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Subject: Wealth Status in the IR file for 2007 BDHS  
Posted by [JesseCosta](#) on Tue, 11 Feb 2020 19:48:28 GMT  
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Hello,

I am using SAS version 9.4 to analyze the 2007 BDHS dataset. I am trying to figure out what the responses for the "wealth status" (variable v190) in the IR file for 2007 BDHS are equal to. I am not sure what the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are categorized once I open the dataset. How can I determine what the values mean?

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Subject: Re: Wealth Status in the IR file for 2007 BDHS  
Posted by [explosionsgap](#) on Mon, 26 Dec 2022 03:10:42 GMT  
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I am attempting to deduce the values of the "wealth status" (variable v190) replies in the 2007 BDHS IR dataset. After opening the dataset, I am still confused as to how to classify the 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Can you tell me what these numbers mean? phrazle

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Subject: Re: Wealth Status in the IR file for 2007 BDHS  
Posted by [Janet-DHS](#) on Thu, 29 Dec 2022 19:49:56 GMT  
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Following is a response from DHS staff member Tom Pullum:

The usual names for this variable are "wealth index" or "wealth quintiles". The index is based on a wide range of household assets, including such characteristics as type of flooring and access to an improved source of water. The labels for categories 1 to 5 are poorest, poorer, middle, richer, and richest, but there are alternative labels. For much more information, visit the following on the DHS website: <https://www.dhsprogram.com/topics/wealth-index/index.cfm> .

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