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Subject: Help with fertility preference variables v627, v628 and v629 and v613  
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Hi,

Could someone please help me with the following: v627, ideal number of boys and v628, ideal number of girls and v629, ideal number of either sex have an "Other" category, where the respondent has given a non-numeric answer for v613, her ideal number of children. Can I categorise this as having no preference for either the number of children or the sex of her children? Or do I need to treat these values as missing?

Also, as a follow up to that question, if someone has indicated that she would like to have 16 children in variable v613, 8 girls and 8 boys, presumably I ought to include that in my analysis and not treat it as an outlier, is this correct?

Thanks and kind regards

Kathryn

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