**EVS+WVS – Annotated syntax file for applying patches and merging EVS and WVS**

Patches are available only for EVS. Before merging EVS and WVS, you need to apply **PATCH 1** on top of source EVS. Then you are ready to merge both studies. Merge procedure includes another patch, **UNICODE PATCH**. (If, for any reason, you are not going to merge two studies, remember to patch EVS's unicodes manually.)

First, quick view on EVS alerts.

**ZA4804: European Values Study Longitudinal Data File 1981-2008 (EVS 1981-2008)**

Source website: <https://dbk.gesis.org/dbksearch/SDESC2.asp?no=4804>

2011-10-31 a124\_01-a124\_28

Notification - wave 2008: For several countries a deviation in coding the battery´s items was detected. Some countries seem to have asked item by item while others asked the battery as a block.

OUR NOTE: Nothing to do.

2011-12-30 s022

Notification wave 1990: Data included in Longitudinal File for EVS 1990 corresponds to information on fieldwork period as in the study description. Correct data is not yet available in the updated 1990 Integrated Data Set v.3.0.0.

OUR NOTE: Nothing to do.

2011-12-30 s023

Please note: Data inculuded in Longitudinal File for EVS 1990 corresponds to information on fieldwork period as in the study description. Correct data not yet available in the updated 1990 Integrated Data Set v.3.0.0.

OUR NOTE: Nothing to do.

2011-12-30 x011

Please note: Variable x011 ‘How many children do you have - deceased children included’: value 0 ‘No children’ has been generated on basis of variable x011a (EVS 1981: v447: have you had any children (Q264\_1) 1 ‘yes’, 2 ‘no’ and EVS 1999: v298: How many children, including deceased children, have you yourself ever had? (Q91) open-ended question.

OUR NOTE: Nothing to do.

2012-5-22 s017a weight

Notification - wave 2008: Both weights are computed on basis of age and gender. Cases/records with missing values on variable ´year of birth´ and/or gender have got a weight of 0. When applying weights, these cases/records are excluded from analysis, but do remain in the data file.

OUR NOTE: Nothing to do.

2012-9-7 4 wave: x028 x028\_01 x035\_4 x035\_3 x035\_2 x036a x036b x036d x036c

Please download PATCH 1 for error correction in Longitudinal Data File (v2.0.0): ZA4804\_v2-0-0\_2012\_09-12\_patch\_1.sps [ This file is included in ZA4804\_v2-0-0.sav.zip ] Related to EVS 2008: ITALY: In 769 records, variable x028\_01 was coded incorrectly as "3 never had a paid job "instead of "-3 nap". Correction: if value codes “1, 2, 3” in variable x028, code “-3” in x028\_01. After correction: in variables x035\_4 x035\_3 x035\_2 x036a x036b x036d x036c, 275 records are coded as “-3 nap”, instead of 993 records. PORTUGAL: In 730 records, variable x028\_01 is coded incorrectly as "3 never had a paid job", instead of "-3 nap". Correction: if value codes “1, 2, 3” in variable x028, code “-3” in x028\_01. After correction: in variables x035\_4 x035\_3 x035\_2 x036a x036b x036d x036c, 189 records are coded as “-3 nap”, instead of 903 records. GREAT BRITAIN: In 731 records, variable x028\_01 is coded incorrectly as "3 never had a paid job", instead of "-3 nap". Correction: if value codes “1, 2, 3” in variable x028, code “-3” in x028\_01. After correction: in variables x035\_4 x035\_3 x035\_2 x036a x036b x036d x036c 96 records are coded as “-3 nap”, instead of 826 records. SWEDEN: In 741 records, variable x028\_01 is coded incorrectly as "1 employed” or “2 self-employed” instead of "-3 nap". Correction: if value codes “1, 2” in variable x028, code “-3” in x028\_01. After correction in variable x028\_01 “1 employed”=359 records (instead of 965 records), “2 self employed”=23 records (instead of 122 records), “3 never had a paid job”=16 records.

OUR NOTE: Apply the patch on the original file. Save the file and use it in the merge procedure.

**Procedure to create an integrated dataset**

1. Download the EVS and WVS data files

* EVS Longitudinal Data File 1981-2008, study no. ZA4804: release v.2.0.0 as of December 30, 2011: <https://dbk.gesis.org/dbksearch/SDESC2.asp?no=4804>
* World Value Survey official 5 wave aggregate 1981-2008, v.20090914, 2009: <http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/WVSDocumentationWVL.jsp>

1. Apply a patch to ZA4804\_v2-0-0.sav (see above); in fact syntax file has different name: ZA4804\_v2-0-0\_2012\_09-07\_patch\_1.sps; included in ZA4804\_v2-0-0.sav.zip
2. Apply syntax for merging both data files; Syntax Integrated Value Surveys 1981-2008, v.2.0.0, December 30, 2011: <https://info1.gesis.org/dbkedit18/download.asp?id=49440> (access on 7/2015; in 1/2015 access forbidden!); use instead: <https://dbk.gesis.org/dbksearch/file.asp?file=ZA4804_MergeSyntax_EVS-WVS_v2-0-0_update.zip> (access 1/2015) (See published procedure: <http://www.europeanvaluesstudy.eu/frmShowpage?v_page_id=2530093589758535>) (see PDF web snapshot in my repository)