




Dimensions of Coping in Individuals Facing Long-Term Unemployment

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The statement “long-term unemployment remains a persistent socio-economic challenge...” would be more compelling if contextualized with recent unemployment statistics in Morocco, including trends over the last decade.

The phrase “The present study seeks to build on these insights...” would be stronger if accompanied by a clearly articulated research question or explicit statement of the study’s gap in the literature.

The demographic data are thorough; however, adding socio-economic indicators such as income level, household size, or access to unemployment benefits could contextualize coping strategies more meaningfully.

While the table is well-organized, the conceptual labels for some open codes (e.g., “Keeping a ‘hope diary’”) may require clarification or consolidation for consistency in abstraction level across categories.

The claim “Positive reframing... is consistent with evidence showing that reappraising adverse situations fosters optimism” would be strengthened by adding at least one cross-cultural study outside the student context, given your focus on unemployed adults.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The section discussing “problem-focused strategies... emotion-focused strategies” could be expanded to integrate coping theory frameworks (e.g., Lazarus & Folkman) more explicitly, linking them to the categories later identified in your results.

In “Cultural norms and expectations also play a pivotal role in shaping coping behaviors,” the manuscript could benefit from adding Morocco-specific cultural references, possibly citing Moroccan labor market studies, to strengthen the contextual grounding.

The quote “I tell myself this is just a chapter...” (P9) is illustrative, but the section could benefit from a brief analytical comment linking this to established psychological constructs, such as cognitive reappraisal.

The quote “I started an online French class...” (P14) could be contextualized with labor market data indicating the demand for French proficiency in Morocco to demonstrate practical relevance.

The subtheme “Minimalist Living” is interesting but underexplored. Consider elaborating on whether minimalism was voluntary or forced by economic constraints.

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2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief’s decision: Accepted.