

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

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This is a significant set of findings and a well-organised study. I recommend to the authors that they add a section to the introduction about theories of BC relevant to their study, e.g. the COM-B, and how fear and panic are thought to influence BC based on research with earlier pandemics. This will enable the authors to structure their discussion of the results and the conclusions to be drawn with more general relevance to our understanding of BC theory and practice.