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Subject: Strange data from DR Congo survey2013/2014  
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I am currently working with the DR Congo survey data from 2013/2014, and especially the domestic violence module. When I look at the data on the question asking respondent if she has ever been forced to perform unwanted sexual acts (variable coded d125), I find that 690 of totaly 6492 answer yes. Then I look at the variable on age at first forced sexual act (variable d126), and I find that 1685 respondents (out of a total 6501 respondents) provide an answer to that question. I find this strange. When I look at those two variables together, many of those who answered no to the question represented in variable d125 still reports an age for first time they were forced.

I also detect that only those who answered yes on "ever been forced to perform unwanted sexual acts", are the only ones who are also asked who the perpetrator was the first time she was forced (variable d127).

I just want to make sure I use the right variable when I count how many respondents have experienced forced sexual acts, so if you know why this seemingly irregularity between the variables happen, or have any advice on whether I should count the number of respondent providing an age in d126, or just count the number of "yes"-answers in d125.

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