



I HAVE NEVER MET a PhD, MD, 3-Star General, politician or a Chancellor who – though an expert in their own field – did not believe they were also a COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT.

IF WE ARE ALL SUCH GREAT COMMUNICATORS, THEN WHY CAN'T WE MASTER EMAIL?

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STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS Scholars and communication professional have adopted strategic communications as an umbrella term meant to include a variety of communication-relation professions, such as public relations, brand communication, advertising, and more. Although the term is not new, scholars have only recently examined it as a cohesive paradigm. Hallahan et al. (2007) defines strategic communication as "the purposeful use of communication by and organization to fulfill its mission" (p. 3). It is multidisciplinary in that it draws from a variety of methods and subject areas.

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A crisis is defined here as a significant threat to operations that can have negative consequences if not handled properly. In crisis management, the threat is the potential damage a crisis can inflict on an organization, its stakeholders, and an industry. A crisis can create three related threats: (1) public safety, (2) financial loss, and (3) reputation loss.

DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS Communication during and immediately after a disaster situation is an important component of response and recovery, in that it connects affected people, families, and communities with first responders, support systems, and other family members. IF YOU DON'T HANDLE A CRISIS WELL, THEN YOU'LL HAVE A DISASTER ON YOUR HANDS.

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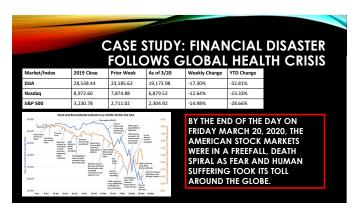
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STAKEHOLDERS & AUDIENCES Audiences are the receivers of messages... Our job as the audience is to observe the performance, not to participate in it. Stakeholders, on the other hand, are groups or individuals who are directly impacted by the decisions and actions of an organization or company.

BEFORE YOU CRAFT ANY MESSAGES... YOU MUST WRITE OUT AND DEFINE YOUR TOP THREE AUDIENCES AND YOUR TOP THREE STAKEHOLDERS. PRIORITIZE ACCORDING TO:

INDIVIDUALS
GROUPS OF PEOPLE
ORGANIZATIONS





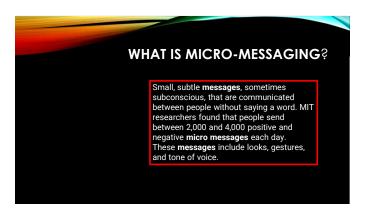






















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