專輯論文

新冠肺炎疫情爆發初期武漢民眾的 媒體使用、資訊處理與情緒反應: 一項電話調查研究

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摘要

2020年1月,突如其來的疫情危機打亂了中國大陸居民的春節節奏。為有效阻斷本土疫情傳播,中國實施了史無前例的大規模公共衛生應對舉措,對擁有900萬人口的武漢實施封鎖便是其中之一。「封閉管理」後的武漢民眾如何跟進疫情進展,又經歷著怎樣的心態變化?本研究在「封閉管理」期間通過對1,071位武漢市民進行電話問卷調查發現,受訪者主要通過網路與微信來獲取疫情資訊,年長者對電視依

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關鍵詞:新冠肺炎疫情、「封閉管理」、媒體使用、資訊加工處理、情緒反應

Special Issue Article

Media Use, Information Processing, and Emotional Responses among Wuhan Residents in the Early Stage of COVID-19 Outbreak: A Telephone Survey

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Abstract

In January 2020, the sudden outbreak of COVID-19 disrupted the rhythm of the Chinese Lunar New Year. To contain the spread of the virus, the Chinese government implemented the strictest-ever public health emergency response measures, one of which was to close outbound traffic from Wuhan—a major city with 9 million residents. During the city lockdown, how did Wuhan citizens cope with the pandemic? Did they experience mood swings? A telephone survey of 1,071 Wuhan citizens conducted during the lockdown

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found that respondents mainly accessed pandemic-related information from the Internet and WeChat, while the elderly remained highly dependent on television. The study also indicated that both traditional and new media use could stimulate emotional responses among the public, though new media was more powerful in evoking positive and negative emotions than traditional media. Additionally, we also found the number of confirmed infection in the community moderated the association between media use and emotional responses and information processing mediated the association between media use and emotional responses. Theoretically, this study enriches relevant research on media dependency, especially taking into account the positive emotions during the pandemic. It broadens the scope of research on emotion in crisis communication research and examines the role of information processing in the relations between media use and emotional responses.

Keywords: COVID-19, lockdown, media use, information processing, emotional response

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