Subject: Labeling mistakes in exposure to mass media variables in Zambia 2007 stata dataset

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I am Yunhee, graduate student of Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.
I have been doing data analysis with Zambia 2007 DHS dataset (stata format) and I wanted to know exposure to mass media among adolescent groups by tabulating such variables (v157,v158, v159). But I found labeling mistakes below and questions/answers seemed to be inconsistent with questions in DHS questionnaires. Could you help me clear about this?

< STATA dataset>
. tab v157

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   frequency of reading |
  newspaper or magazine |      Freq.     Percent       Cum.
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no education, preschool |       883      55.60       55.60
               primary |       233      14.67       70.28
             secondary |       261      16.44       86.71
                higher |       209      13.16       99.87
                     9 |         2       0.13      100.00
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                 Total |     1,588     100.00
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: their answers were recorded as 0,1,2,3,9, which is not consistent with Zambia questionnaire itself and even compared with other countries' dataset.
< DHS questionnaires>
Do you read a newspaper or magazine almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all?
ALMOST EVERY DAY 1
AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK 2
LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK 3
NOT AT ALL 4