



Ranking the Psychological and Social Components of Life Purpose Formation in Adolescents


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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The paragraph is rich in theoretical context but lacks transitional cohesion. Consider explicitly linking psychosocial stress and identity diffusion to the later discussion on emotional regulation to strengthen conceptual flow.

This is a critical paragraph; however, it blends the dual roles of technology (risk and benefit) without referencing quantitative data. Consider adding brief empirical evidence or prevalence rates to substantiate claims about “emotional instability and reduced goal clarity.”

The method description would be strengthened by identifying the coding approach (inductive vs. deductive) and whether inter-coder reliability was established among researchers.

The rationale for their lower ranking could be expanded. Are these findings potentially affected by adolescents’ developmental focus on autonomy rather than cultural conformity? Clarify whether this interpretation is supported by age-related literature.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

While well-supported, this statement could benefit from citing more recent cross-cultural evidence (post-2023) to emphasize the timeliness of the findings, especially given the study's international focus.

The text lists multiple constructs—identity coherence, motivation, resilience, self-regulation—but does not clarify their interrelationships. Adding a brief conceptual model or diagram illustrating these links would enhance theoretical precision.

While the summary is cohesive, it would benefit from explicitly linking the mixed-method results—i.e., explaining how qualitative insights informed the quantitative ranking interpretation.

The interpretation here relies heavily on Erikson and Marcia but does not consider contemporary identity process models (e.g., Crocetti's dual-cycle model). Integrating such perspectives could strengthen theoretical modernization.

The connection between cognitive maturity and purpose is well-argued but lacks an explanation of cultural moderation. Since data were collected in Mexico, the role of cultural familism should be acknowledged.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.