

Respondents in Viet Nam believe it is essential for society to treat women as equal to men and that equal access to opportunities for women and men is necessary for their country's success. They believe that women and men have similar access to quality education and health care, access to skilled work, and have similar levels of control over their lives. Yet, it is seen as far easier for men than women to run for elected office (49 versus 62%, respectively).

Respondents agree that women should be free to make choices regarding marriage – if they marry at all and when and whom they marry. They perceive that most women feel safe at home and in public spaces. However, 1 respondent in 5 disagrees that a woman should be free to refuse sex with her husband/partner. An overwhelming 92% agree that women call attention to themselves based on how they dress and 37% believe that it is appropriate for men to discuss a female colleague's appearance at work.

The majority of respondents agree that women (79%) and men (84%) are portrayed in traditional roles in the media. Respondents also largely agree (64%) that a man's job is to earn money while a woman's is to look after the house and the family. Another 77% believe that women should work less and devote more time to caring for their family, and 75% agree that it is natural for men to earn more than women, as they should be the primary providers.

Despite 93% of respondents agreeing that equal pay for equal work is important for their country's future success, 38% of respondents also believe that men should be paid more than women for the same job, and 31% believe that a woman should not earn more than her husband. Another 31% of respondents believe it is more important for a boy to get a university education than for a girl. Furthermore, when it comes to certain professions, 55% of respondents believe that men make better business executives; 60% believe men make better politicians; and 66% agree that service jobs are better suited for women.

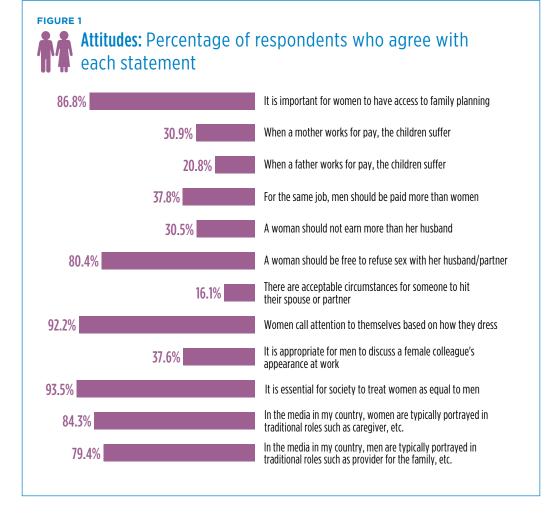
When asked about times of scarcity, 49% agree that men should have priority over women when it comes to jobs and 26% agree that men should have priority when it comes to food.

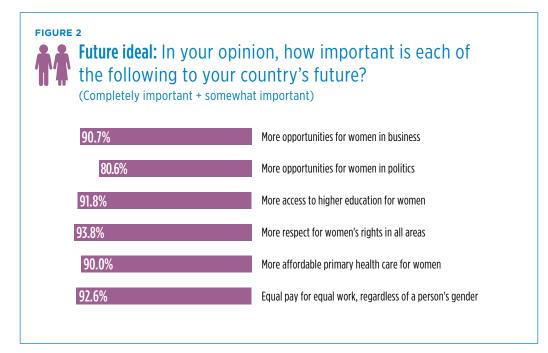
TABLE 1

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	64.2	66.0
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to be hired as skilled workers	65.7	69.7
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to run for elected office	48.7	61.8
In general, it is easy for women/men to buy property in their own name	74.7	79.7
In general, most women/men have control over their decision on who to marry	66.5	72.8
In general, most women/most men have control over their lives	67.1	75.2
In general, most women/most men have control over their personal finances	74.8	71.4

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	4.6	34.0
In general, the quality of basic health care for men is	5.3	37.6
In general, the quality of basic health care for you is	3.7	33.8
The quality of family planning services is	3.1	32.3
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in their home (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	2.4	25.8
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in public spaces (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	5.7	34.2





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

