

In France, 91% of respondents believe it is essential for society to treat women and men as equals. Compared to most men, they think it is harder for most women to be hired as skilled workers and to run for elected office. They also believe that most women have less control over their lives, personal finances, and the decision about who to marry.

More than 90% of respondents believe that more respect for women's rights in all areas is important to their country's future success, with 94% agreeing that equal pay for equal work regardless of the person's gender is an important factor. In addition, 84% agree that having a paid job is the best way for a woman to be independent and 92% of respondents believe that women should be free to make choices regarding marriage – if they marry at all and when and whom they marry.

Nevertheless, 24% think that women should work less and devote more time to caring for their family; 16% agree that a man's job is to earn money while a woman's is to look after the household and the family; and 14% think that it is natural for men to earn more than women, as they should be the main providers.

Nearly 6% of respondents believe that most women do not feel safe in their home, and 13% believe that most women do not feel safe in public spaces. Nearly 13% also agree that there are acceptable circumstances for someone to hit their spouse or partner, and 11% disagree that a woman should be free to refuse sex with her husband/partner.

A significant number of respondents believe that women call attention to themselves based on how they dress (65%), and 29% find it appropriate for men to discuss a female colleague's appearance at work. Nearly 60% of respondents agree that media typically portray women in traditional roles, such as wife, mother or caregiver, and 75% think that men are typically portrayed in traditional roles, such as providing for the family, as a leader or as a businessman.

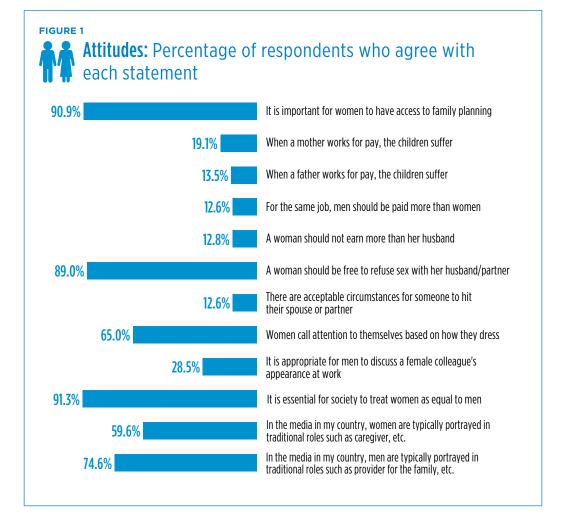
Moreover, nearly 12% agree that it is more important for a boy to get a university education than a girl; nearly 15% agree that when jobs are scarce, men should have more rights to a job than women; and nearly 11% agree that in times of food shortages, priority should be given to men.

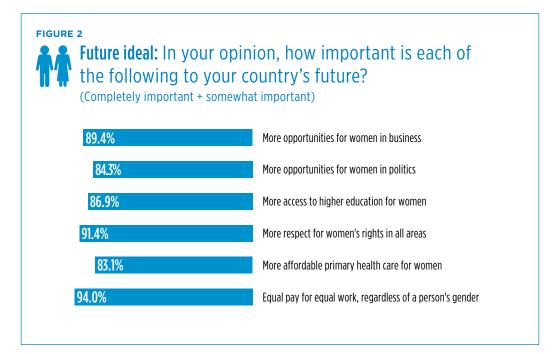
TABLE 1

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	69.6	73.2
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to be hired as skilled workers	51.3	71.1
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to run for elected office	53.7	75.4
In general, it is easy for women/men to buy property in their own name	56.9	70.8
In general, most women/men have control over their decision on who to marry	58.6	63.6
In general, most women/most men have control over their lives	65.6	71.4
In general, most women/most men have control over their personal finances	65.8	72.1

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	2.8	24.1
In general, the quality of basic health care for men is	2.4	23.9
In general, the quality of basic health care for you is	3.2	23.5
The quality of family planning services is	4.0	35.0
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in their home (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	5.9	39.2
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in public spaces (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	12.6	43.2





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

