

Respondents in the Philippines generally agree that women and men have equal access to quality education and health care services and have a similar level of control over their lives, including over deciding who to marry. Yet, for women it is seen as less easy to be hired as skilled workers or to run for elected office.

Most respondents (89%) believe it is essential for society to treat women as equal to men, yet 42% think it is more important for a boy to get a university education than a girl. Moreover, although 95% of respondents say they believe that equal pay for equal work (regardless of gender) is essential to the country's future success, 26% of respondents agree that for the same job men should be paid more than women and 19% believe that a woman should not earn more than her husband. Moreover, the vast majority (70%) perceive that a man's job is to earn money while a woman's is to look after the house and the family, while 64% believe it is natural for men to earn more than women as they should be the primary providers.

Another 78% of respondents believe that the media typically portray women in traditional roles and 84% believe men are typically portrayed the same way. When it comes to perceptions around the suitability of certain professions, 44% of respondents say men make better executives than women; 55% agree that service jobs are better suited to women; and 54% believe that men make better political leaders.

When it comes to safety, 16% of respondents disagree that a woman should be free to refuse sex with her husband/ partner, and almost 30% agree that there are acceptable circumstances for someone to hit their spouse or partner. In addition, 63% believe that women call attention to themselves based on how they dress, and 40% believe it is appropriate for men to discuss a female colleague's appearance at work.

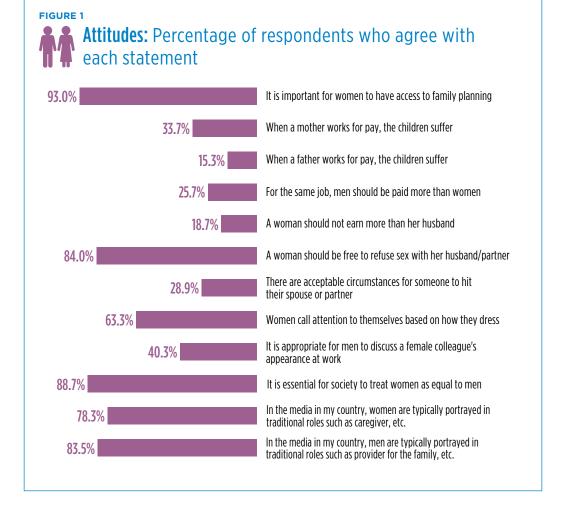
At the same time, there is almost unanimous agreement that more respect for women's rights in all areas is essential to the country's future success. However, in times of scarcity, 45% of respondents agree that men should have more right to a job and 33% agree that men should have priority when it comes to food.

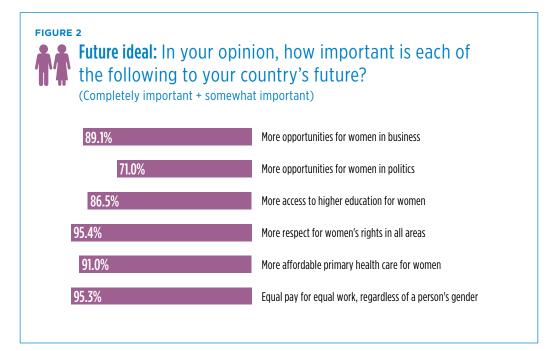
TABLE 1

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	62.4	63.0
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to be hired as skilled workers	52.1	65.9
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to run for elected office	48.9	68.7
In general, it is easy for women/men to buy property in their own name	57.8	65.0
In general, most women/men have control over their decision on who to marry	63.0	70.8
In general, most women/most men have control over their lives	67.7	72.1
In general, most women /most men have control over their personal finances	68.0	68.4

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	6.2	45.5
In general, the quality of basic health care for men is	7.1	46.3
In general, the quality of basic health care for you is	4.9	44.0
The quality of family planning services is	13.4	48.1
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in their home (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	4.1	28.6
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in public spaces (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	11.1	41.4





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