


# Exploring the Cultural Factors Influencing Parent-Child Communication in Intergenerational Families

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sentence "Understanding the factors influencing these interactions is crucial for promoting healthy family relationships and ensuring effective communication across generations" could benefit from more specificity. Consider briefly mentioning key factors already established in the literature to set up your argument.

The phrase "The study's participants were selected using purposive sampling, ensuring the inclusion of individuals with diverse cultural backgrounds and experiences" needs clarification. It would be helpful to specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria, as well as how cultural diversity was ensured.

The demographic distribution of participants is well-presented, but the article should address whether these demographics influenced the study's findings. For example, did cultural background impact communication patterns significantly? If so, how?

The claim that "many younger participants described digital communication as their primary means of staying connected with family members" could be strengthened by mentioning whether this shift led to positive or negative relational outcomes.

The phrase "many participants noted that their parents preferred indirect or avoidance-based approaches to conflict resolution" lacks specificity. Were there particular cultural contexts where avoidance was more prominent? Were certain family structures more prone to this pattern?

The sentence "Differences in perceptions of privacy often led to conflicts, with older generations perceiving secrecy as a sign of disrespect" should be further explored. How do cultural norms shape these expectations differently across societies?

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The statement "Intergenerational differences in communication styles have been extensively documented, particularly regarding emotional expressiveness and conflict resolution (Zadhasan, 2023)" lacks depth. You should discuss how these differences manifest in specific cultural contexts and cite multiple sources to strengthen the argument.

The sentence "While some families prioritize bilingualism to maintain cultural heritage, linguistic gaps between generations often create misunderstandings and affect emotional closeness (Yang, 2023)" is an important point. However, it would be useful to elaborate on how different cultural groups experience and manage these linguistic gaps.

The sentence "Each interview lasted approximately 45 to 60 minutes and was conducted via video calls to accommodate participants from various locations" raises a concern about the potential impact of video-call interviews on data quality. Were there any limitations, such as non-verbal cues being missed?

The explanation of the thematic analysis process should be expanded. The phrase "The analysis process began with an initial round of open coding, identifying key concepts and recurring patterns in the data" should include more details on the coding framework, inter-rater reliability, and whether any theoretical framework guided the analysis.

The statement "Many participants described their upbringing as one in which parental authority was unquestionable, limiting open dialogue" should be supported with more direct participant quotes to illustrate the depth of these experiences.

The assertion that "younger generations expressed a preference for open emotional discussions, often leading to generational misunderstandings" is important, but it would be beneficial to explore whether this difference is primarily due to cultural upbringing or broader societal changes (e.g., social media, globalization).

The argument that "many collectivist cultures prioritize obedience and authority in family communication" is well-founded but would benefit from additional comparisons with individualistic cultures. How do these contrasts affect intergenerational family dynamics?

The sentence "Bilingualism often served as both a bridge and a barrier, facilitating intergenerational connection while also highlighting linguistic gaps" needs a more detailed discussion of how language proficiency levels affect communication within families.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

## 2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.