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The Evolution of Patriarchal Structures in Contemporary Families: **A Qualitative Inquiry**

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Reviewer:

The study intriguingly integrates various perspectives on patriarchal structures from different cultural and socio-economic contexts. However, it could benefit from a more explicit connection between these theoretical frameworks and the study's research questions. Specifically, highlighting how each referenced work contributes to understanding the evolution of patriarchal structures in contemporary families would deepen the reader's comprehension of the study's positioning within existing literature.

The description of the qualitative research design is comprehensive but lacks specific details about how participants' diversity was ensured. Expanding on the purposive sampling strategy, such as the criteria for selecting diverse backgrounds and family structures, would strengthen the study's methodological rigor.

While thematic analysis is appropriately chosen for the study's aims, further elaboration on how themes were derived from the data could enhance transparency. Describing the iterative process of theme development, including examples of initial codes that led to theme formulation, would provide insight into the analysis's depth.

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The role of media and technology is acknowledged but not deeply explored. A dedicated sub-section analyzing specific examples of media's influence on family dynamics and patriarchal structures, including social media trends and digital literacy, could provide contemporary relevance.

The study could benefit from a more explicit comparative analysis between urban and rural participants' experiences. Highlighting these differences could reveal how location and living conditions uniquely impact the perception and evolution of patriarchal structures.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The introduction effectively sets the study's context but could further highlight the significance of exploring patriarchal evolution in contemporary families. A concise overview of how the study addresses gaps in existing research would sharpen its scholarly contribution.

The objectives are broadly stated. A more detailed delineation of the study's aims, perhaps through specific research questions, would clarify the investigation's scope for the reader.

While the participant demographics are provided, insights into how participants' backgrounds (e.g., cultural, socioeconomic) influenced their perceptions and experiences of patriarchal structures would add depth to the findings.

The study touches on various influencing factors of patriarchal evolution. An explicit discussion on intersectionality, considering how factors such as race, class, and sexuality intersect with gender roles within patriarchal structures, could provide a more comprehensive analysis.

The manuscript briefly mentions implications for practitioners. Expanding this section to include specific policy recommendations or intervention strategies targeting the evolution of patriarchal norms could make the study more impactful.

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Editor's decision: Accepted.

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