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Subject: Third Party Present Measures

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Hello:

I have a question regarding the third party presence variables for a few of the surveys. For Bolivia 2003 (Round 4) there is no "not present" option for the variables v812, v813, v814. They only have the options "yes-listening" and "yes-not listening". Most other surveys for the DHS have the options "no" and "yes", or "no", "yes- listening", and "yes-not listening". The lack of the "no" option makes it seem that there were others present in 100% of interviews for this particular survey. I have also encountered this for Colombia 2004-2005 (Round 4) and Dominican Republic 2002 (Round 4), where the responses for the variables v812, v813, v814 are "yes-not listening" and "yes-listening" but there is no "no " option. How should analysts interpret these cases where there is no "no" option for v812, v813, and v814? I am currently interpreting it as 100% of interviews for this survey had a husband, other men, and adult women (respectively) present. But, this doesn't seem to be plausible.

In a related observation, while looking through the other surveys it appears that El Salvador, Mexico, Tunisia, and Yemen (all years, all rounds) don't have observations for the v812, v813, v814 variables. This isn't necessarily a problem as there isn't a way to make a mistake about it.

Thank you!

### File Attachments

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1) [Strange\\_Observation.png](#), downloaded 118 times

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