

Review of: "Toward a comprehensive behavioral model of hurricane preparedness: The Protective Behavior Model"

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First of all, I would like to congratulate the author for this interesting review, discussion and proposal of a model to explain not only hurricane protective behaviors but also other protective behaviors related to similar severe weather hazards, such as tornados and thunderstorms.

This paper aims to fill a research gap by reviewing theories in psychology and integrating elements from 23 different theories in human behavior in one comprehensive behavioral model (the Protective Behavior Model – PBM).

This is a conceptual paper that tries to get together different theories, and this is very interesting and also innovative.

To perform this research a literature review was performed. It is important to stress that this revision is quite good and based on important references, some older, others more recent and therefore all the evolution of this discussion was gathered.

Complementary to this discussion, the author has used 5 expert scholars. However, nothing is sated about their affiliations and expertise and this can be a major limitation, mainly because they have reviewed the model and made recommendations to improve it. So, it is very important to know all the above issues about them.

However, the major limitation is that the PBM is yet to be empirically tested.

Anyway, probably, it would be interesting to have a case study example and share this information with the scholar and scientific community. This would be quite useful.

Regardless the quality of the paper, I would like to advise the author to correct the following situations:

Abstract is well presented but it should have a short paragraph with major findings.

Final references must follow APA norms. However, several of them have inconsistencies and are not uniformly used with these norms and all of them must be corrected.