

## Factors Influencing the Formation, Continuation, and Dissolution of Marital Relationships in Iran in 2022: A Qualitative Analysis

Masood. Taghadossi<sup>1</sup>, Mohammad Naghi. Farahani<sup>2\*</sup>, Morteza. Manteghi<sup>3</sup>


<sup>1</sup> PhD Student in Psychology, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Kharazmi University, Tehran, Iran

<sup>2</sup> Professor, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Kharazmi University, Tehran, Iran



<sup>3</sup> Assistant Professor, Faculty of Educational Sciences and Psychology, Tehran University, Tehran, Iran

\* Corresponding author email address: fara@khu.ac.ir

### Editor

Azizuddin Khan  
Professor, Psychophysiology  
Laboratory, Department of  
Humanities and Social Sciences  
Indian Institute of Technology  
Bombay, Maharashtra, India  
aziz@hss.iitb.ac.in

### Reviewers

**Reviewer 1:** Ali Khodaei  
Department of Psychology, Faculty of Educational Sciences and Psychology, Payam  
Noor University, Tehran, Iran. Email: alikhodaei@pnu.ac.ir  
**Reviewer 2:** Mohsen Golparvar  
Professor, Department of Psychology, Isfahan Branch (Khorasgan), Islamic Azad  
University, Isfahan, Iran. mgolparvar@khuisf.ac.ir

## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Refine the research objectives in the introduction to specify which aspects of marital relationships are under scrutiny. This specificity will help focus the subsequent analysis and discussions.

Provide more detailed demographic information about the interviewees to allow readers to assess the diversity and applicability of the findings across different subgroups within the Iranian population.

Clarify the theoretical framework guiding the qualitative analysis. Mention any specific theories of marital dynamics that informed the coding scheme and interpretation of the data.

Describe any measures taken to check the validity of the findings, such as member checks or triangulation with other data sources. This is crucial for qualitative research credibility.

Elaborate on how the findings can be specifically applied in practice, particularly in pre-marital and marital counseling contexts in Iran. This section could benefit from more direct suggestions for practitioners.

More explicitly articulate the limitations of the current study and suggest specific areas where future research could continue to explore the dynamics of marital relationships in Iran.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The introduction needs to establish a clearer linkage between the broad implications of marital relationships and the specific research objectives. It would be helpful to articulate more distinctly how this study fills the gaps left by prior research.

Expand the literature review to include recent studies focusing on marital dynamics in contexts similar to Iran to provide a richer backdrop against which the findings can be interpreted.

The description of the Strauss and Corbin approach should include more specifics about how the axial coding was executed and how categories were developed from the codes. This will enhance the replicability of the study.

Increase the depth of analysis by discussing how inter-coder reliability was ensured during the coding process. This is critical for establishing the credibility of qualitative analysis.

The discussion could benefit from a deeper exploration of how the findings relate to existing theories and models of marital relationships. Consider discussing potential contradictions or unique insights that emerge from the data.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.