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Subject: Operationalization v476

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I have a inquiry regarding the recoding of the variable v476 which refers to the question whether a person would keep it a secret if a family member was diagnosed with TB.

I have reproduced the exact rates reported in various DHS reports by recording entries 8 or 9 to a 0. Setting these to missing values therefore results in rates far higher than those reported in the DHS reports.

My question is what was the reason that entries of 8/9 are recoded to 0. This seems to be uninformative resulting in biased estimates. I cannot find any documentation on this matter and would like to know whether I should cohere to this practice when analyzing the DHS data?

Regards, Ente Rood

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