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Subject: Re: issue with Husband/partner age

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 27 Sep 2023 13:15:38 GMT

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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

There are probably data quality issues with the woman's report of her husband's age. In the IR61 file I see that the difference ranges from -34 to +68. It's hard to say what combinations are implausible, because there probably are genuine cases of large age differences, although more likely in a positive rather than negative direction. Your checks for education and children ever born are helpful. You could also look at the MR and CR files EXCEPT THAT Egypt has not included interviews with men, so those files do not exist.

Note that the woman may have had an earlier marriage and there may be other wives (see v505).

I suggest that you categorize the age difference so you have open-ended categories for large negative and large positive differences, and in your analysis you comment on the implausibility of the extreme values. I would NOT recommend that you try to adjust or edit the individual values of the husband's age.

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