; IndCol is the lowest dimension.

Nothing. In the qualitative finding the above, all of the behaviors described from the beginning to the end in the film by respondents were almost related to Hofstede's culture dimensions without any exception. Furthermore, the film earned awards of three international and one Taiwan domestic on edit, music, director, photography in so many years ago; it must have something special or features from other countries, and that is the culture, Taiwan culture. It is no wonder, the older, the new generation of viewers praise it (even if there was tiny different points of view for this film); however, the film with Taiwan culture even attracts the foreigners (e.g., France, Portugal) viewers to like it. And which represents Taiwanese culture's existence and characteristics through the movie. That is, Taiwan's culture is not integrated into other culture or is not becoming more alike, globalization is not changing or impacting Taiwan culture so fast. Neither do the other countries.

RQ-3. How does globalization changes culture and affect global marketing strategies?

Not yet. Results show that substantive differences even among each behavior or value of our life; consequently, the issue of "different cultures becoming more alike" **will not be coming so fast** as mentioned the above. Whatever, the best global marketing strategies no matter how if globalization comes and changes our culture or not, the answer still is **respect, accept, involve** other's culture as well as the following:

In Hofstede's theory; lower Power Distance **except and accept** power relations that are more consultative or democratic.

In MAS/FIN; men and women have the same values emphasizing **modesty and caring** even though men and women are significantly different.

As LTO/STO promotes—**Respect for tradition** (and other culture), preservation of one's face, reciprocation and **fulfilling social obligation**, are the tools of the best global marketing strategies.

11. Original Contributions and Practical Implications

The research has original contributions for linking and developing marketing strategy to cultural values of movie viewers, as well as implications for linking to cultural values of sightseeing visitors. Both quantitative and qualitative approaches were used by this study to analyze the movie's perception or abstract entities etc., as culture has been essential to success in marketing, so the provided information of this study is not too general due to the follows:

- Most qualitative research is not taking quantitative research together, but this paper does;
- The paper uses Movie—**greater information sources and part of popular culture** to explore if the globalization is changing culture;
- The theories used by this study are Hofstede's cultural dimensions theory and Dunning' theory about globalization, the two are important world-famous theories, rarely to be used together.
- There are three research questions in p. 3. and their answers are in pp. 21-22 (Quantitative Finding in p. 21), and the difference between qualitative and quantitative approaches is for one valuable different (the dimension of Long-term/Short-term Orientation) only; the others are generally the same; therefore, the results of this study are reasonable and **reliable**.
- The paper started statement from the qualitative method and then proved by quantitative (assessments), the both nearly have the same result with **scientific analysis and inference**.

This study provides the followings:

1. Better understand the effect of expanding culture on movie or else;
2. Assist global marketers in developing a greater understanding of the relation of culture and globalization;
3. Contribute unique research results to the academic and professional study of the behaviour or perception of movie viewers/consumers. In summary, this
 - (1) Expand scope of theoretical knowledge.
 - (2) Add empirical data to support the theory.
 - (3) Provide effective tools for movie producers, relative enterprises, to apply the results, dimension, in the competitive environment.
 - (4) For assessment purpose, ASSESSMENT 1: QUALITATIVE was executed in pp. 17-18; from the assessment by qualitative itself, if the study did not use quantitative, would still be enough to verify the reliability of this study.
 - (5) There are no differences existing between the perceived Taiwan culture in a movie described by student-respondent and the perceived present Taiwan culture (RQ1).
 - (6) Taiwan's culture is not integrated into other culture or is not becoming more alike, globalization is not changing or impacting Taiwan culture so fast. Neither do the other countries (RQ2).
 - (7) Results show that substantive differences even among each behavior or value of our life; consequently, the issue of "different cultures becoming more alike" **will not be coming so fast** as mentioned the above (RQ3).

12. Conclusions and Recommendations

We conclude by delineating/depicting future that researches on culture that affects global marketing strategies should consider developing a more comprehensive understanding of the relationships between other resources (TV/drama) and cultures, and value creation. However, notwithstanding many examples of the fusion of cultures can be found around the world, or in spite of that cultural change is an inevitable art of national evolution, or cultures take what they want from other cultures and others, if the category of human-being exists as well as from the above in terms of marketing in Taiwan, we could say that it is difficult for different cultures to be becoming more alike in short time/or recently.

Since 1989, the world has seen the proliferation of ethnic conflict, the rise of militant Islam, the intensification of group hatred and nationalism, massacres, and two genocides unprecedented since the Nazi Holocaust [22] (p. 123). Gannon [23] stated that a more basic reason for culture research is that our globalized world demand cross-cultural expertise if we are to survive.

Therefore, even though cultures are becoming more alike, the key to such situation affecting global marketing strategies is **to encourage governments to play a vital role involving in identifying and understanding each other's culture and cultural factors which affect consumer decision making**. Cultural and symbolic resources in strategy research were usually neglected role; while many studies have shown how the both are needed and create value [9]. Thus, there will have been possibilities for maximizing the marketing in global business competition, while minimizing its negative social, environmental or cultural impacts. If Hofstede's approach is valid, then *Culture's Consequences* will continue to inform, inspire, and guide human or customer to have lifetime value and achieve a sustainable competitive advantage.

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Appendix

Dust in the Wind



Theatrical release poster

Directed by	<u>Hou Hsiao-Hsien</u>
Written by	<u>Chu Tien-wen Wu Nien-jen</u>
Starring	<u>Wang Chien-wen Xin Shufen Li Tian-lu</u>
Music by	<u>Chen Ming-Chang</u>
Cinematography	<u>Mark Lee Ping-Bin</u>
Distributed by	Central Motion Pictures Corporation
Release date(s)	1986
Running time	109 minutes
Country	Taiwan
Language	<u>Taiwanese</u>

Figure A1. Dust in the wind.

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