Subject: Country specific codes for v130 (Religion)
Posted by nagar002 on Thu, 05 Apr 2018 23:40:47 GMT

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Hi all,

I am using DHS surveys pooled together from various countries and phases. I have more than
100 surveys pooled together. After pooling them, the value labels on the codes for the religion
variable (v130) disappear. I understand that v130 codes are country specific. I am trying to look
at each survey separately and recode the v130 in the pooled dataset. Is there a guide/list of
country-specific codes for v130 available somewhere which I can use in my pooled dataset to
identify different religion categories for all countries and years? Thank you. Any help is much
appreciated.

Subject: Re: Country specific codes for v130 (Religion)
Posted by kingx025 on Sun, 22 Apr 2018 00:46:18 GMT

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I suggest that you look at the coding system IPUMS-DHS (available at idhsdata.org) used for the
RELIGION/V130 variable, shown here:
 https://www.idhsdata.org/idhs-action/variables/V130#codes_se ction

IPUMS-DHS uses composite coding to maximize comparability across samples. For example, a
first digit of 2 refers to some form of Christianity, while the later digit preserve additional detail
(such as "Catholicism" or "Seventh Day Adventist"). The IPUMS-DHS database currently covers
117 samples and 28 countries. Perhaps you could make a dataset for analysis through
IPUMS-DHS, saving you the work of recoding the V130 data; just log in with your DHS user name
and password and select the samples and variables you want to analyze.

Alternatively, I could send you or upload the Excel spreadsheet that gives the original codes and
labels for V130 for these 117 samples. Please respond if you would find that helpful.

Miriam King

Subject: Re: Country specific codes for v130 (Religion)
Posted by nagar002 on Sun, 29 Apr 2018 23:54:06 GMT

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Thank you very much for your reply. This is really helpful. If you can upload it, that will be great.
Please let me know.

Neha

Posted by kingx025 on Tue, 10 Jul 2018 01:01:50 GMT
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I hope this works; I've tried to attach the spreadsheet with the original codes and labels for each sample in IPUMS-DHS and the recodes and labels for the RELIGION variable in IPUMS-DHS in the two left-hand columns.

You can get the consistently coded and labeled variable for RELIGION through IPUMS-DHS (www.idhsdata.org). The file that I uploaded shows the original material for each sample (from the original DHS files) that we use as input to make the harmonized variable. Look at the top of each column to identify the samples (country and year) of interest to you.

Miriam King

File Attachments
1) religion_tt.xlsx, downloaded 650 times