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Subject: Interpretation of 'Age of sexual partner' variable (v834)

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Dear DHS users,

I am working with the Armenian DHS surveys (DHS6 and DHS7).

I want to quantify the age difference between sexual partners.

I use the time since last sex variable (v527) to filter out individuals that have not been sexually active during the past year.

Then I compute the difference between respondent age (v012) and last sexual partner age (v834a).

I computed this age difference for women (IR) and men (MR) dataset.

My results seems inconsistent. Both women and men report having last sex with an older partner in average.

I wonder if this wierd results not come from a misunderstanding of v834a variable coding.

Here is the description of the variable in DHS recode manual

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Age of sexual partner

BASE: Youth 15-24 who ever had sex.

V834A Last sexual partner

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and in DHS recode map

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V834A Age of most recent partner 46 2 N I 1 0 No No

10:94

95 95+

98 Don't know

(m) 99 Missing

(na) Not applicable

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Does v834a (values btw 10 and 94) represents the raw last sexual partner age?

What 'BASE: Youth 15-24 who ever had sex.' means? Does it requires any adjustment?

Best regards,

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