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Public's Acceptance Towards Violence and Vandalism in Transport Systems: The Role of Political Stance During a Social Movement

ABSTRACT

Transport system is one of the critical systems for a city to function normally, and any failure in transports can have disruptive consequences to the daily life of people and the economy. We conduct questionnaire surveys to explore the impacts of public transport service disruption caused by radical protesting during the Anti-Extradition Law Amendment Bill Movement between 2019 and 2020 in Hong Kong. We apply structural equation modelling (SEM) to examine how respondents with different political views perceive their travel satisfaction is impacted by public transport service disruption led by social movement unrest. Our results show that respondents' attitude towards radical protest and their perceived impacts of transit disruption are associated with their travel satisfaction, and such effects differ by their political stance. Respondents who are Yellow (pro-democracy) perceive their travel satisfaction less impacted by mass vandalism than those are Blue (pro-government) or Green (neutral). Moreover, sociodemographic and household characteristics exerted marked effects on people's attitudes towards vandalism and travel satisfaction. Our study contributes to the literature on the role of political view on travel satisfaction, and our findings can inform public transport service providers and policymakers to develop contingency plans in response to public transport disruption during social unrest in the future.

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