Engaging sub-degree students in community-based research - Case study of a student research group in advocacy journalism

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Introduction

- Students majoring in media and communication at CIE formed a student research group and applied quantitative research principles in projects that are of public interest
- Students were engaged in:
- a. topic identification and selection;
- b. developing approaches of collecting quantitative data;
- c. producing reports and writing up press release to pitch actual mass

media



Introduction

Since 2016, the research group has engaged in different research projects:

- parent-child interaction concerning the participation of extra-curricular activities
- undesirable online shopping behaviour
- safety issues in private transportation
- consumer right issues in online key opinion leadership
- consumer satisfaction in online travel information search



Press coverage of past studies

的士司機睇手機開車一眼關「八」

駕駛時勿使用手機是常識,但近年的士司機行車期間「一心多用」,一項調查發現,多達80%乘客搭的士時,曾遇到司機使用手機或平板電腦,最多更同時使用8部,平均為2.3部;當中更有5%乘客曾因此遇上交通意外。

調查由浸大國際學院傳理研究社以問卷進行,共訪問328名市民,結果顯示60%乘客因司機行車時使用手機或平板電腦而不安,36%乘客曾因此而遭遇不同程度的交通事故,如跟車太貼或司機突然煞車等,5%甚至因而遇過交通意外;逾半數乘客認為,政府應加強規管的士司機行車時使用手機。法例規定司機行車時不得拿着手機通話,但如將手機固定在前方擋風玻璃再用手操作,則不受規管;負責調查的浸大國際學院傳理學部高級講師鄭嘉麟認為,乘客應在適當時候主動提醒司機。

學者促立法規管司機用手機

【本報訊】的士司機用手機應用程式接生意愈趨普遍,大學調查卻發現,八成受訪乘客均遇過的士司機行車時使用手機或平板電腦,最多的使用八部。學者促請政府盡快研究立法規管司機行車時使用電子裝置。

浸大國際學院傳理研究社早前訪問了三百二十八名市民,發現六成受訪乘客都因司機行車時使用電子 通訊器材感不安,三成六受訪人更稱,曾遇過的士司 機行車時使用手機,並與前車距離太近或需突然煞 車,當中百分之五更因此遇交通意外。過半數受訪市 民認為,當局應該加強規管的士司機行車時使用手 機。浸大國際學院傳理學部高級講師鄭嘉麟認為,司 機於行車時過分依賴手機或平板電腦會嚴重分心,容 易釀成交通意外,促請政府加強規管。

司機行車時手持或講電話屬違例,最高可被罰款 二千元;但司機以手指按動手機,卻不屬違法。理大 土木及環境工程系副教授熊永達認為,政府應該立法 堵塞漏洞,並研究電子裝置數目如何影響司機專注力 及會否導致交通意外。

的士業界:用手機為接單

豪華(質素的士服務)督導委員會曾利用手機應用程式,自組高級的士車隊。委員會主席黃永忠反對並批評,政府政策失誤令本港的士收費太低,「啲司機都食唔飽,自然要用手機提高效率接多啲單。」他建議政府應大幅提高的士收費三倍,改善業界困局。

運輸署回應指,現行法例沒有限制車輛儀錶板上 放置的手機數目,但若有證據顯示司機因為相關行為 而影響駕駛,可能觸犯「危險駕駛」或「不小心駕駛」 罪行。

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調查:八成乘客見「的哥」駕駛用手機

的士司機的服務表現一 向為社會關注。浸大國際 學院傳理研究社早前訪問了 三百二十八名市民,八成受訪 者表示在搭乘的士時,曾見司 機邊駕駛邊使用三部或以上的

手機或平板電腦,有司機亦使 用多達八部手機接單,六成人 因此而感到不安,更有百分之 五的受訪者報稱因而遇上不同 程度的交通意外。

浸大國際學院傳理學部高

級講師鄭嘉麟強調,的士司機若於行車時過份依賴手機或平板電腦,會導致嚴重分心,容易釀成交通意外。他促請政府加強規管司機使用電子裝置的情況。

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8成的士客 曾遇司機用3部手機

【本報訊】社會一直關注的士業的服務水平,香港浸會大學國際學院傳理研究社月前進行問卷調查,在328份問卷中,發現有80%乘客曾遇到司機行車時使用3部或以上的手機或平板電腦,最高更多達8部,平均數為2.3部。

最多8部 60%乘客感不安

受訪乘客中,有 60% 因的士司機行車 時使用手機或平板電腦而感到不安全。

36% 受訪者更表示曾經因司機於行車時使用手機或平板電腦而發生不同程度交通事故,如距離前車太近及司機突然緊急 煞車等等,當中 5% 乘客甚至因此而遇上 交通意外。

此外,調查亦發現有55% 受訪乘客曾 遇到因司機趕往接下一宗生意而加速行車, 但是,有多達70% 乘客表示從未或甚少提 醒司機注意安全。

過半數受訪者認為政府應加強管制司



的情況。

機於駕駛時使用手機或平板電腦的情況。

行車嚴重分心 易釀意外

負責調查的浸大國際學院傳理學部高級講師 鄭嘉麟認為,電召的士手機應用程式確實為司機 及乘客帶來方便,但司機於駕駛時過分依賴手機 或平板電腦,會令司機嚴重分心,容易釀成交通 意外,乘客亦應於適當時候主動提醒司機,注意 安全,而政府及有關當局亦應加強關注司機使用 電子裝置的情況。

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大專生 曾凶KUL

當中逾半疑「中伏」餐飲類重災

社交媒體興起,近年以網絡紅人 「KOL」推銷的宣傳手法漸成趨勢。

浸大一項調查發現,70% 受訪大 專生曾因 KOL 的推薦購買消費品,但 逾半購買後發現產品質素未如預期 懷疑「中伏!,當中以餐飲類最嚴重 直接影響廣告收入·相信不會有人故 意製造陷阱,但建議消費者購買產品 前應多參考不同資訊及意見。

學者倡參考 不同資訊意見

浸大國際學院媒體傳播副學士課 程今年5月激請48名大專生進行焦點訪 情況最嚴重:超過30%認同,賣廣 是 KOL 主要工作,他們卻不一定

只推薦質素好的產品。

研究發現在受訪大專生眼中·KOL「言 論的可信性」是其成功最關鍵因素,其次 是「媒體製作技巧」及「言論的專業性」 等: 而 KOL 的政治取態是否與自己相同 亦是大專生所重視的關鍵因素之一。

浸大一項調查發現,70% 受訪太專生曾因 KOL 的推薦購

負責是次研究的浸大國際學院媒體傳

播副學士課程講師謝瑋陞認為,KOL 在網 上推鎖消費品,背後可能有一些 者應多參考不同資訊及意見,作精明

城大市場營銷學副課程主任吳淑 慧表示,不少商家已將 KOL 推銷混合 傳統推廣方法,但由於網紅與支持者 心儀 KOL 多了一份信任,故若因其推

嘗試以自己風格演繹,讓目標



Literature Review -Benefits of engaging students in research

- Anderson (2002) suggests that through community-based research, students in tertiary institutes could gain practical research skills and enhance their cares about community problems.
- ► Edwards, Jones, Wapstra and Richardson (2012) assert that authentic research opportunities provide hands-on learning experience to students and subsequently enhance their commitment, enthusiasm and preparation for their major of study.

Methods

- ► To measure the effectiveness of learning through the research group, several methods were adopted :
 - Monitoring learning progress by a written report (Observations in focus group; Proposed hypothesis and survey questions)
 - □ Students were also asked to collect quantitative data, and to conduct a verbal presentation of their observations on social issues through data analysis using statistical software.
 - Individual reflective journal to provide feedbacks on the learning outcomes
 - □ In-depth interviews with three alumni to discern the long term effects on learning

Results

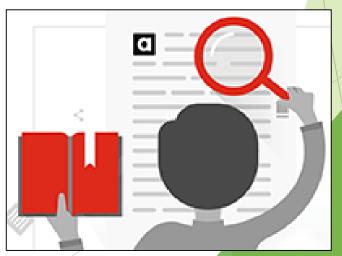
- Students' awareness to social issues, research skills, and knowledge about how actual media works in advocacy journalism were enhanced.
- Students claim that they have learned the importance of verification of arguments on social issue through field observations and data analysis.
- ► They have also learned how to identify correct target group and to ask meaningful questions.
- ► Through the training in survey design and hypothesis testing, students suggest their logical reasoning and critical thinking were enhanced.

Results

Alumni interviews:

A. Research skills:

- Included the materials produced in the research group (e.g. media coverage of her research project) in the portfolio for Non-JUPAS application.
- ▶ Out-performing her peers with logical reasoning and the skills of statistical analysis acquired in the research group at CIE.



(Photo source: library.soton.ac.uk/sash/introduction-to-research-skills)

Results

- Alumni interviews:
 - B. Inquisitive mind
 - ▶ Inspired curiosity and shaped future career

(One alumna worked as research assistant in undergraduate study. She is also planning to take a postgraduate course in big data and research.)

Another alumna mentioned that such inquisitive mind is essential to her present job - event management.

("I need to be curious with various aspects of running a media event, and need to think ahead for each steps of organizing an event.")

Implications

- ► Teaching faculty members could consider to enhance students' scientific thinking and logical reasoning through community-based research in their discipline
- Organizing workshops to equip students with research and media writing skills
- Use verbal presentation or written reflection to exchange ideas with students and to monitor their learning progress
- ► Work with the Corporate Communication and PR department of their own institute translating research output to gain media coverage

Thank You!