

Appendix

Table A: Questions used for calculating food safety knowledge

No.	Questions	Correct answer
1	The new coronavirus can be eliminated after about 30 minutes of cooking at a high temperature of 56 degrees Celsius	Yes
2	The new coronavirus in food can be eliminated by beer	No
3	Foods containing food additives are not conducive to human health	No
4	Edible oil has no shelf life and can be stored for a long time	No
5	Daily diet should follow the theory of mutual restraint between foods	No
6	Monosodium glutamate is toxic after heating	No
7	Eating canned food leads to premature aging, because a lot of preservatives are added	No
8	Cutting boards for raw and cooked food should be used separately, but used chopsticks and knives need not be separated	No

Table B: Falsification test for the instrumental variable

Variable	Knowledge		Behavior	
	Coef.	Std. Err	Coef.	Std. Err
Learn	2.25 ***	0.06	1.20	0.75
Pandemic	0.38 ***	0.09	2.79 ***	0.97
News1	0.05	0.07	1.81 **	0.78
News2	0.09 **	0.04	1.43 ***	0.41
Control variables	Yes		Yes	
Constant	4.14 ***	0.92	7.50	9.85
F	97.53 ***		6.07 ***	
R ²	0.58		0.07	
Obs.	1373		1373	