

Review of: "Government Communication and Behavioral Change amidst COVID-19: Role of Awareness and Fear & Panic"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

1. What is the SPSS software indicated on the first page? Or is it a typo?
2. The research background and purpose of the study are clearly stated in the Introduction section.
3. Given that the context of this study is based on Ghana, the author(s) should elaborate more on this specific context, to justify the importance of this study. In other words, the model proposed in this study has been explored by previous scholars in different contexts. Why is this study important? What are the unique characteristics of government communication in Ghana? How is it different from other political contexts?
4. The method and results sections are written in detail. However, this section seems to be very lengthy, which may make readers feel overwhelmed by reading all the numbers and acronyms. I suggest the author(s) shorten the content to only report the most important processes and data.
5. Out of the 304 valid responses, 211 are male and 93 are female. I wonder how the gender difference influences the study findings?
6. The discussion should be written in a manner that is closely related to the specific political context in Ghana, instead of writing it in a generic sense.
7. The manuscript needs to be carefully proofread, as there are multiple typos throughout the paper that need to be fixed.