SDA Recode Program  
Help: General / Recoding Rules  8 steps to a successful recode

**NAMEs of the variables**

**Name for the new variable to be created:** v007abc  
1) enter the existing variable name – in this example, v007 for party identification – plus your 3 initials

**Replace that variable, if it already exists?** Yes [ ] No [ ]  
2) leave as NO

**Name(s) of existing variables to use for the recode:**
(Need at least 1 input variable; can use up to 6 variables)  
3) enter the existing variable name – in this example, v007

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**RECODING RULES (See explanation and examples)**

**OUTPUT** 4) NEW Variable  
**VALUES of the input** 5) EXISTING Variables

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**Define MORE output categories (if needed)**

**What to do with unspecified combinations** of input variables (if any):  
Convert them to MD code 6) OK as is  
Assign the value of input variable 1

**OPTIONAL Specifications for the New Variable**

**Label:** Recoded Party Identification  7) enter label for new variable

**Missing-data codes:**

**Minimum valid value:**

**Maximum valid value:**

**Descriptive text:**

**Color coding?** On [ ] Off [ ]

8) click the Start Recoding button