

Identifying Coping Strategies for Managing Intergenerational Tensions in Multigenerational Households


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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The thematic table is comprehensive but could benefit from clearer labeling. Consider adding column headers such as Category, Subcategory, and Examples for readability.

While the discussion effectively ties findings to prior literature, some references are underutilized. For example, Bai et al. (2022) is mentioned in the introduction but not revisited in the discussion. A stronger connection to existing frameworks would enhance credibility.

The study discusses collectivist societies but does not explicitly state whether cultural background influenced coping strategies. Did participants from different cultural backgrounds exhibit distinct coping mechanisms?

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The introduction effectively presents the context of intergenerational tensions, but certain theoretical frameworks (e.g., the family stress model or role strain theory) are not directly engaged. Consider explicitly linking your findings to these models for a stronger theoretical foundation.

The introduction includes multiple citations, but some references lack direct contextualization. For example, “Intergenerational tensions often stem from differences in upbringing, generational values, and life experiences” (Pakbazi et al., 2024) could benefit from a clearer explanation of how Pakbazi et al.'s work supports this claim.

The communication strategies category includes humor and positivity. It would be helpful to clarify whether humor was used intentionally as a strategy or emerged spontaneously as a coping mechanism.

The discussion suggests counseling and policy initiatives but does not detail how interventions could be structured. Adding specific recommendations for practitioners (e.g., family therapy models tailored for multigenerational households) would strengthen the practical impact.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

2. Revised

Editor’s decision: Accepted.

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