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In Brazil, 86% of respondents believe it is essential for society to treat women and men as equals. However, they perceive that it is currently easier for most men than women to be hired as skilled workers, to run for elected office, and to buy property in their name. Similarly, most men are seen to have more control over their lives and personal finances than women.

Nearly 70% of respondents agree that in the media, women are typically portrayed in traditional roles, such as a wife, mother or caregiver, and 72% believe that men are typically portrayed in traditional roles, such as the provider for the family, a leader or a businessman.

More than 40% of respondents find the quality of family planning services inadequate. Almost 40% of women feel unsafe at home, and more than 50% feel unsafe in public spaces, which is considerably higher than the 20-country average.

Nearly 10% of respondents do not agree that women should be free to refuse sex with their husband/partner and 10% also agree that there are acceptable circumstances for someone to hit their spouse/partner. Most respondents agree that women should be free to make choices regarding marriage – if they marry at all and when and whom they marry.

When it comes to paid work, 80% of respondents agree that having a paid job is the best way for a woman to be an independent person, yet 37% believe that women should work less and devote more time to caring for their family, and 19% agree that a man's job is to earn money and a woman's job is to look after the house and the family. More than 50% of respondents believe that children suffer when the mother works for pay, while only 30% believe children suffer when the father works for pay.

Respect for women's rights in all areas, equal pay for equal work regardless of a person's gender, and more affordable primary health care for women are believed to be significant factors for the future success of the country.

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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	31.2	33.2
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to be hired as skilled workers	21.5	33.6
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to run for elected office	25.0	59.3
In general, it is easy for women/men to buy property in their own name	23.6	46.2
In general, most women/men have control over their decision on who to marry	50.8	54.4
In general, most women/most men have control over their lives	49.6	67.1
In general, most women/most men have control over their personal finances	38.4	53.3

TABLE 2

Perceptions: Percentage of respondents who agree with each statement

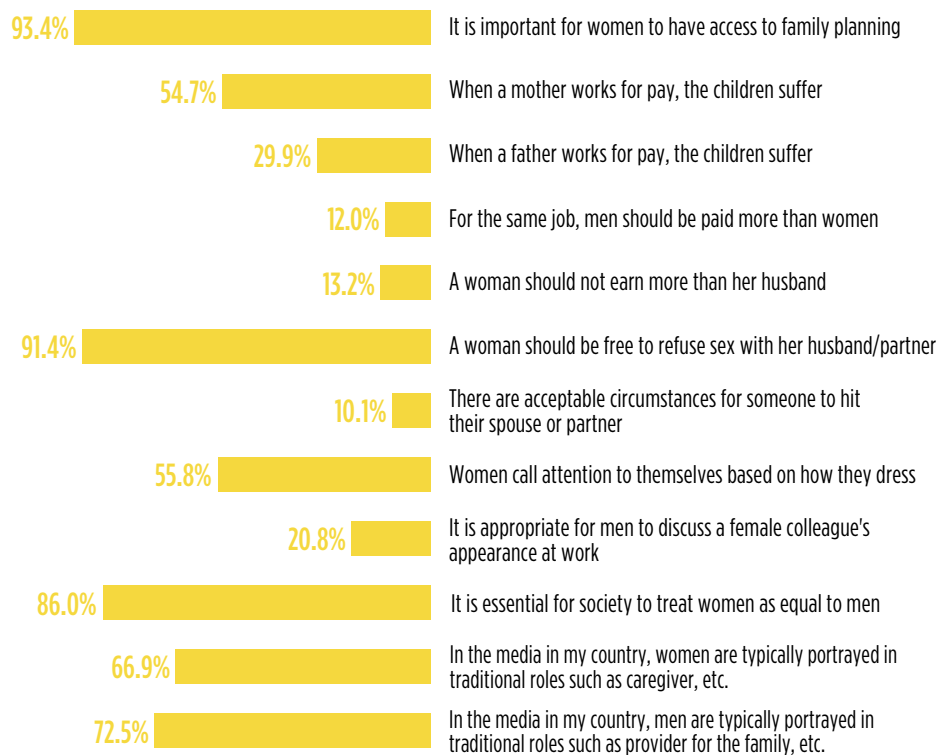
	% POOR/ UNSAFE	% ADEQUATE
In general, the quality of basic health care for women is	44.1	39.0
In general, the quality of basic health care for men is ...	39.9	44.6
In general, the quality of basic health care for you is ..	37.8	43.8
The quality of family planning services is ...	42.6	44.5
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in their home (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	38.5	45.6
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in public spaces (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	50.8	36.8

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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

