Prediction and Explanation of the Sense of Happiness and Hope for the Future Based on Parental Attachment Styles

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1.   Round 1

1.1.   Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Please clarify whether the path analysis results are reported and discussed in the article. The current results section does not present any path analysis model or output, which may mislead readers about the methods employed.

This is an important sociocultural observation. You may improve the scientific grounding by citing contemporary regional studies that show declining future orientation or increasing hopelessness among Iranian university students.

Consider rewriting this research question as a formal hypothesis to align better with the predictive design of the study.

Specify the expected effect size, confidence level, and power used in the sample size calculation. This transparency is crucial for replication.

Provide a reference or normative value for the Oxford Happiness Questionnaire to justify this interpretation. What is considered "relatively high"?

Consider reporting confidence intervals for correlation coefficients, which provide more information about the precision of the estimates.

This is an insightful point. Please support it with a relevant reference on attribution styles and attachment theory.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2.   Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

This sentence is more appropriate for the methods section. Consider removing it from the abstract or condensing it to avoid overloading the abstract with technical details.

Strengthen this claim by referencing recent empirical studies that link technological development with decreased interpersonal closeness or social isolation.

The distinction between well-being, mental health, and happiness is conceptually subtle. Consider briefly defining each or citing key distinctions from the literature.

The variance explained by each predictor is not reported. Consider adding semi-partial correlations (sr^2) or squared standardized beta values to indicate unique contributions.

It would be useful to mention these diagnostic checks earlier in the methods section rather than repeating them here.

This is inconsistent with the earlier reporting of $R^2 = .24$. Please verify and align the reported values across sections.

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2.   Revised

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