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Subject: Coding of Frequency Variables

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I am working with a merged data set of 53 DHS surveys for sub-Saharan Africa across time and I am looking to clarify how some of the coding was transformed from the survey format into the recode format. For the variables dealing with the frequency of reading a newspaper, watching TV, and listening to the radio, the frequencies are indicated on surveys as: "ALMOST EVERY DAY

.....1

AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK .....2

LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK .....3

NOT AT ALL.....4"

but they appear in R as 0-3. Has the scale been shifted down one integer and 0=Almost every day or has the scale been flipped to indicate a more intuitive order 0=Not at all?

Does this logic hold for other variables that have been recoded similarly?

Thanks!

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