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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">The manuscript addresses a relevant and important topic in the field of education. However, to enhance its scholarly impact, it should consider strengthening its theoretical framework, providing more detailed information about the research methodology and participants, engaging in a more comprehensive discussion, and offering practical recommendations for various stakeholders in education.The title effectively conveys the core focus and research methodology of the study. It specifies the subject (social studies teachers), the context (online blended distance learning), and the research approach (phenomenology). This title provides a clear and concise representation of the study's subject matter and approach, which is essential for drawing the interest of potential readers. It accurately reflects the content and purpose of the research.The abstract provides a good overall picture of the study, but it could benefit from a bit more detail in certain areas to enhance comprehensiveness. For example, it's useful to briefly mention any limitations of the study and describe the participant selection, data collection process, or data analysis methods.While the manuscript follows a suitable structure with distinct subsections, there is potential for improvement in terms of content separation, clarity, and organization within these sections. For example, It might be beneficial to separate the presentation of results (the raw findings) from the discussion of those results (the interpretation and context) into distinct subsections within this section. This separation can improve the clarity of the presentation. Also, Coping Mechanisms of Teachers and Educational Insights sections could be more clearly distinguished in terms of content. They seem to overlap in their focus on how teachers cope with challenges, so it might be helpful to ensure that the content in these sections is distinct and doesn't repeat points unnecessarily. Moreover, while the "Educational Insights" section provides valuable information about what teachers have learned from their experiences, it could be further developed by discussing how these insights can be applied in practice. Adding practical recommendations or implications for teachers or educational institutions could enhance this section's value.Your research study appears to follow a phenomenological approach effectively, as you have conducted interviews and analysed the lived experiences of social studies teachers in the context of online blended learning. To ensure that your phenomenological study is correctly conducted, you should consider the following aspects: Phenomenological Framework: Clearly outline your chosen phenomenological framework or approach. Describe how you're conducting the study, including your data collection and analysis methods. Data Collection: You mentioned conducting in-depth interviews, which is a common data collection method for phenomenological research. It's essential to provide details about the interview process, such as how participants were selected, the structure of the interviews, and the number of interviews conducted. Data Analysis: You've mentioned using Colaizzi's method of phenomenological analysis. It's important to provide more information on how this method was applied, including the steps taken to analyze the data and identify themes. Validation and Reliability: Explain how you ensured the validity and reliability of your findings. This may involve discussing steps taken to verify the credibility of your interpretations and findings.References seem to be recent and sufficient.	<p>Thank you for recognizing the relevant input and content of my paper. I have made considerable changes in the themes that was made, kindly review the attached manuscript. In line with this, I have also added inclusion/exclusion criteria for the participants, as well as I have added relevant information in the METHODS as well.</p>
Minor REVISION comments	The language and English quality of the sections seem reasonably suitable for scholarly	This is noted. Kindly review the attached manuscript.

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1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	communication. The sentence "In the US, the general public held a proactive opinion on online education learning (Asare eta I., 2021)" appears to be repeated in the manuscript, leading to redundancy. To enhance the clarity and conciseness of your writing, you may consider removing one of these instances to avoid unnecessary repetition.	
Optional/General comments		

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
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