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Respondents in Poland believe it is easier for most men than most women to be skilled workers and to run for elected office. Men are also seen as having more control over their lives, including their finances, and most women are perceived as having less access to quality education and health services. One respondent in four believes that it is more important for a boy to get a university education than a girl.

Most respondents (82%) believe it is essential for society to treat women as equal to men. However, nearly 18% agree that men should be paid more than women for the same job, and that a woman should not earn more than her husband. Moreover, 51% believe that women should work less and devote more time to caring for their family, and roughly 33% of respondents agree that a man's job is to earn money while a woman's is to look after the house and family and that it is natural for men to earn more than women as they should be the main providers. In addition, 38% believe that when a mother works for pay the children suffer, while only 24% believe the same about a working father.

When it comes to women's safety, only 6% of respondents believe women feel unsafe at home or in public, and 83% think a woman should be free to refuse sex with her husband/partner. However, 17% agree that there are acceptable circumstances for someone to hit their spouse or partner. A quarter of respondents believe that the quality of family planning services is poor, yet 83% believe it is important for women to have access to family planning.

Nearly 70% of respondents agree that the media typically portray women in traditional roles – such as a wife, mother or caregiver – while men are often depicted as providing for the family, as leaders or as businessmen. Meanwhile, 78% believe that women call attention to themselves based on how they dress, and 35% agree that it is appropriate for men to discuss a female colleague's appearance at work.

In times of scarcity, 27% believe that men should have more right to a job than women and 21% believe that men should have priority when it comes to food.

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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 | 60.8 | 61.9 |
| In general, it is easy for most women/most men to be hired as skilled workers | 46.2 | 60.8 |
| In general, it is easy for most women/most men to run for elected office | 27.5 | 45.8 |
| In general, it is easy for women/men to buy property in their own name | 53.8 | 61.7 |
| In general, most women/men have control over their decision on who to marry | 71.0 | 69.5 |
| In general, most women/most men have control over their lives | 70.3 | 74.7 |
| In general, most women /most men have control over their personal finances | 65.8 | 74.6 |

TABLE 2

Perceptions: Percentage of respondents who agree with each statement

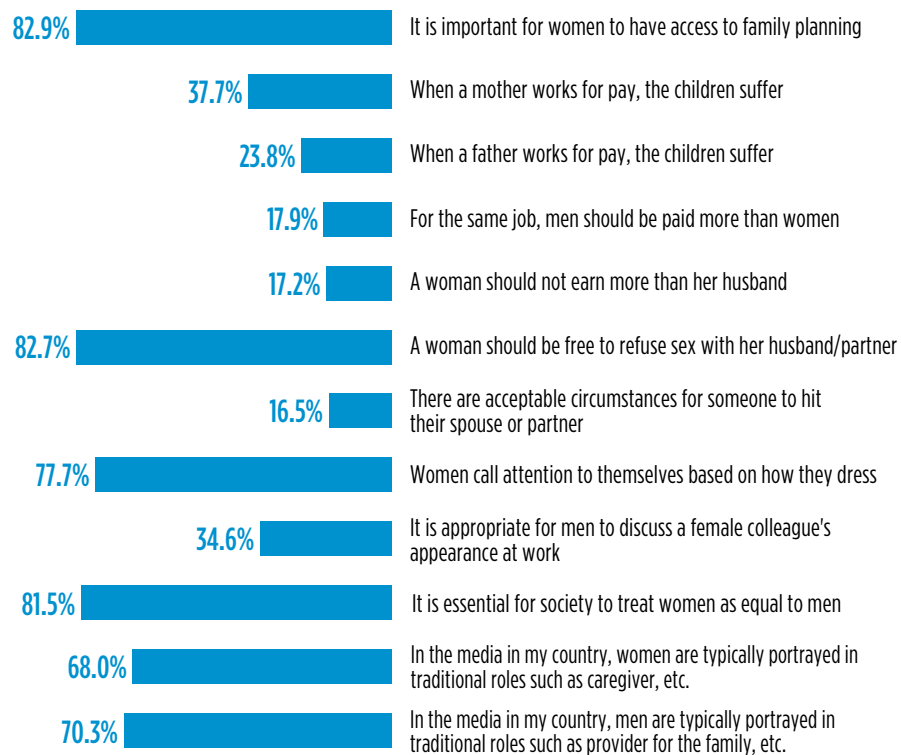
| | % POOR/ UNSAFE | % ADEQUATE |
|--|----------------|------------|
| In general, the quality of basic health care for women is | 21.6 | 42.9 |
| In general, the quality of basic health care for men is ... | 20.8 | 44.6 |
| In general, the quality of basic health care for you is .. | 22.8 | 44.9 |
| The quality of family planning services is ... | 24.5 | 47.4 |
| In general, do most women feel safe when they are in their home (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")? | 6.0 | 38.4 |
| In general, do most women feel safe when they are in public spaces (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")? | 6.6 | 36.9 |

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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)

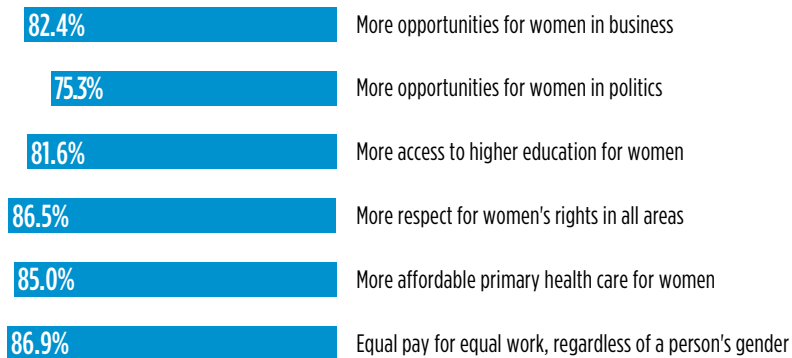


FIGURE 3



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

