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Subject: Men and Women's views on household decision making

Posted by [Oratile](#) on Tue, 16 Jun 2020 11:02:03 GMT

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Hi all,

I am looking to compare spouses views on who makes decisions in their households but I am a bit confused by the men's data. In the men's dataset for Zambia, I realised that the label for the decision-making variables says "person who should have greater say on respondent's health care" while the women's dataset says "person who usually decides on respondent's health care". I then thought these were responses to different questions but then when I look at the men's questionnaire, the question is worded like that of the women.

I am therefore wondering if these are just different coding to the same question or if they are actually different.

Thanks in advance

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Subject: Re: Men and Women's views on household decision making

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Thu, 09 Jul 2020 11:58:42 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

As you stated, the question is worded the same way in the women's and men's questionnaires, and the variable labels should be the same. However, there is indeed a discrepancy in the variable labels (V743A-F vs MV743A-F). We will fix this problem on our end, in the new DHS Phase 8 Recode.

Please interpret the responses to those variables, the same way in your analysis.

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