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In Colombia, respondents believe that it is easier for men than women to get a job as a skilled worker and two times easier to run for elected office. Men also have more control over their lives, their finances, and their decision about who to marry.

Nearly 24% of respondents perceive the quality of family planning services as inadequate; 27% believe that women are not safe at home; and 43% believe women are not safe in public spaces.

Two in three respondents perceive that the media in their country (i.e., television, advertisements, or public communications) typically portray women in traditional roles, such as a wife, mother or caregiver, and show men in traditional roles, such as provider for the family, leader or businessman. Half of respondents believe that women call attention to themselves based on how they dress and 1 respondent in 5 believes that it is appropriate for men to discuss a female colleague's appearance at work.

Many respondents believe that greater opportunities for women in business and more access to higher education are significant factors for their country's future success, and 71% of respondents agree that having a paid job is the best way for a woman to be an independent person. However, 33% believe that women should work less and devote more time to caring for their family. Another 16% of respondents believe that a man's job is to earn money while a woman's is to look after the house and the family. Nearly the same proportion also believe that it is natural for men to earn more than women, as they should be the main providers.

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TABLE 1

## Perceptions: Percentage of respondents who agree with the statement

	% FOR MOST WOMEN	% FOR MOST MEN
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to get a quality education	38.3	42.6
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to be hired as skilled workers	25.2	42.8
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to run for elected office	19.2	47.1
In general, it is easy for women/men to buy property in their own name	43.5	58.4
In general, most women /men have control over their decision over who to marry	56.0	61.8
In general, most women/most men have control over their lives	52.5	68.2
In general, most women/most men have control over their personal finances	53.0	70.3

TABLE 2

## Perceptions: Percentage of respondents who agree with each statement

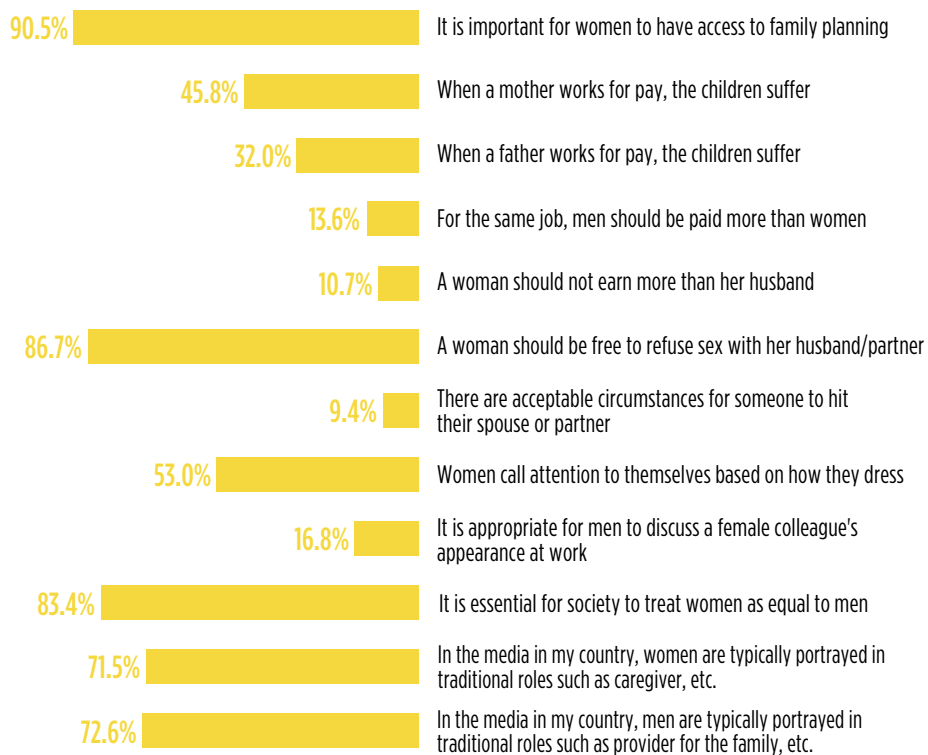
	% POOR/ UNSAFE	% ADEQUATE
In general, the quality of basic health care for women is ....	33.5	42.3
In general, the quality of basic health care for men is ...	30.1	44.9
In general, the quality of basic health care for you is ..	26.6	44.4
The quality of family planning services is ...	23.7	45.8
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in their home (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	26.7	43.3
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in public spaces (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	42.7	36.6

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## Attitudes: Percentage of respondents who agree with each statement



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FIGURE 2



## Future ideal: In your opinion, how important is each of the following to your country's future?

(Completely important + somewhat important)

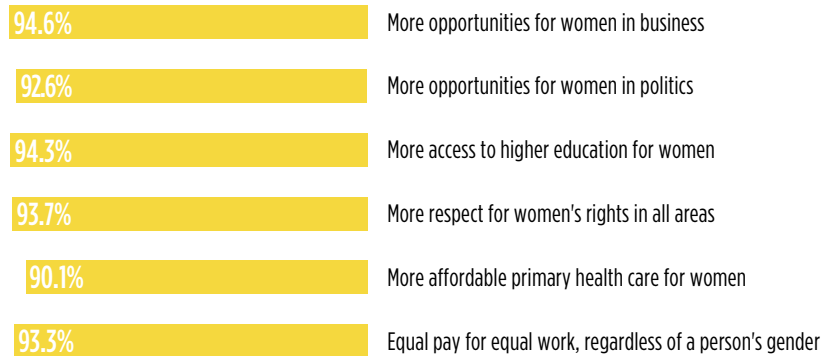


FIGURE 3



## Societal roles and priorities: Percentage of respondents who agree with each statement

