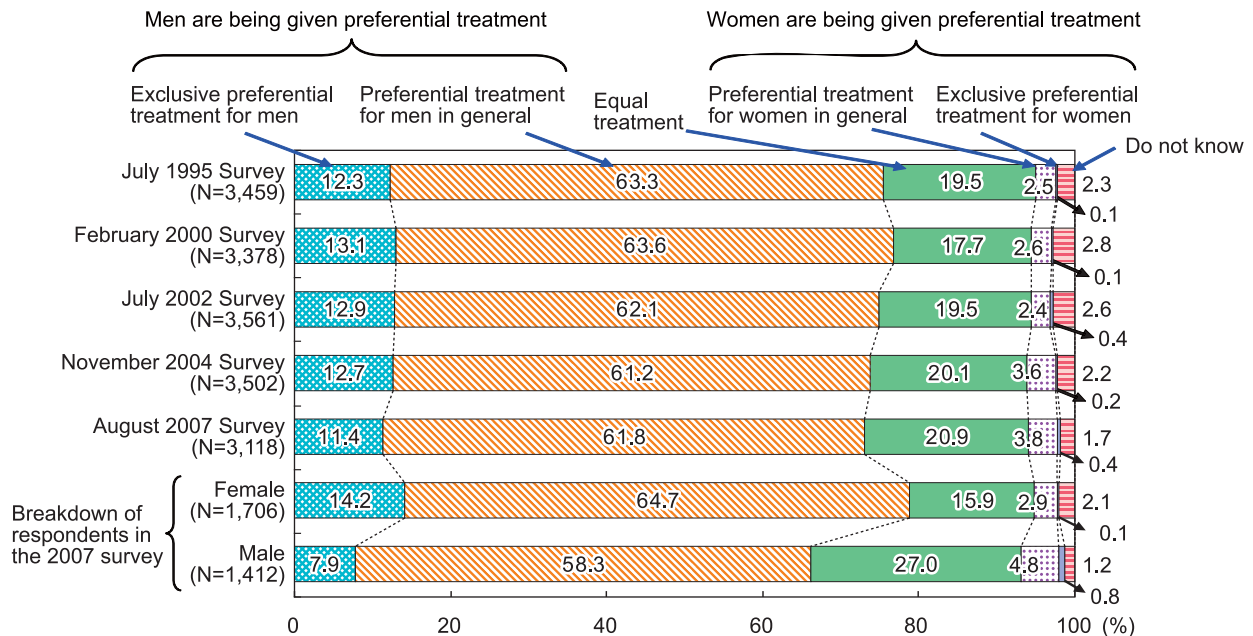


8. Perceptions of Gender Equality

Feeling of Equality in Terms of the Status of Men and Women throughout the Entire Society

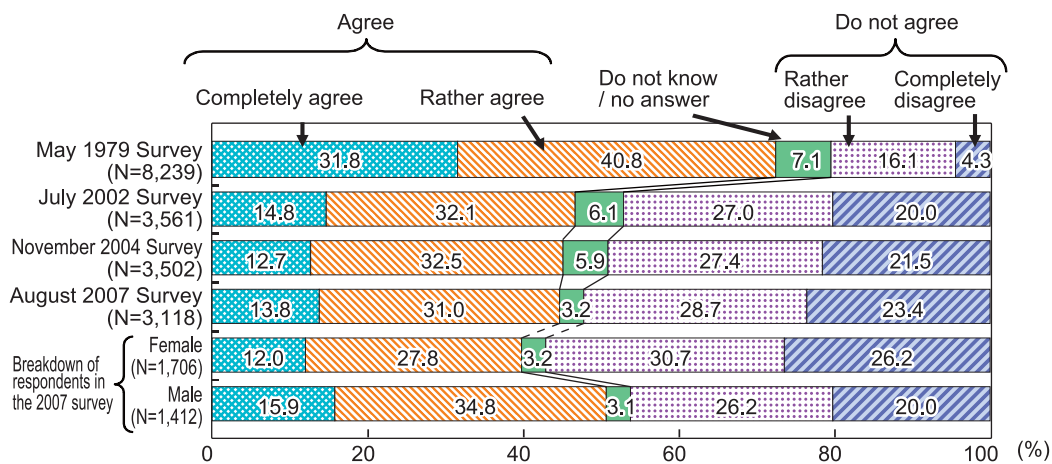


Source: "Public Opinion Poll on a Gender-equal Society (August 2007)," Cabinet Office

With regard to the status of men and women throughout the entire society, 73.2% of respondents considered that "men are being given preferential treatment."

Stereotyped Perception for Gender Roles

("Husband is expected to work outside the home, while wife is expected to take on domestic duties")



Source: "Public Opinion Poll on a Gender-equal Society (August 2007)," Cabinet Office

In a 1979 survey, more than 70% of respondents supported the perception of gender roles. In the 2004 survey respondents opposed to the perception outnumbered those who agreed to it (48.9% and 45.2%, respectively) for the first time, and the result of the 2007 survey showed that those who oppose such perceptions had become the majority for the first time (52.1%). However, while women who are against the perception outnumber those who support it (56.9% and 39.8%, respectively), the number of men who support gender roles is still larger than those who oppose such perceptions (50.7% and 46.2%, respectively).