




Shame as a Mediator Between Gender Norm Conflict and Emotional Distress in Muslim Women

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

This sentence would benefit from specifying which variables—gender norms, shame, emotional distress—are being discussed, for improved reader clarity.

Clarify whether the authors used the full ESS or selected items. If the full scale was used, were any translation or back-translation procedures applied?

While assumptions are well reported, consider stating whether any transformations or imputation methods were applied to deal with missing or non-normal data.

The use of subjective qualifiers like “moderately high” should be supported by comparative norms or cut-off values from the scales used.

Please interpret the practical significance of these beta values—e.g., how meaningful are $\beta = .48$ or $\beta = .24$ in psychological or clinical terms?

The figure is referenced but not visible in the document. Ensure the SEM model diagram is properly inserted with clear labels and standardized notation.

Consider elaborating more on what makes the Ecuadorian context unique—e.g., being both a religious and cultural minority—and how that may have influenced the data.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Consider unpacking what is meant by “socializing force.” Adding an example or citing empirical evidence would ground the concept more firmly.

It would be valuable to clarify whether the term “self-silencing” is being used in a technical sense (e.g., based on Jack’s Silencing the Self theory) and cite accordingly.

While the rationale for the study is clear, consider including a brief hypothesis statement to enhance scientific rigor.

Please elaborate on what specific adaptations were made and whether they were validated through a pilot study or expert review.

Consider referencing how these results differ or align with findings from other non-Muslim or secular populations. This would strengthen the comparative insight.

The claim would be stronger if you explicitly compared your effect sizes to those reported by Mommersteeg et al. (2023) or Amini (2023).

This is a powerful point. It would benefit from referencing sociological theories (e.g., Goffman’s concept of stigma or Foucault’s surveillance) to deepen the analytical frame.

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2. Revised

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