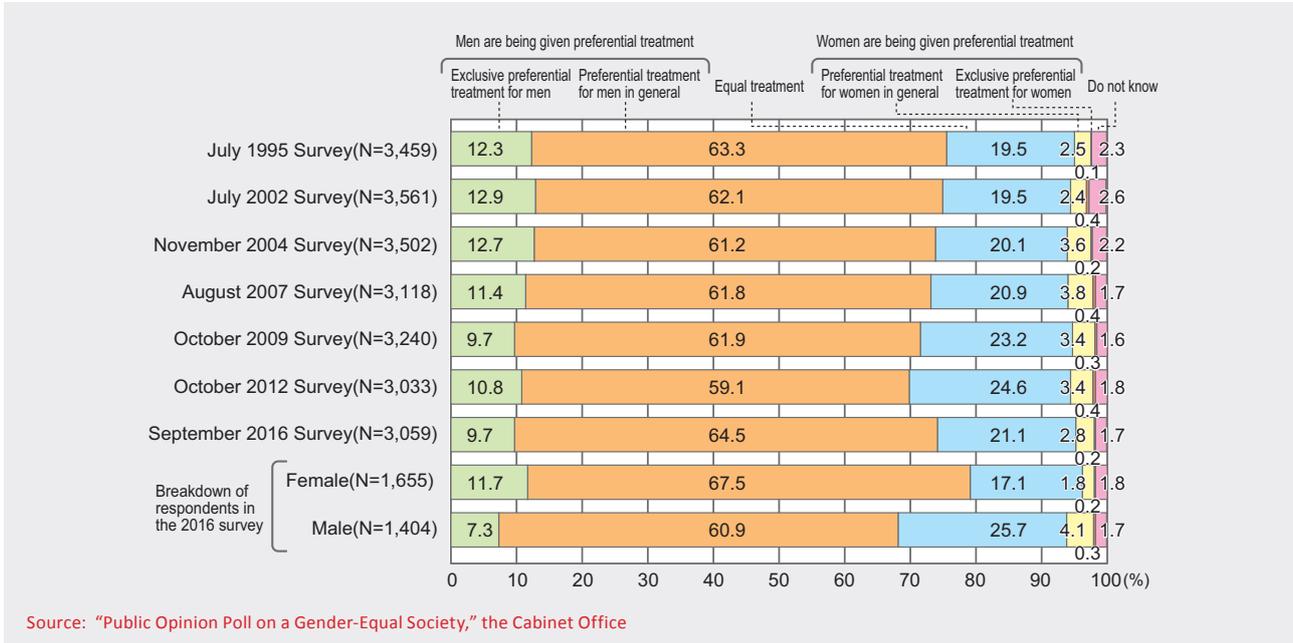


10. Perceptions of Gender Equality

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

With regard to the status of men and women throughout the entire society, 74.2% 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”)

In the 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 opposed such perception had become the majority for the first time (52.1%). Also, the result of the 2009 survey showed men who were against perception of gender roles outnumbered those who supported it (51.1% and 45.9%, respectively) for the first time. The number of respondents opposed to the perception continued to increase from the 1979 survey but decreased for the first time in the 2012 survey. The number once again outnumbered those who agreed with the perception in the 2014 survey, and the number increased further in the 2016 survey. However, a breakdown by gender shows there are differences in perception between men and women.

