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Subject: Women's Empowerment Values  
Posted by [mwoolf](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2016 13:59:02 GMT  
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Greetings!

I am using DHS data (2010-2014) from Malawi, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe on the two common empowerment indexes: Decision-making and Attitudes towards wife beating and am linking this data to HIV test results.

I use SAS and the response valued in the questionnaires for decision-making (1,2,3, 4, 6, 9) don't match the data I have in SAS. In fact, one of the response values includes "5". I haven't found this answer on the forum yet. Can someone assist so I can make sure I interpret the values correctly?

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Subject: Re: Women's Empowerment Values  
Posted by [Liz-DHS](#) on Tue, 23 Aug 2016 16:30:09 GMT  
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Dear User,

The variables V743A through V743E are the variables on decision making. In Malawi DHS 2015-16 We are dealing with Q921, Q922, Q923, Q924. The responses in these variables are recoded in the recode variable where 2 is now 4, 3 is now 2, 4 is now 5. Here is a little bit of CSPro code to clarify this point.

```
{ Final say on making large household purchases }
box Q923 => V743B;
  1 => 1;    { 1 Respondent }
  2 => 4;    { 2 Husband, partner }
  3 => 2;    { 3 Respondent & husband, partner jointly }
  4 => 5;    { 4 Someone else }
  { 5 => 3;   !! 5 Respondent & someone else jointly }
  6 => 6;    { 6 Other }
  => Q923;
endbox;
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Hope this helps.

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Subject: Re: Women's Empowerment Values  
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Yes, this helps tremendously! I had my percentages flipped between Husband,partner and Respondent&Husband,partner jointly.

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