





Investigating the Contextual Factors Affecting Gender Roles in Traditional and Modern Families

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The methods section mentions, “A qualitative research design was employed, using semi-structured interviews with 24 participants.” It would be beneficial to explain why 24 participants were considered sufficient beyond theoretical saturation and whether demographic diversity was a consideration.

were recruited “through online platforms,” but there is no mention of whether specific inclusion/exclusion criteria were applied to ensure reliability in self-identification as members of traditional or modern families.

While the article acknowledges that gender roles are shaped by “cultural traditions, economic structures, and sociopolitical influences,” it does not explore how intersectionality (e.g., race, class, and religion) affects gender expectations in different family types.

In Table 1, the subcategory “Parental Expectations” includes “household duties, obedience, caregiving, respect for elders, role modeling.” It is unclear whether these were explicitly mentioned by participants or inferred from prior research. Clarifying the source of themes would improve transparency.

The conclusion states, “Understanding these dynamics can contribute to the development of policies and practices that support gender equity.” However, there is little discussion of specific policy recommendations. Expanding this section would enhance practical relevance.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The study claims to have used Braun and Clarke’s thematic analysis but does not provide sufficient details on how the six-phase process was applied. Including specific examples of coding and theme generation would enhance transparency.

The sentence, “Traditional gender roles have historically been deeply embedded within family structures, particularly in patriarchal societies” is well-supported, but a discussion on cross-cultural differences in patriarchal structures would strengthen the argument.

The findings mention, “Modern families exhibited greater flexibility, with shared financial responsibilities, equal household contributions, and evolving parental attitudes towards gender roles.” A clearer operationalization of “flexibility” in empirical terms would add rigor.

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The findings state, “One male participant expressed, ‘From a young age, I was told that providing for my family would be my responsibility, and that’s how I’ve structured my entire life.’” Including additional quotes from different gender perspectives would provide a more balanced representation.

The study notes that interviews were conducted online but does not discuss whether this mode of communication may have influenced responses, particularly for participants from traditional backgrounds where discussing gender roles might be sensitive.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

2. Revised

Editor’s decision: Accepted.

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