

Special Issue

Towards Media Effects and Humor

Message from the Guest Editor

The potential of humor is often underestimated in society; however, scholars have increasingly documented the ways in which humor can play an influential role in our lives. One of the most prevalent sources of humor in our lives is from the media, including social media, streaming stand-up comedy specials, television sitcoms, and podcasts. This Special Issue of Behavioral Sciences is dedicated to media effects and humor and we welcome conceptual and empirical research (with a preference for empirical work) that examines how humorous media shapes beliefs, attitudes, behaviors, mental health, and physical health. Potential research ideas include, but are not limited to, humorous social media/podcasts and political attitudes/behaviors, mediated comedy and prejudicial attitudes, social media humor consumption and mental health, mediated satire and persuasion, and humorous social media and misinformation. Within these premises, this Special Issue aims to advance the literature on media effects and humor and we therefore welcome theoretical and/or empirical contributions that broaden knowledge on the topic.

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