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Subject: Flag variables

Posted by [nataliet](#) on Wed, 15 Apr 2020 09:56:37 GMT

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Hi,

I am working with the Couple Recode from Angola 2015-2016 and I am not sure how should I work if there is some inconsistency among data. To be specific, what to do with flag variables for example - V227 Flag for last period (V226), even though I am not using variable V226, I would like to ask if I should keep the data if they have some flag or if I should work without them? I am afraid that the data won't be reliable if for example Respondent reported her last period was before her last birth, but she had never given birth.

Could you help me with that please?

Natalie

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Subject: Re: Flag variables

Posted by [Trevor-DHS](#) on Tue, 12 May 2020 02:32:37 GMT

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If you are not using variable V226, you can ignore V227. There are some inconsistencies in the data, but that is the nature of survey data - respondents do not always give consistent answers - however in the aggregate the responses are generally consistent. Flag variables are provided just to aid the user if they are using the variables of interest, but should not be taken as measures of data quality.

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