

National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health: Parent Questionnaire, Wave I

Religion & Spirituality

Variable Notes

- 1 Global Recodes: If the respondent provided an answer to a question, the refused variable was recoded as “not refused” regardless of how it was originally marked. Refused responses were originally coded using separate variables. All questions were recoded to incorporate a refusal response code; refusals were assigned “6,” “96,” “996,” or “9996.”²
- 2 Global Recodes: If the response categories in a given question included the option “don’t know,” these responses were recoded “8,” “98,” “998,” or “9998” (don’t know).²
- 3 The preferred respondent for the Parent Questionnaire is the adolescent's mother (or other female head of the household). Upon arrival to the adolescent's household, the interviewers asked to speak with the adolescent's mother. If she did not live in the household with the adolescent, appropriate respondent for the Parent Questionnaire is the first person on the following list who lives with the adolescent: 1) stepmother 2) other female guardian (i.e., legal guardian, grandmother, etc...) 3) father 4) stepfather 5) other male guardian (i.e., legal guardian, grandfather, etc...)¹
- 4 Deleting Blank Questionnaires: Questionnaires where the respondent did not answer all questions or refused to answer all questions were deleted from the dataset.²
- 5 *Section A: Core Questions* , was administered to all parent respondents.
- 6 Questions A22 through A26 in *Section A: Core Questions* are about religion. If the respondent replied with “none” to question A22 (What is your religion?), then the remaining religion questions (A23 - A26) were recoded as “7” (legitimate skip).
- 7 *Section B: Current Spouse or Partner* , is administered to parents who are currently in a relationship. They are:
(1) married and living with the spouse;
(2) married, not living with the spouse, but living in a marriage-like relationship with someone else;
(3) not married, but living in a marriage-like relationship.
Parent respondents who do not fit one of the above criteria are recoded as “7” (legitimate skip) for Section B.
- 8 Where response categories contained very small cell numbers ($n < 10$), these categories were merged with other response categories.²

¹ Add Health FAQ. Questions about Field Work. <http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/faqs/aboutfieldwork/index.html#how-did-the-interviewer>

² Guide to Recoded Variables. Parent Questionnaire Code Book. 1999. Retrieved online at <http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/codebooks/wave1> on August 7th, 2010.

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