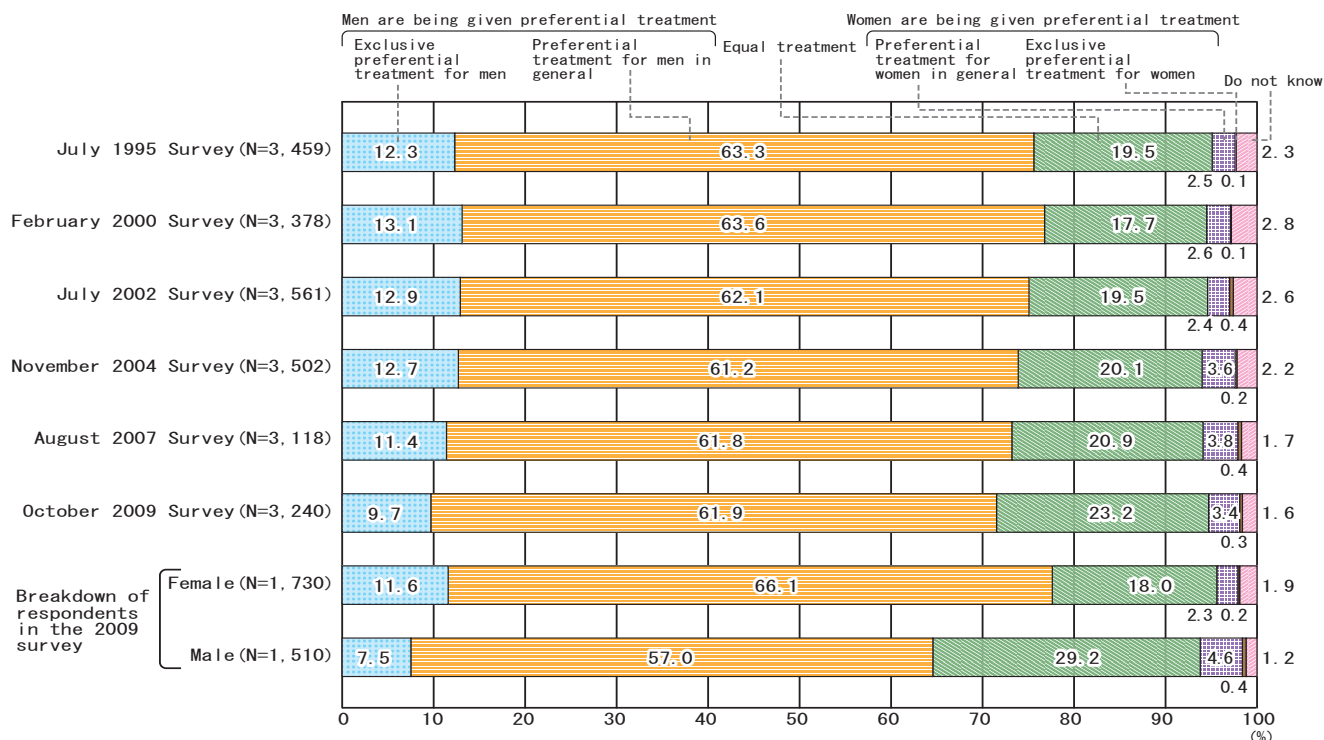


11. Perceptions of Gender Equality

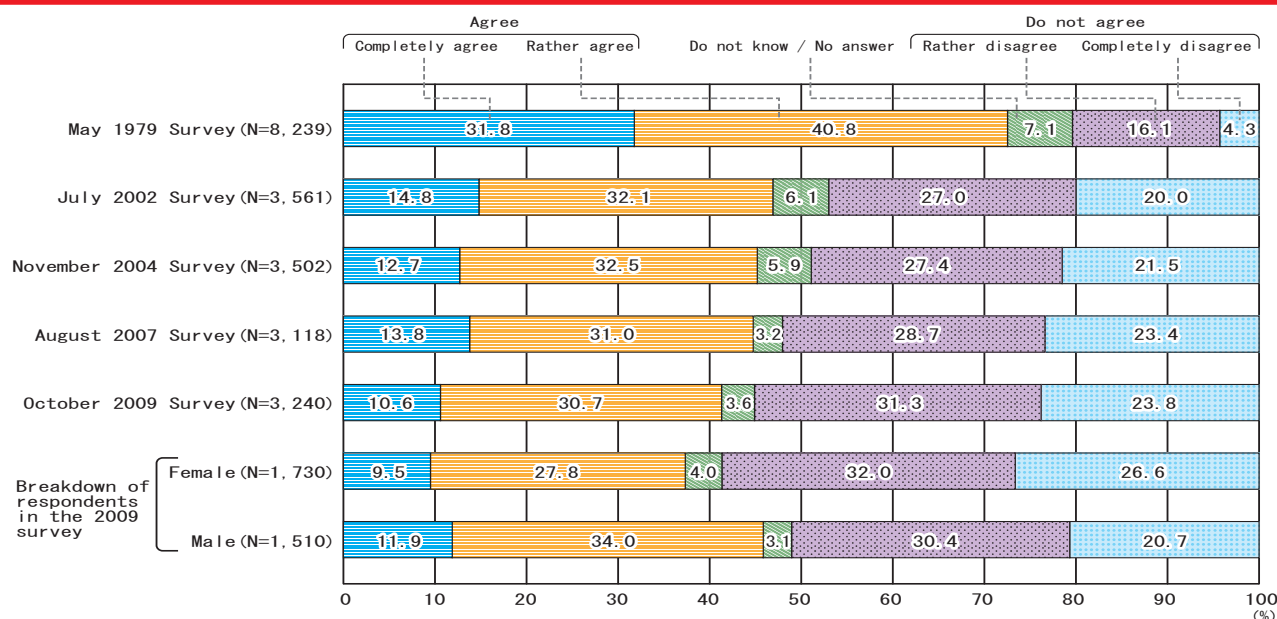
■ Feeling of Equality in terms of the Status of Men and Women throughout the Entire Society



Source: "Public Opinion Poll on a Gender-Equal Society (October 2009)", the 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)", the 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 outnumber 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.