I regret to inform you that our editorial team have now considered your paper but unfortunately not to send it out for review. I include below some comments from members of our editorial team, in hopes of offering constructive feedback. You are of course now free to submit the paper elsewhere should you choose to do so.

Thank you for considering Political Communication. I hope the outcome of this specific submission will not discourage you from the submission of future manuscripts.

Sincerely,

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Editorial Team Comments to Author:

While I read this study with great interest, the overall contribution is too small to be considered for publication in Political Communication. While the study is well-documented and solidly executed, the theoretical foundation and contribution is too thin for Political Communication. Similarly, the empirical scope of the study is rather small (single-platform, single-country). It also ignores very similar studies (e.g., Esteve Del Valle, in press) as well as more ambitious cross-national studies of the same or phenomena (e.g., Praet et al., 2020; Vliet et al., 2020; Vliet et al., 2021).

A data-driven, small-scale study of this sort may better fit into a journal focused on descriptive analyses of digital communication such as JQD:DM or Information, Communication & Society.

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