

# Comparison of the Effectiveness of the Premarital Awareness and Interpersonal Choices Program (PICK) and the SYMBIS Premarital Model on Girls' Attitudes Toward Marriage

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The description of marriage lacks references to contemporary theories and models. Including citations from recent studies on the psychological aspects of marriage would provide a more comprehensive theoretical framework.

While the literature review covers relevant studies, it could be enhanced by discussing any conflicting findings or gaps in the research. This would highlight the necessity of your study more effectively.

The methods section states that participants were selected from 53 volunteers, but it doesn't mention the inclusion and exclusion criteria clearly. Specify these criteria to ensure reproducibility and transparency.

Clarify the randomization process used to assign participants to the three groups. Was it simple randomization, stratified randomization, or another method? Providing this detail is crucial for assessing the study's validity.

The description of the PICK and SYMBIS programs is thorough but could benefit from more specific details about the session content and activities. This would help in understanding how these programs were implemented.

The Attitude Toward Marriage Scale's psychometric properties are described, but additional information on the scale's validation process in different populations would be useful. Consider including data on its cross-cultural validity.

The conclusion reiterates the study's main findings but should also address any unexpected results or anomalies encountered during the research.

Authors revised the manuscript and uploaded the document.

### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The introduction outlines the significance of marriage but could benefit from a more detailed explanation of why comparing the PICK and SYMBIS programs is important. Adding more background on the prevalence and impact of premarital education programs in different cultural contexts would strengthen this section.

Table 1 presents descriptive statistics but lacks a clear interpretation of these results in the text. Explain the significance of these findings in the context of the research questions.

The ANOVA results indicate significant effects, but there is no discussion on the effect sizes reported. Interpret these effect sizes to give readers a sense of the practical significance of your findings.

The discussion section does a good job summarizing the findings but would benefit from a more critical analysis. Discuss potential limitations, such as the generalizability of the findings to other populations or settings.

The implications of the findings are mentioned but could be expanded to include recommendations for future research. Suggest specific areas where further investigation is needed.

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## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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