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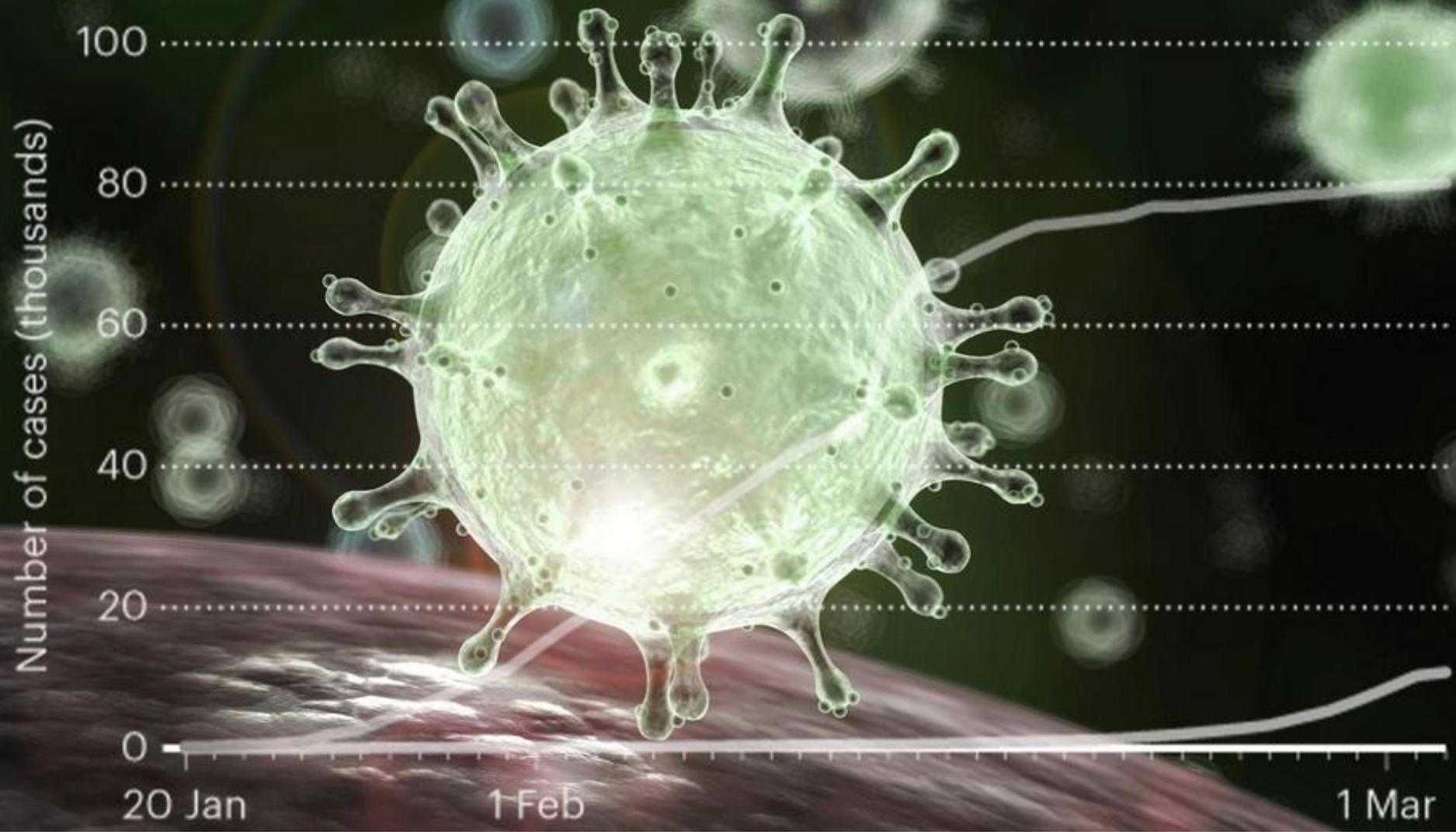
How is Corona being
Perceived and Described?
The Social Impact of the
Virus on Policing

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Coronavirus (Covid-19) police powers

"We're following 'the 4 Es': Engage. Explain. Encourage. Enforce. First we will try to engage with someone, explain how we think they are breaking the rules, and encourage them to change their behaviour to reduce the risk to public safety and health."

<https://www.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/c19/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-police-powers/>



STEINBERG
1959





Bruno
Latour:
Actor-
Network-
Theory

By „actions“ Bruno Latour means „qu'ils modifient d'autres acteurs par une suite de transformations élémentaires dont on peut dresser une liste grâce à un protocole d'expériences. Telle est la définition minimale, laïque, non polémique de ce qui agit.“



Bundesarchiv, Bild 102-91330
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Latour, Bruno (2004): Politiques de la nature. Comment faire entrer les sciences en démocratie? Paris.

"How abundantly do spiritual beings display the powers that belong to them! We look for, but do not see them; we listen for, but do not hear them (...). Yet they cause all the people in the empire to fast and purify themselves, and array themselves in their richest dresses, in order to attend at their sacrifices." Confucius

„Confronted with an external shock, national public authorities have great latitude in framing the nature of the policy problem at stake and the adequate policy responses. This leads policy-makers to sometimes present the crisis as extreme as when the response to COVID-19 was coined “**warfare**” by some leaders (Hungary, France) or explicitly rebuffed this expression (the Netherlands, Germany). This definition of a situation as an exception does not only occur at the symbolic level when a leader addresses the people, but also on a legal and practical basis.” (Egger, Berton, Roché, Aarts 2021)

(<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpos.2021.622069/full>)

„não vai ser gripezinha que vai me derrubar.“



«Nous sommes en guerre. Pas contre une autre nation, mais contre un ennemi invisible et insaisissable.»



„We can beat the chain of transmission if we are a team of five million together.“



„We were looking at a freight train coming across the country. We're now looking at a bullet train.“



Research Question:

Using Actor Network Theory, how can we understand police communication with the public in a pandemic when the primary actant is invisible?