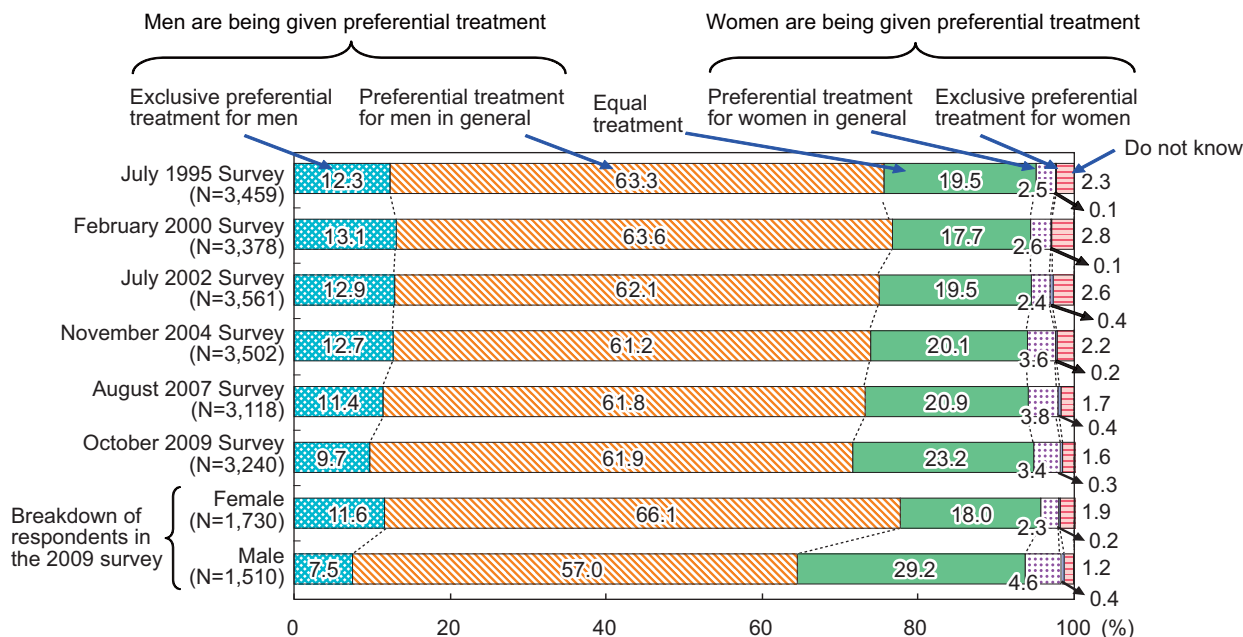


8. Perceptions of Gender Equality

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

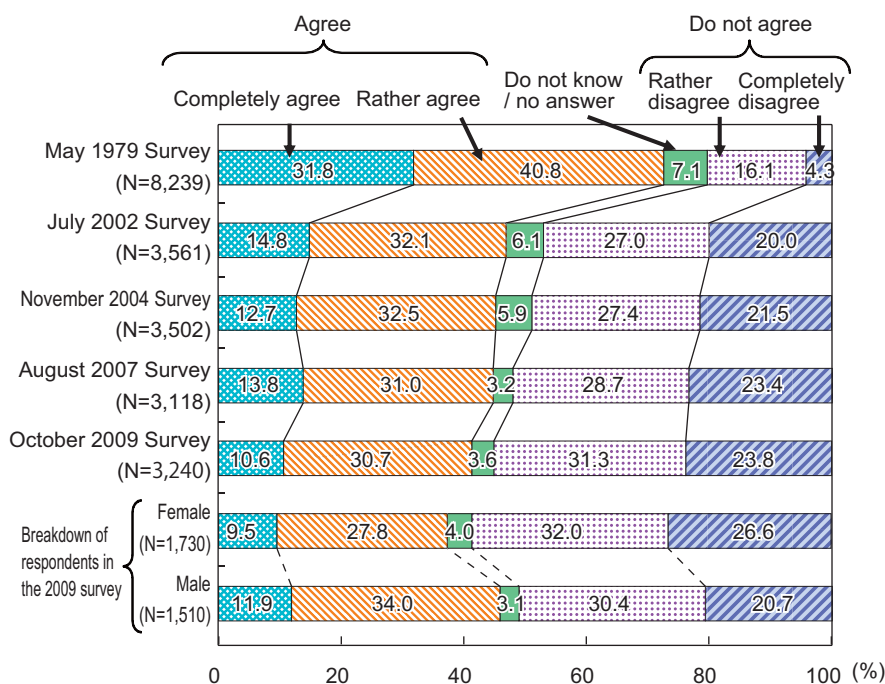


Source: "Public Opinion Poll on a Gender-equal Society (October 2009)," Cabinet Office

With regard to the status of men and women throughout the entire society, 71.5% 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 (October 2009)," 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%). Also, the result of the 2009 survey showed men who are against perception of gender roles outnumbers those who support it (51.1% and 45.8%, respectively) for the first time. Women who are against such perspective are increasing (58.6%) and the ratio is larger than that of men.