

Identifying the Causes of Communication Breakdown in Intercultural Marriages


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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Consider elaborating on how these three themes interact with each other. Does one factor exacerbate another? A clearer explanation would improve coherence.

It would be useful to describe how member checking was conducted. Were participants given transcripts to review, or did they validate themes?

Consider providing a brief explanation of how these themes were prioritized or ranked in terms of impact. Did participants indicate which factor was most significant?

Can you provide an example of a particularly striking case from the interviews? A direct participant quote would strengthen this section.

The findings would be more impactful if linked to an existing conflict resolution framework. For example, does this align with cultural dimensions theories (e.g., Hofstede's model)?

It would be useful to mention if these differences were linked to specific cultural or regional backgrounds.

“The negotiation of cultural identity remains a central challenge in intercultural marriages, requiring ongoing effort and mutual respect from both partners.”

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

While this statement sets the context, it lacks statistical evidence. Adding recent data on the increasing prevalence of intercultural marriages would strengthen the claim.

The introduction would benefit from a clearer problem statement. How prevalent is communication breakdown in intercultural marriages? Are there previous studies quantifying the issue?

This statement is too broad. It would be beneficial to briefly differentiate between spoken language difficulties, nonverbal misinterpretations, and cultural idiomatic expressions.

“These findings align with previous research on intercultural communication, which emphasizes the role of linguistic and cultural barriers in shaping interpersonal interactions.”

While previous research is mentioned, it is unclear how this study extends or challenges existing literature. Highlighting novel contributions would increase the article’s impact.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

2. Revised

Editor’s decision: Accepted.

Editor in Chief’s decision: Accepted.