

In India, 90% of respondents agree that it is essential for society to treat women as equal to men, but more believe that men have greater control over their lives than women. Respondents recognize that it is also harder for women to get a quality education, to access quality health services, to be hired as a skilled worker, to run for elected office, and to buy property in their name.

Most respondents (87%) believe that media typically portray women in traditional roles, such as a wife, mother or caregiver, and 86% believe that men are typically portrayed in traditional roles, such as provider for the family, a leader or businessman. In addition, 68% of respondents believe that children suffer when a mother works for pay, compared to 53% who believe the same when the father works for pay.

Respondents agree that having a paid job is the best way for a woman to be independent (85%). However, most agree that it is more important for a boy to get a university education than a girl (67%), that a man's job is to earn money while a woman's job is to look after the house and the family (79%), and that women should work less and devote more time to caring for their family (84%). Moreover, most respondents believe it is natural for men to earn more than women, as they should be the primary providers (80%). Furthermore, both male and female respondents agree that when jobs and food are scarce, men should have priority (67 and 60%, respectively).

When it comes to certain professions, 75% of respondents believe that men make better business executives; 72% believe men make better political leaders; and 82% agree that service jobs are better suited for women.

Almost half of respondents (44%) agree that there are acceptable circumstances for someone to hit their spouse or partner, which has increased by 5 percentage points compared to 2018. Nearly 1 in 5 respondents disagrees that women should be free to make choices regarding marriage – if they marry at all as well as when and whom they marry, and 1 in 4 disagrees that a woman should be free to refuse sex with her husband/partner. Nearly 59% agree that women call attention to themselves based on how they dress; and 40% agree that it is appropriate for men to discuss a female colleague's appearance at work.

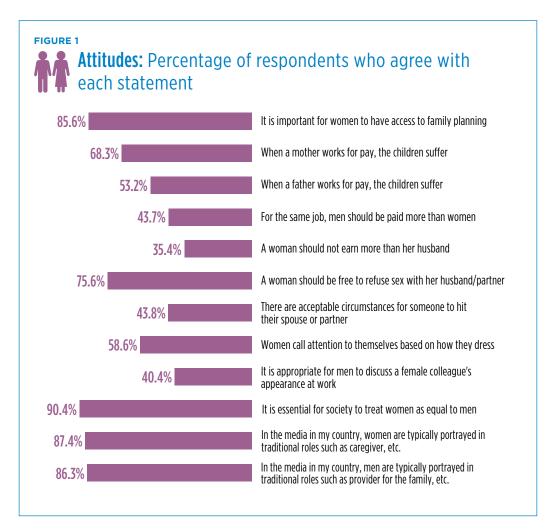
Most respondents identify as significant contributors to the country's future success: women's access to affordable health care and higher education (94%), more respect for their human rights in all areas (93%), and equal pay for equal work (91%). Yet, contradictory to this, 44% of respondents agree that men should be paid more than women for the same job, and 35% agree that a woman should not earn more than her husband.

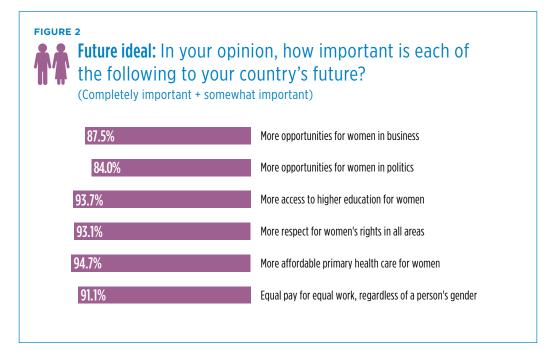
#### TABLE 1

<b>Perceptions:</b> 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	59.6	66.6
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to be hired as skilled workers	34.6	49.7
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to run for elected office	45.8	62.4
In general, it is easy for women/men to buy property in their own name	53.8	63.7
In general, most women/men have control over their decision on who to marry	47.5	63.7
In general, most women/most men have control over their lives	53.2	66.3
In general, most women/most men have control over their personal finances	55.5	63.1

#### TABLE 2

<b>Perceptions:</b> Percentage of respondents who agree with each statement	% POOR/ UNSAFE	% ADEQUATE
In general, the quality of basic health care for women is	9.4	31.8
In general, the quality of basic health care for men is	10.6	31.1
In general, the quality of basic health care for you is	9.6	30.0
The quality of family planning services is	10.6	29.8
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in their home (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	6.2	24.2
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in public spaces (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	17.0	34.4





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

