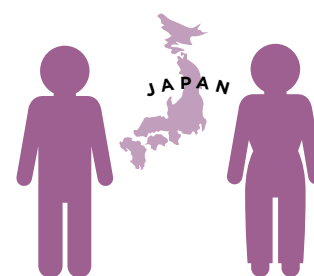


# Japan



In Japan, 3 in 4 respondents believe that it is essential for society to treat women and men as equals, and an equal proportion value gender equality as an ideal for their country's future success.

Family responsibilities continue to be perceived as women's responsibility, with 1 in 4 respondents believing that women should work less and devote more time to caring for their family. Nearly 22% of respondents agree that for the same job men should be paid more than women, and 16% believe that a woman should not earn more than her husband. Respondents think it is easier for men to be hired as skilled workers, run for elected office and buy property in their name.

Just 6% of respondents believe that women do not feel safe at home, and 10% think they are unsafe in public spaces. One respondent in four disagrees that a woman should be free to refuse sex with her husband/partner, and 16% believe that there are acceptable circumstances for someone to hit their spouse or partner. Most respondents agree that women call attention to themselves based on how they dress (60%), and nearly a quarter agree that it is appropriate for men to discuss a female colleague's appearance at work.

More than 60% of respondents think that the media typically portray women and men in traditional roles. One respondent in four believes that it is more important for a boy to get a university education than a girl. Moreover, 30% of respondents agree that a man's job is to earn money while a woman's is to look after the house and the family, and an equal percentage see it is as natural for men to earn more than women, as they should be the primary providers. In addition, 34% agree that men make better business executives than women, and 45% believe that service jobs (i.e., secretarial, administrative, cleaning) are better suited to women.

# Japan

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	43.0	50.7
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to be hired as skilled workers	24.9	49.3
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to run for elected office	17.9	41.9
In general, it is easy for women/men to buy property in their own name	32.2	51.0
In general, most women/men have control over their decision on who to marry	46.7	48.6
In general, most women/most men have control over their lives	45.6	56.2
In general, most women/most men have control over their personal finances	47.1	52.7

TABLE 2

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

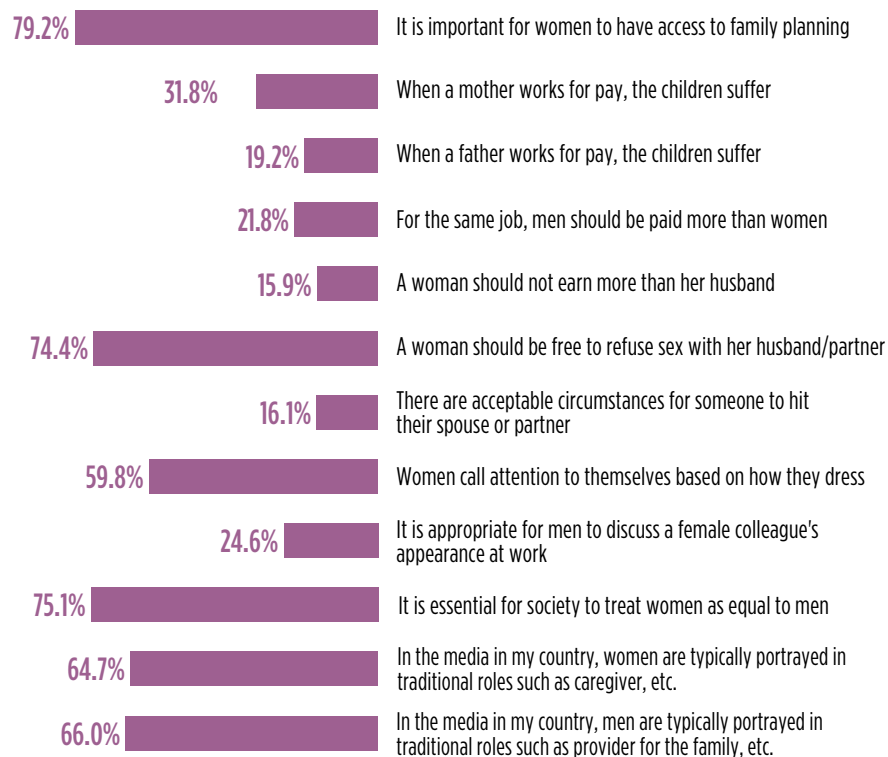
	% POOR/ UNSAFE	% ADEQUATE
In general, the quality of basic health care for women is ....	3.7	48.4
In general, the quality of basic health care for men is ...	2.4	48.0
In general, the quality of basic health care for you is ..	3.6	48.8
The quality of family planning services is ...	16.8	64.3
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in their home (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	5.6	47.9
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in public spaces (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	10.1	48.9

# Japan

FIGURE 1



## 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)

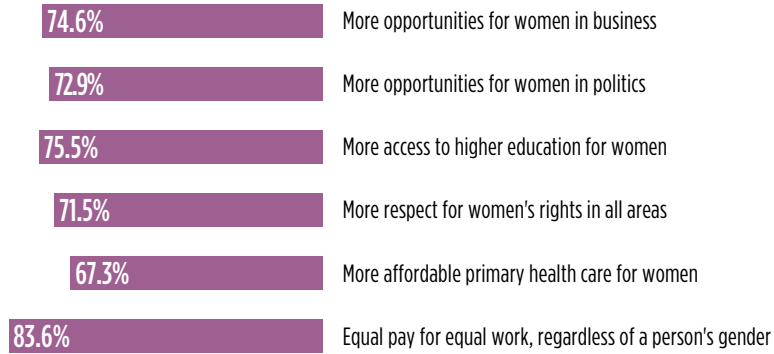


FIGURE 3



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

