

Respondents in Sweden believe women have reasonable control over their lives, decisions over who to marry, and personal finances as well as equal access to quality education and health care services. Despite this, respondents think it is less easy for most women to be hired as skilled workers (60% for women versus 71% for men) or to run for elected office (48% for women versus 61% for men).

Most respondents (87%) agree that it is essential for society to treat women as equal to men and 89% say equal work for equal pay is important for their country's future success. However, nearly 19% of respondents agree that for the same job men should be paid more than women; 20% believe that a woman should not earn more than her husband; and 27% see it as natural for men to earn more as they should be the main providers. In addition, 23% of respondents in Sweden believe that a man's job is to earn money while a woman's is to look after the house and family, and 28% agree that women should work less and devote more time to caring for their family.

Almost 90% of respondents agree that women should be free to make choices regarding marriage – if they marry at all and when and whom they marry – and 90% also believe that women should be free to refuse sex with their husband/partner. Yet 20% of respondents think there are acceptable circumstances for someone to hit their spouse or partner, a rate that has increased by 6 percentage points since 2018.

In addition, 24% think it is appropriate for men to discuss a female colleague's appearance at work, and more than 60% agree that women call attention to themselves based on how they dress. Half of respondents (51%) agree that women are typically portrayed in traditional roles in the media – as a wife, mother or caregiver – and even more respondents (60%) agree that men are portrayed in traditional male roles – such as providers for the family, leaders or businessmen.

Despite progress on gender equality, 1 respondent in 5 does not value the importance of ensuring equal conditions and opportunities for women across all areas for their country's future success. In times of scarcity, 21% believe men should have more rights to a job than women and more than 17% believe 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	70.0	73.7
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to be hired as skilled workers	59.9	71.0
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to run for elected office	48.0	60.5
In general, it is easy for women/men to buy property in their own name	61.0	66.7
In general, most women/men have control over their decision on who to marry	70.3	70.3
In general, most women/most men have control over their lives	69.4	75.0
In general, most women /most men have control over their personal finances	68.1	71.8

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	8.3	29.3
In general, the quality of basic health care for men is	6.8	29.4
In general, the quality of basic health care for you is	10.7	29.6
The quality of family planning services is	6.6	43.5
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in their home (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	7.8	38.6
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in public spaces (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	14.5	35.4

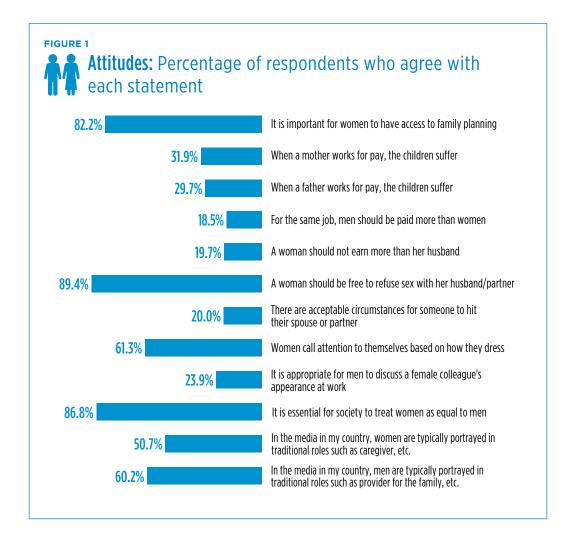


FIGURE 2 Future ideal: In your opinion, how important is each of the following to your country's future? (Completely important + somewhat important) 82.1% More opportunities for women in business 82.3% More opportunities for women in politics 79.3% More access to higher education for women 86.6% More respect for women's rights in all areas 77.0% More affordable primary health care for women 89.0% Equal pay for equal work, regardless of a person's gender

