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Subject: Re: 2015 dataset, female genital cutting  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Since my last response to your questions, I have reached a better understanding of this survey. I had thought that the IQ file was a file of women, but it actually includes men as well as women. Sex is given by the variable "agend". (Maybe you already knew this, but I didn't!)

You can compare attitudes and perceived attitudes for women and men with tables such as the following:

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tab a511 agend [iweight=weight/1000000], col  
tab a511 a512 if agend==1 [iweight=weight/1000000], col  
tab a511 a512 if agend==2 [iweight=weight/1000000], col
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It appears that men are more favorable to FGC than women, but not by a large margin. With these tables you can compare the stated attitude for men with the women's perception of the men's attitude. However, you cannot cross-tabulate those variables because the stated attitude for men comes from the cases with agend=1 and the women's perception of the men's attitude comes from cases with agend=2.

You cannot reliably identify women and men who are partners, and form a couples (CR) file, but I believe you can find other ways to compare women and men in the same household or subpopulation.