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Gathering and Collecting Data

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Question 1

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Does the DHS program operate in your country? Go to dhsprogram.com and click on "Where We Work" to check! (Note: This problem is not graded.)

☒ a. Yes 


☐ b. No 

Explanation

The purpose of this exercise was to familiarize yourself with the DHS website. The response to this question depends on where you are from and if that county is listed under the "Where We Work" tab. As Professor Duflo mentions, there are very few developing countries that do not have a DHS survey. If you are from United States, you will note that there is not a DHS program. Instead, for household survey data, you should consult the IPUMS website.

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✓ Correct

Question 2

1/1 point (graded)

What is a “back check” (as defined in the lecture)?

- ☐ a. A follow-up survey of the entire original sample that is conducted after a certain period of time has elapsed since the original survey
- ☐ b. A test of a subset of the questions within the survey to make sure that the respondents understand the questions
- ☒ c. A revisit to a subset of the sample that aims to check the quality of the original data collected
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- ☐ d. A survey that is repeated after a certain period of time on a sample that is comparable to the original sample surveyed

Explanation

The purpose of a “back check” is to ensure the quality of the data collected. In a back check, a separate team visits the same household a few weeks after the original team already visited the household. The “back check” team asks the household a subset of the questions originally asked in order make sure that the original team was properly conducting the survey.

Answer choice a refers to a panel or longitudinal survey, which is a follow-up survey of the entire original sample, with the exception of those who cannot be tracked down. Answer choice b refers to piloting a questionnaire, while answer choice d is the definition of a repeated cross-section.

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 Correct (1/1 point)**Question 3**

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True or False: Self-reported data is often much more reliable than administrative data.

☐ a. True☒ b. False **Explanation**

Administrative data, when available, tends to be better than self-reported data since it does not depend on the respondents both accurately remembering or understanding the question correctly. In the segment, Professor Duflo describes this through the example of prices. As she discusses, you can either ask people directly how much they paid for something, or go to the local market and find out the prices. The latter tends to be more accurate than the former.

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