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Resident Sentiment Analysis: Application of Multi-Method Approach

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Abstract

A fundamental argument in tourism planning studies is that collaboration among all tourism stakeholders is a critical determinant of the success and sustainability of the development efforts. Residents in the host community did not receive much attention in the tourism literature until the 1970s when "tourism impact" began to attract interests. Benefits as well as damages brought by tourism have been investigated at the local level where most of the impacts are felt. Extensive studies concerning local residents were thus carried out, almost unanimously aiming at identifying their perceptions and attitudes towards the outcomes caused by tourism development.

Drawing from psychology and marketing literature, the research team proposed the concept of "resident sentiment" to describe local residents' overall perceptions, views, and emotional dispositions underlying their responses to tourism development. While people have their own individual sentiment, they also share certain sentiment (actually a large part) with others. There appears to be at least two levels of sentiment: individual sentiment and public sentiment. Correspondingly, a conceptual model on resident sentiment is structured, and innovative approaches of analyzing mass media/social media sentiment is proposed to generate supplementary insights to traditional survey approach.

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