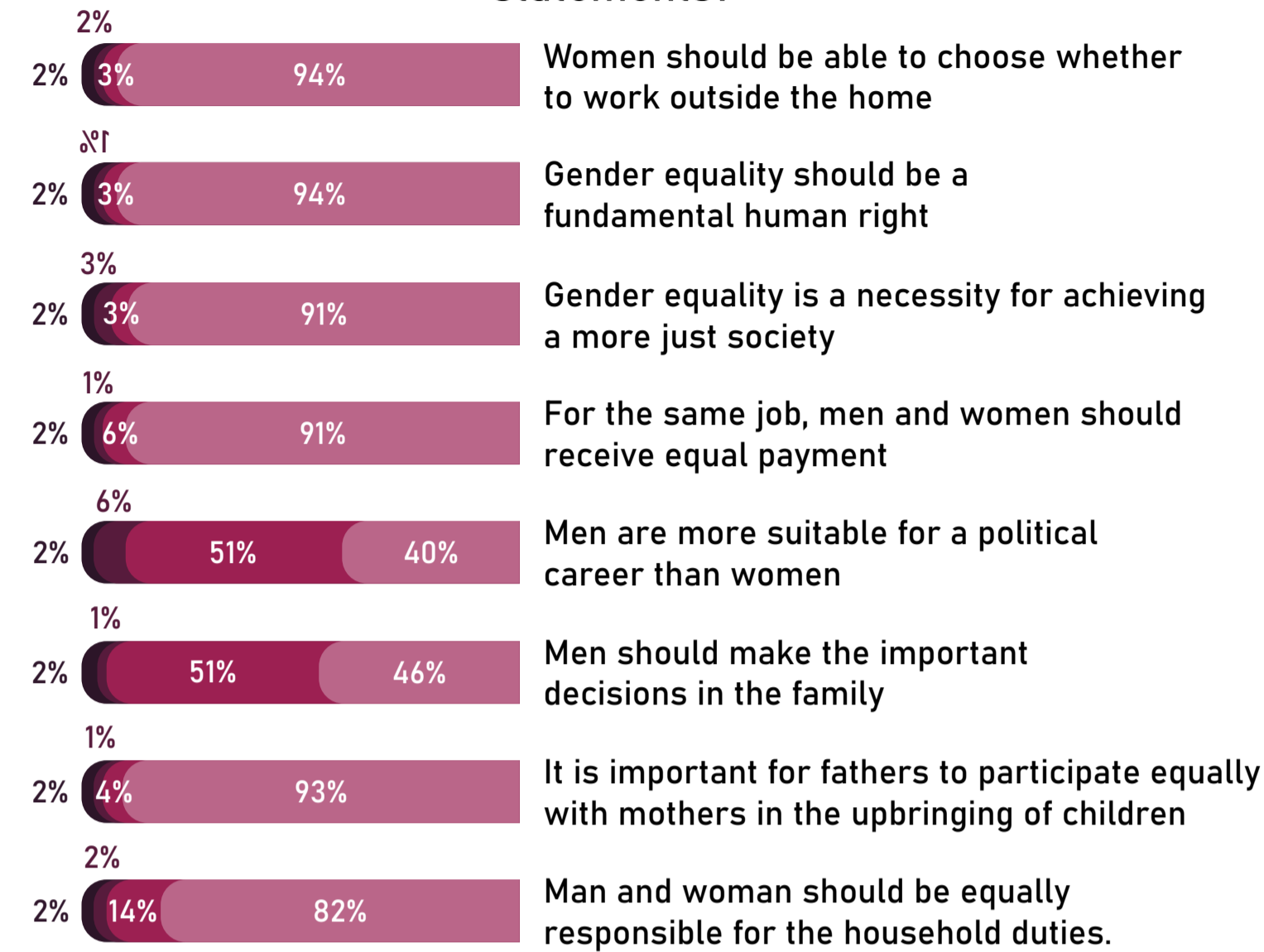


The Place of Women in the Modern World

The Bulgarian attitude towards gender equality

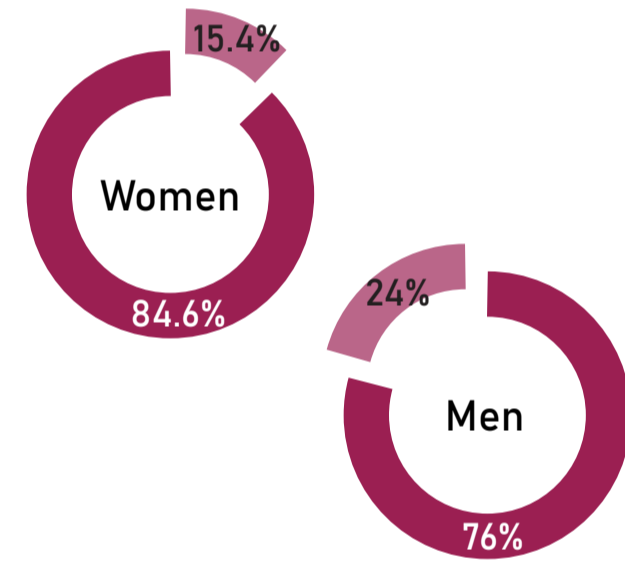
Gender Equality

How much do you agree with the following statements?



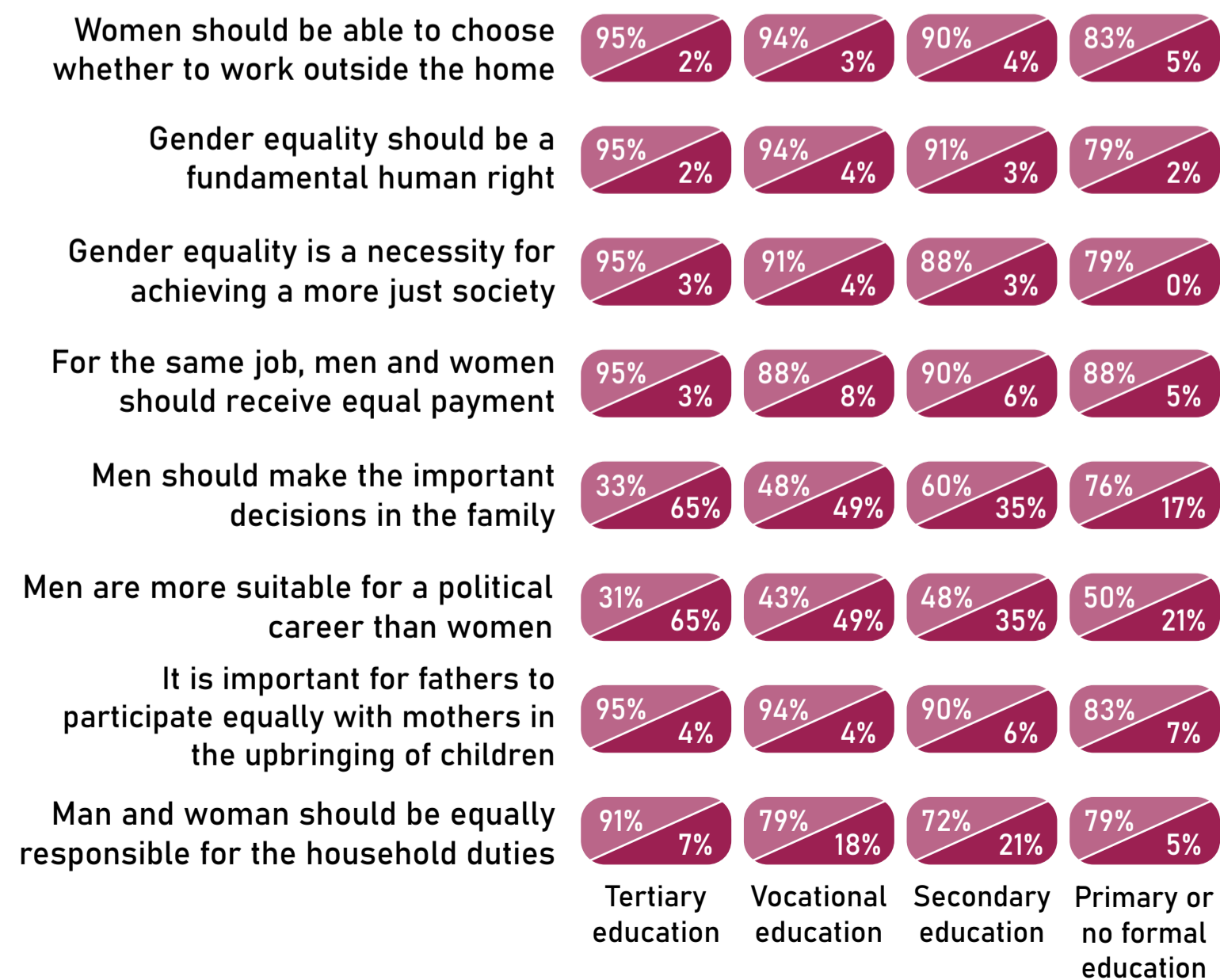
Results based on Gender

There is no significant difference in the opinions of both genders regarding abstract statements about the acceptance of gender equality. Representatives of both genders express the same level of approval towards statements that men and women should be treated equally, that this is a fundamental right, that they should receive equal pay, and should be able to choose whether to work outside the home or not.



Results based on Level of Education

There is a gradual decrease in the proportion of those who agree with statements about the importance of equality between men and women as the level of education of the respondents decreases. While there are no drastic differences, differences of about 10 percentages can still be observed between those who support these statements and have higher education and those who support them and have primary or lower education.



Introduction

Gender equality is a widely discussed topic worldwide. Numerous studies have been conducted to gather statistical information on the subject in order to understand people's opinions. The Justice and Fundamental Rights section of the European Commission states that gender equality involves "promoting equal economic independence for women and men, ending the gender pay gap, achieving gender balance in the process of making decisions, ending gender-based violence, and promoting gender equality beyond the European Union." Although the topic is indispensable for every society, in Bulgaria it has remained in the background as if it is a taboo topic and the Bulgarian opinion on the issue related to gender equality and violence against women is not so clear.

Goal & Aim

The goal of this project is to present the issue of gender equality and demonstrate what exactly is the place of women in the modern world according to Bulgarian citizens. The given research also addresses the topic of various forms of violence against women while presenting the opinion of the Bulgarian society on the given issue.

Legend

The following color legend describes the presented results for each of the charts and diagrams:

- Expressing agreement
- Expressing disagreement
- Cannot assess
- Abstention

Summary Results

The vast majority of Bulgarian citizens support gender equality and consider various forms of violence against women - verbal, physical, and emotional - unacceptable. Over 90% of those surveyed consider gender equality a fundamental human right, believe it to be a necessary condition for achieving a more just society, and agree that men and women should receive equal payment for the same job. Over 85% of respondents state that it is unacceptable to make unwanted sexual advances towards women, for a man to determine with whom a woman is appropriate to meet, and for a woman to be hit if she has provoked the man in any way.

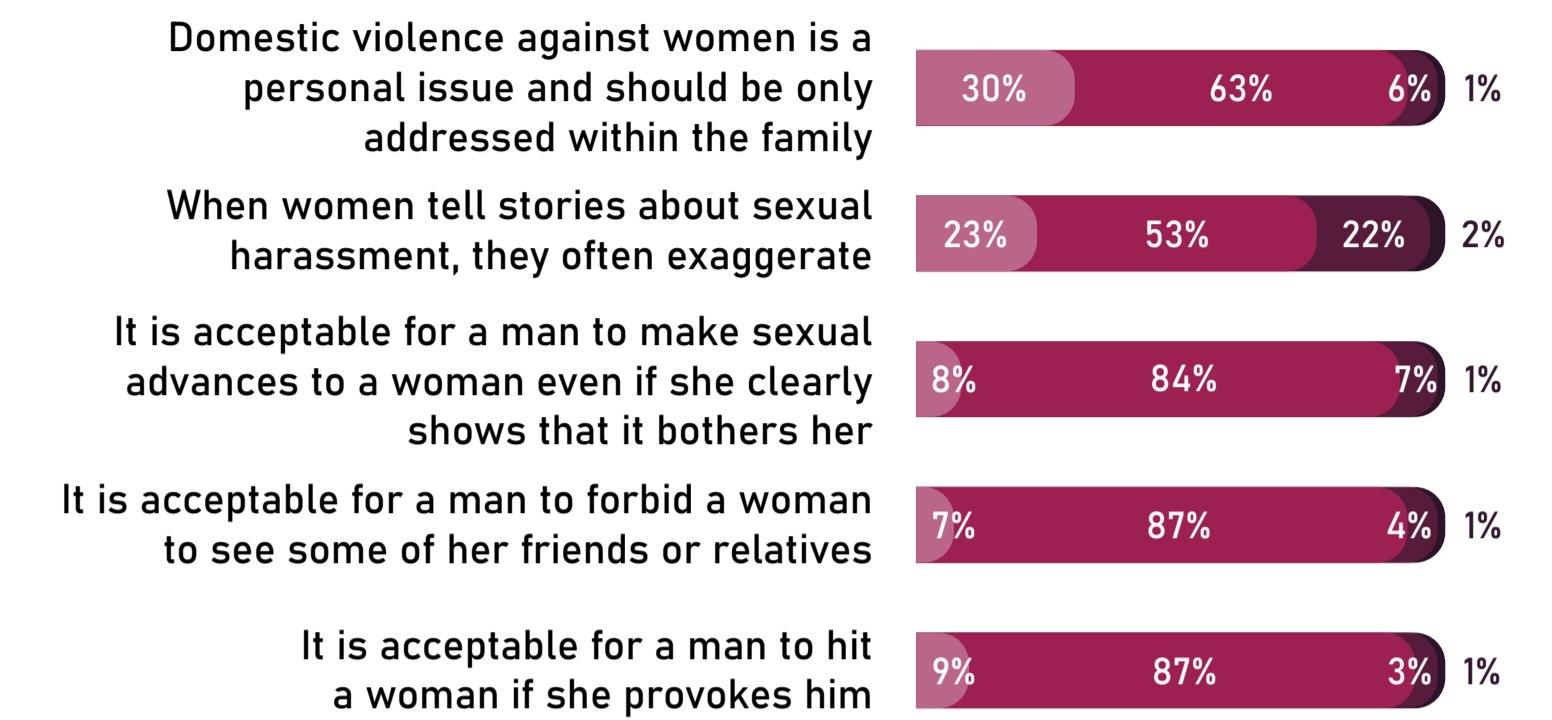
However, certain stereotypes remain widely prevalent: those who agree and disagree with the statements that men are more suitable for a political career than women, and that men should make the fundamental decisions at home, are almost evenly distributed. One-third of surveyed people believe that domestic violence is a personal problem that should be addressed within the family; one in four people think that women exaggerate when they complain about sexual harassment, and approximately one in ten people believe that it is acceptable for a man to hit a woman if she provokes him.

Gender, education, and age of respondents influence their attitudes: men, people with lower levels of education, and older people are more likely to accept different forms of violence against women and support gender equality to a lesser extent.

There is a correlation between attitudes towards gender equality and the tendency to justify acts of violence against women. People who are more likely to consider violence against women as normal are less likely to support gender equality.

Domestic Violence

How much do you agree with the following statements?



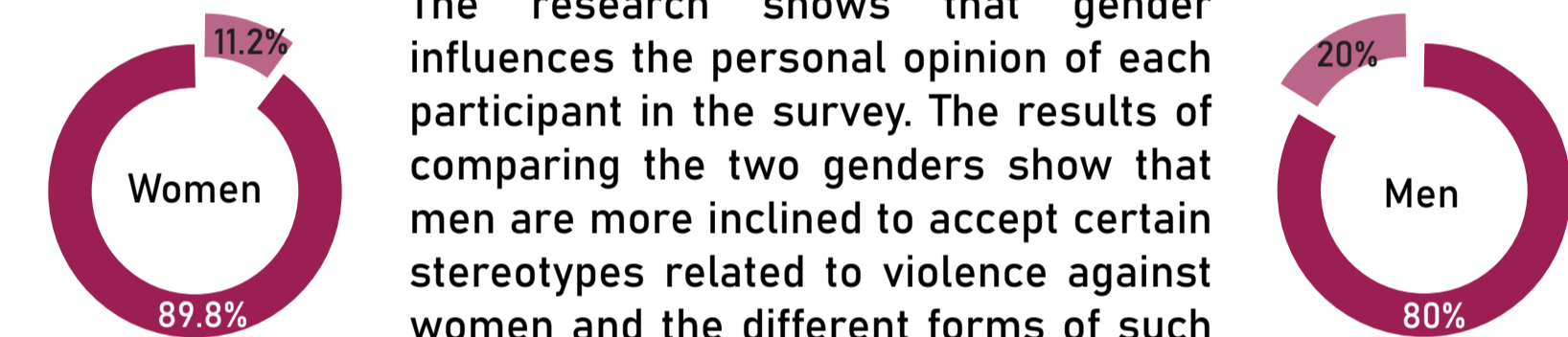
Results based on Age Groups

Regardless of their age, most people do not find it acceptable to use physical, verbal, or mental aggression against women.

The conclusion that can be drawn from the analysis of the data is that age influences the presence of a sense of social responsibility towards acts of violence against women - older people are more likely to accept that this is a personal problem that, if not in their own home, does not directly affect them.

Results based on Gender

The research shows that gender influences the personal opinion of each participant in the survey. The results of comparing the two genders show that men are more inclined to accept certain stereotypes related to violence against women and the different forms of such violence.



Results based on Level of Education

Globally, studies indicate that people with lower levels of education are more likely to commit acts of violence against women, respectively lower-educated women become more frequent victims. According to the data from the research, education is a factor in Bulgaria leading to significant differences in the degree of acceptance of stereotypes about violence against women.

