

# United Arab Emirates



Respondents in the UAE perceive that women and men have equal access to quality education and basic health care. Men are perceived as having an advantage in being hired as skilled workers or running for elected office and are seen as having significantly more control over their lives, decisions about who to marry and over their personal finances.

While most respondents (85%) believe that it is essential for society to treat women as equal to men, women are perceived to have a much higher responsibility for the home. More than 60% of respondents believe it is natural for men to earn more than women, as they should be the primary providers, and that women should work less and devote more time to caring for their family. Meanwhile, 54% of respondents believe a man's job is to earn money while a woman's is to look after the house and the family; 33% feel that men should be paid more than women for the same job; and 25% agree that a woman should not earn more than her husband.

Most respondents (91%) believe it is essential for women to have access to family planning. Moreover, 2 in 3 respondents think a woman should be free to refuse sex with her husband/partner. Yet, 1 respondent in 4 agrees that there are acceptable circumstances for someone to hit their spouse or partner. At the same time, almost no respondents believe women feel unsafe at home or in public spaces.

Almost half of respondents agree that women call attention to themselves based on how they dress. Moreover, 3 in 4 respondents agree that in the media, women are typically portrayed in traditional roles – as a wife, mother or caregiver – while men are generally portrayed as providing for the family, as leaders or as businessmen.

In terms of their country's future success, respondents prioritize more respect for women's rights in all areas, more affordable primary health care for women, equal pay for equal work regardless of a person's gender, and women's greater access to university education. Yet, 30% of respondents believe it is more important for a boy to get a university education than a girl.

In times of scarcity, most respondents (56%) agree that men should have more right to a job than women, and 30% agree that during food shortages priority should be given to men.

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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	83.8	85.3
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to be hired as skilled workers	67.8	78.8
In general, it is easy for most women/most men to run for elected office	62.9	78.8
In general, it is easy for women/men to buy property in their own name	68.1	82.3
In general, most women/men have control over their decision on who to marry	70.3	85.0
In general, most women/most men have control over their lives	75.7	87.7
In general, most women /most men have control over their personal finances	76.2	87.7

TABLE 2

## Perceptions: Percentage of respondents who agree with each statement

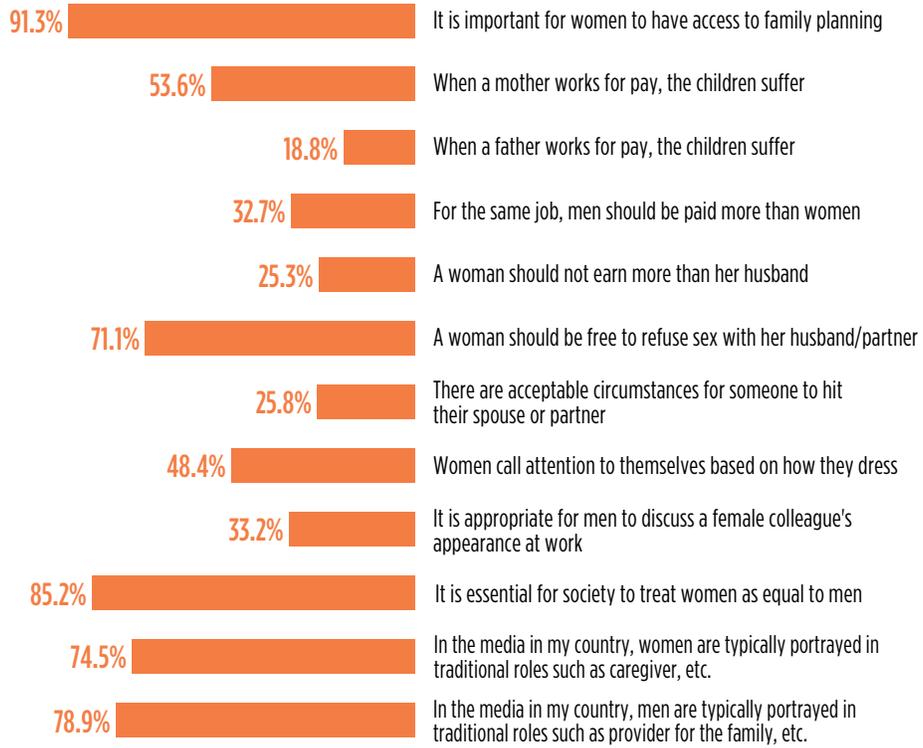
	% POOR/ UNSAFE	% ADEQUATE
In general, the quality of basic health care for women is ....	1.5	11.0
In general, the quality of basic health care for men is ...	1.1	12.4
In general, the quality of basic health care for you is ..	1.4	12.4
The quality of family planning services is ...	2.0	25.1
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in their home (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	1.1	8.5
In general, do most women feel safe when they are in public spaces (by safe, we mean "free from physical, mental, or emotional harm")?	0.9	7.1

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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)

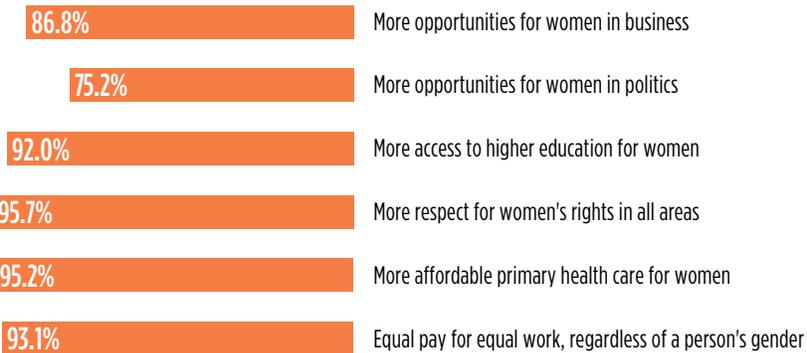


FIGURE 3



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

