I note that the variable labels in wave1 for the variables attackedw\* are inconsistent with what the questionnaire claims to have collected data on.

Table 1.

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|  | **Place Attacked (Tick All that Apply) wave 1, questionnaire grid**  | Data var labels wave 1 (attackedw\*) |
| **1** | At School, college or work | At School, college or work |
| **2** | On Public transport | At college/university  |
| **3** | At or Around a Bus or Train Station  | At work  |
| **4** | In a taxi | On public transport |
| **5** | Public buildings such as shopping centres, shops or pubs | At or Around a Bus or Train Station  |
| **6** | Outside, such as on the street, in parks or sports grounds | In shopping centre |
| **7** | At home  | In cinemas |
| **96** | none of above | none of above |
| **97** | Other places | Other |

Most notably, the q’aire claims to have collected data on whether an attack took place within the home (coded as 7), but i can find no evidence for this variable in the data, rather data variable label for attackedw17 suggest that this variable actually measures being attacked in a cinema.



So, should I believe the variable labels or the questionnaire? This inconsistency is also found for the variables relating to where one was insulted, where one felt unsafe and where one avoided, for wave 1 of the harassment module.

With thanks,

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