

## Expression of Feelings: An Analysis of the Psychological Mechanism of Irrational Online Comment-makers (Postprint)

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### Abstract

Certain irrational voices in digital spaces constrain the discursive arena for pluralistic opinions, thereby impeding social integration. This study employs content analysis and interview methodologies to investigate the formation and expression mechanisms of viewpoints among intransigent online opinion leaders, with the psychological mechanisms underlying their persistent belief adherence serving as the primary research focus. The findings indicate that such opinions frequently originate from an affective-cognitive framework grounded in emotion and sentiment, wherein individuals vigorously defend the epistemic validity of their personal feelings and intuitions. Consequently, they articulate these viewpoints online and seek to amplify their discursive influence by forming coalitions with ideologically-aligned individuals.

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