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Potential Effects of Political Participation and Social Media Exposure on
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Abstract

Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) have been given rise to Anti-Extradition Bill (Anti-ELAB) movement since June 2019 (Hong Kong, 2019). The protest has included demonstrations, riots, mass protests, road blocking, and Leg-co storming. This empirical study quantitatively summarized the relationship between psychological, social, and political factors that have affected family cohesion and family conflict. One hundred and twenty-eight participants (62 participants aged 18-25, 66 participants aged 46 or above) completed the questionnaire to examine the effects of age, political participation, and social media exposure on family cohesion and family conflict. Our main model confirmed that political participation and social media exposure were detrimental to family conflict; Moreover, age was the moderator in the positive association between political participation and family conflict in younger participants. Furthermore, supplementary analyses found that the additional moderating effect on age was significantly positive association between social media exposure and family

conflict in younger participants. Our results integrated and extended findings of how various factors were influencing family cohesion and family conflict.