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Subject: Which wife is the "spouse" for polygynous men in couples data

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I am using Nigeria couples data from 2013.

mv766b=total number of partners in last 12 months, including spouse

mv766a=total number of partners in last 12 months, excluding spouse

When men who practice polygyny respond to this question, is the "spouse" the corresponding woman from the same household that is included in the couples data? For example, what if a "second wife" was at home at the time of the interview and so was the husband. Is she considered "spouse" or is spouse explicated during the interview process to mean 1st wife?

Any assistance is most appreciated.

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