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### Woman and Employment Survey in TURKEY

March, 2022

## Purpose & Methodology of the Research

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#### Purpose, Methodology and Sample of the Research

This research is intended to raise awareness about women and employment issues and addresses gender-based general myths , values, the view of women's employment, paternity leave, the effects of Covid – 19 and gender-based policy action recommendations.



The survey was conducted over the telephone (CATI) with a representative sample of 1000 men and women aged 18+ in Turkey between February 5 and February 22, 2022 and the data were analyzed with Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) 22.0 after quality controls



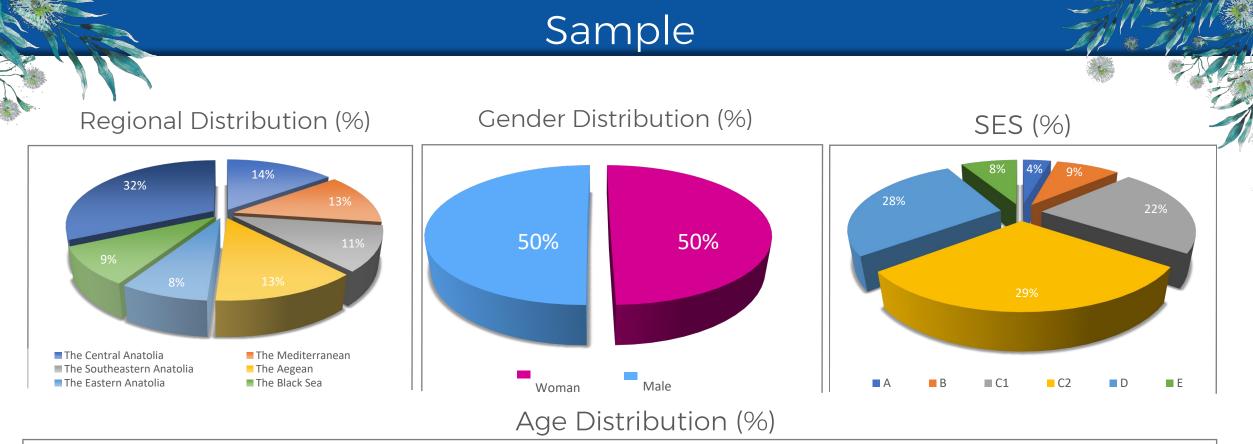
#### DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

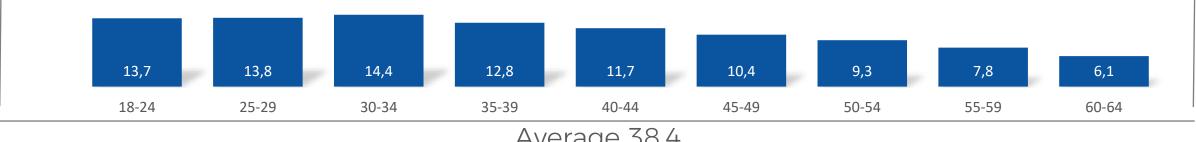


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### RESULTS General Myths

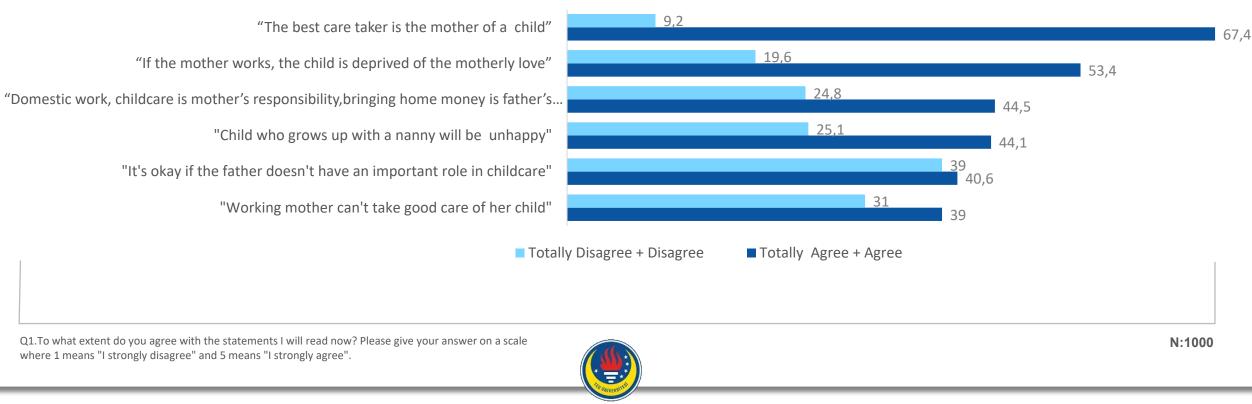






Two in three participants believe that the best care taker of a child in his/her mother: Just over half of the population believe that the worker works, the child in deprived of motherly love. As the level of education increases, the level of approvement with the statement that the mother is the best carer are the level of agreement with the statement that "working mother cannot take good care of her child" decreases. Traditional roles are strongest among elementary and middle school graduates.

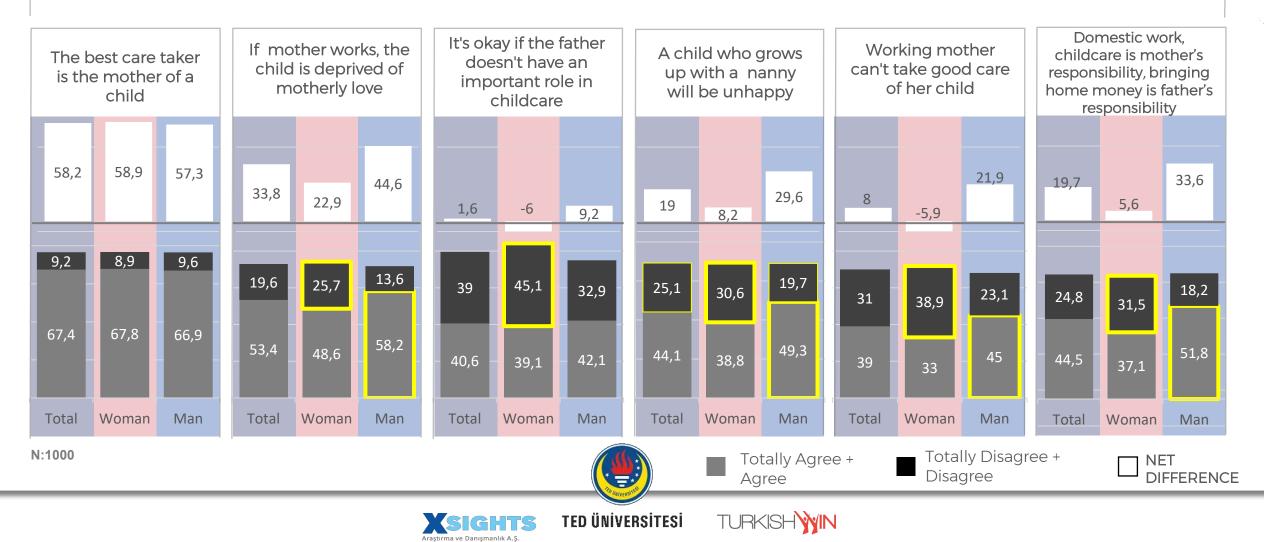
#### General Myths (%)



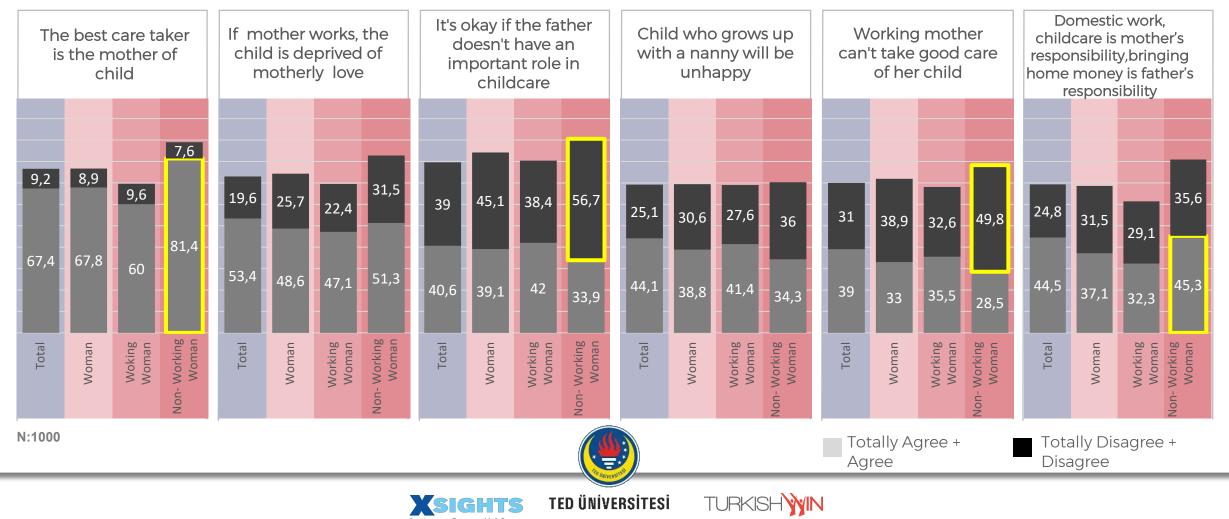
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Yellow squares indicate that the difference between genders is statistically significant. The largest differences between male and female participants exist on the issues of traditional roles and working mothers.



The following table shows the breakdowns of the propositions asked under the heading of general myths according to working and non-working women. Yellow squares indicate that the difference between working and non-working women is statistically significant. Accordingly, it seems that women who do not work tend to be more supportive of general myths.



The following table shows the generational breakdowns of the propositions asked under the heading of general myths. Yellow squares indicate that the difference between generations is statistically significant. Generation Z is at a statistically significantly different position about gender roles in terms of general myths.

| The best care taker<br>is the mother of<br>child |           |           |           | If mother works, the<br>child is deprived of<br>motherly love |           |           |           | It's okay if the father<br>doesn't have an<br>important role in<br>childcare |         |           |           | Child who grows up<br>with a nanny will be<br>unhappy |           |           |           | Working mother<br>can't take good care<br>of her child |         |           |           | Domestic work,<br>childcare is mother's<br>responsibility,bringing<br>home money is father's<br>responsibility |                 |         |         |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|---------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|---------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 58,2   | 60,1      | 59,4      | 41,8      | 33,8  | 46,3      | 30,4      | 1,3       | 1,6  | 5,9     | 0,3       | -8,9      | - 19  | 28,8      | 13,6      | 10,2      | 8  | 18,2    | 3,7       | -7,7      | 19,7   | 30,3            | 18,7    | -20,7   |
| 9,2  | 6,4       | 9,9       | 17,1      | 19,6  | 11,2      | 22,4      | 38,6      | - 39 -   | 36,1    | 39,6      |           | 25,1  | 19,1      | 27,7      | 35        | 31   | 25,8    | 32,7      | 42        | 24,8   | <del>18,6</del> | 25,3    | 48,7    |
| 67,4<br>Total                                    | 66,5<br>X | 69,3<br>Y | 58,9<br>Z | 53,4<br>Total   | 57,5<br>X | 52,8<br>Y | 39,9<br>Z | - <b>40,6</b> -<br>Total   | 42<br>X | 39,9<br>Y | 38,6<br>Z | 44,1 -  | 47,9<br>X | 41,3<br>Y | 45,2<br>Z | - 39<br>Total  | 44<br>X | 36,4<br>Y | 34,3<br>Z | _ <b>44,5</b> _<br>Total   | 48,9<br>X       | 44<br>Y | 28<br>Z |
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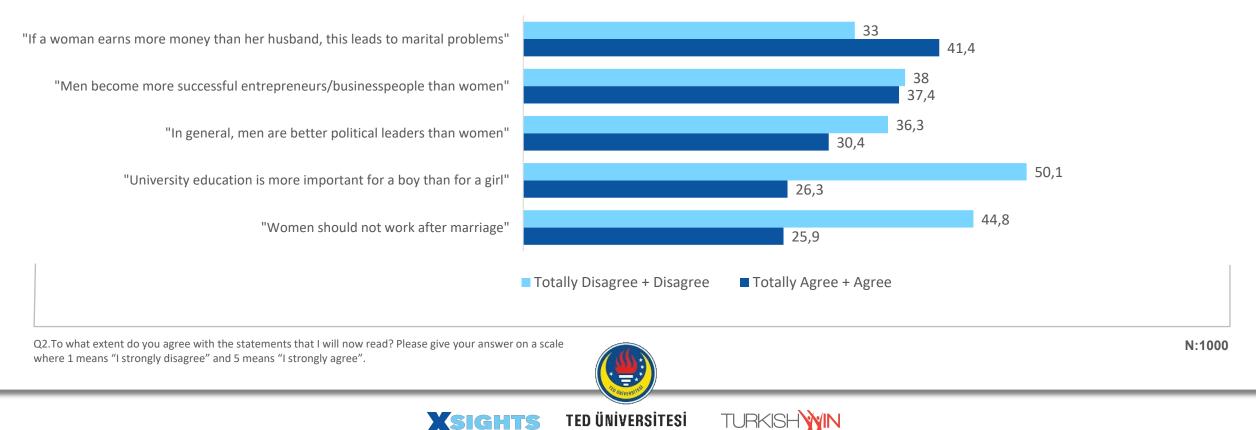
## RESULTS Common Values



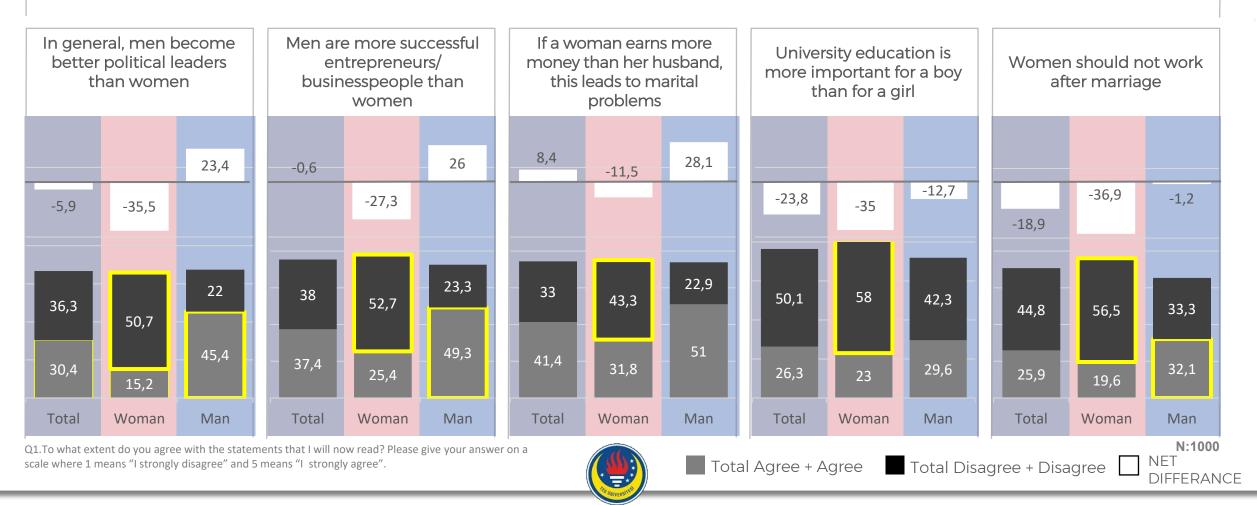


Four in ten participants believe that if a women earn more than her husband; this may lead to marital problems. One in four participants believe that women should not work after marriage. Similar proportion of participants agree with the statement that university education is more important for a boy than for a girl. As level of education increases, the belief that men are better political leaders or businesspeople/ entrepreneurs decreases.

#### Common Values (%)



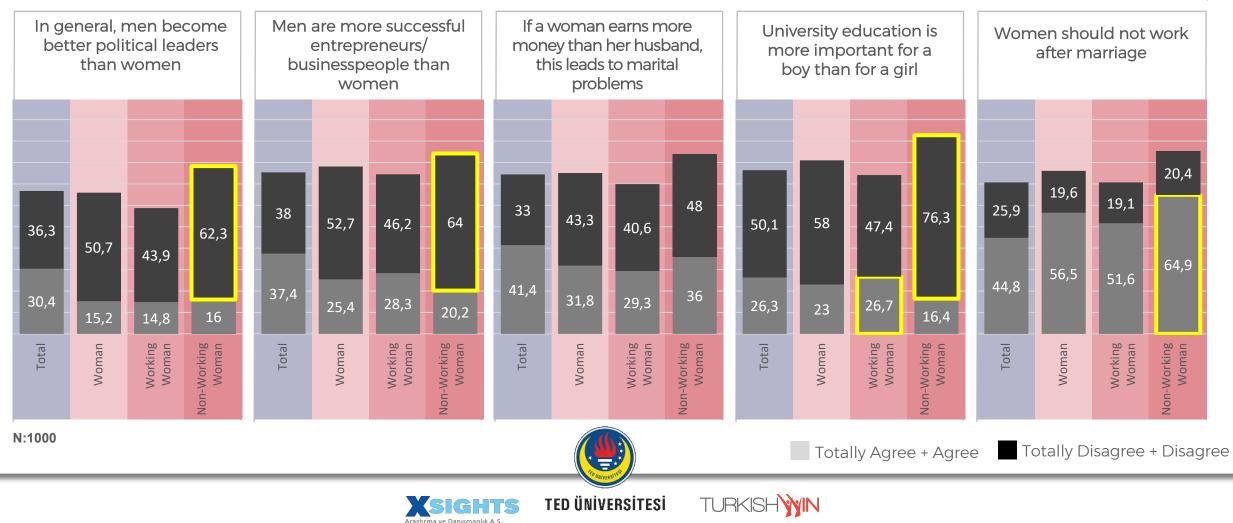
Men are more likely to believe that men make better leaders/ businesspeople/ entrepreneurs and that women should not work after marriage than women. Women are more likely to disagree that earning more money than their husbands would lead to problems than men.



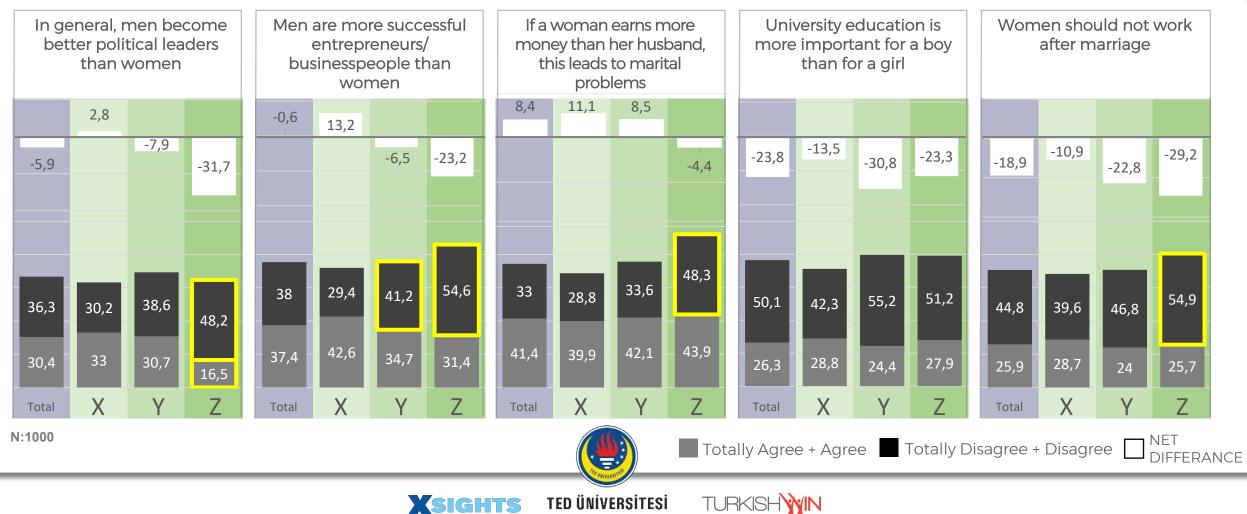
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The following table shows the breakdowns of the propositions asked under the heading common values according to working and non-working women. Yellow squares indicate that the difference between two groups is statistically significant. Accordingly, non-working women are more supportive of common values.



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## RESULTS Employment



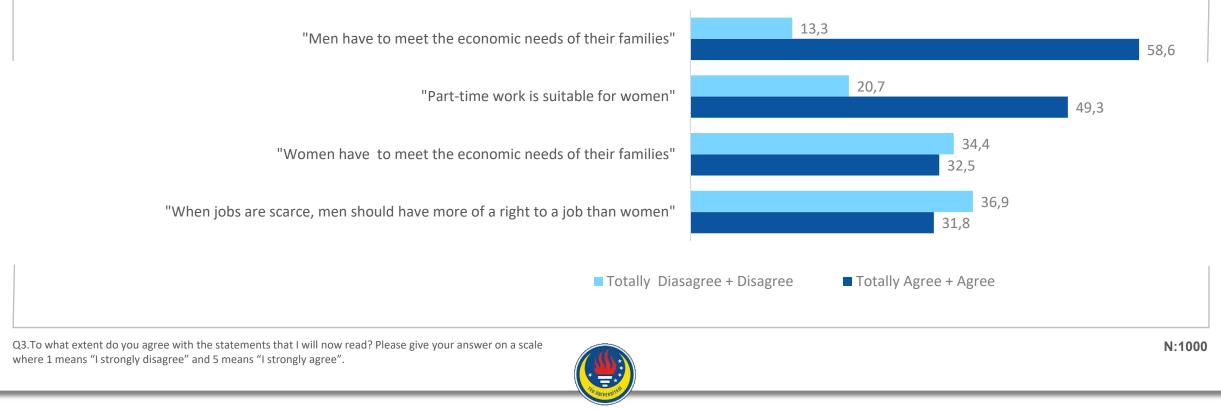




In Turkish culture, men are expected more (58,6%) than women (32,5%) to meet economic needs of their family. Half of the participants believe that part-time work is more suitable for women (49,3%). On in three (31,8%) support the view that when jobs are scarce, men should have more of a right to a job than women, while another third (36,9%) disagree with this statement.



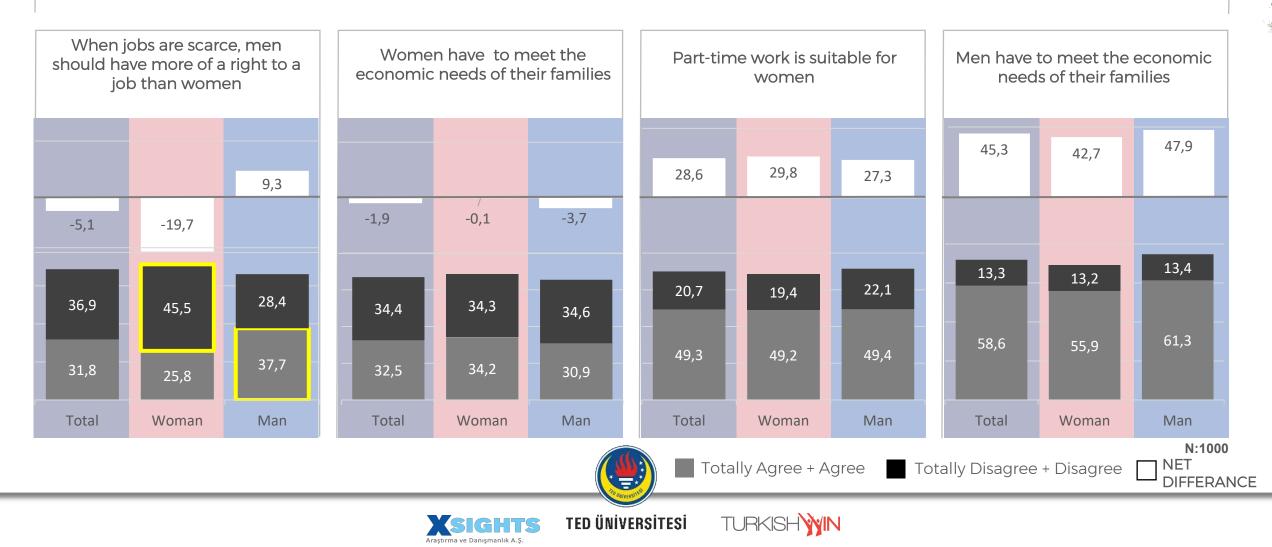
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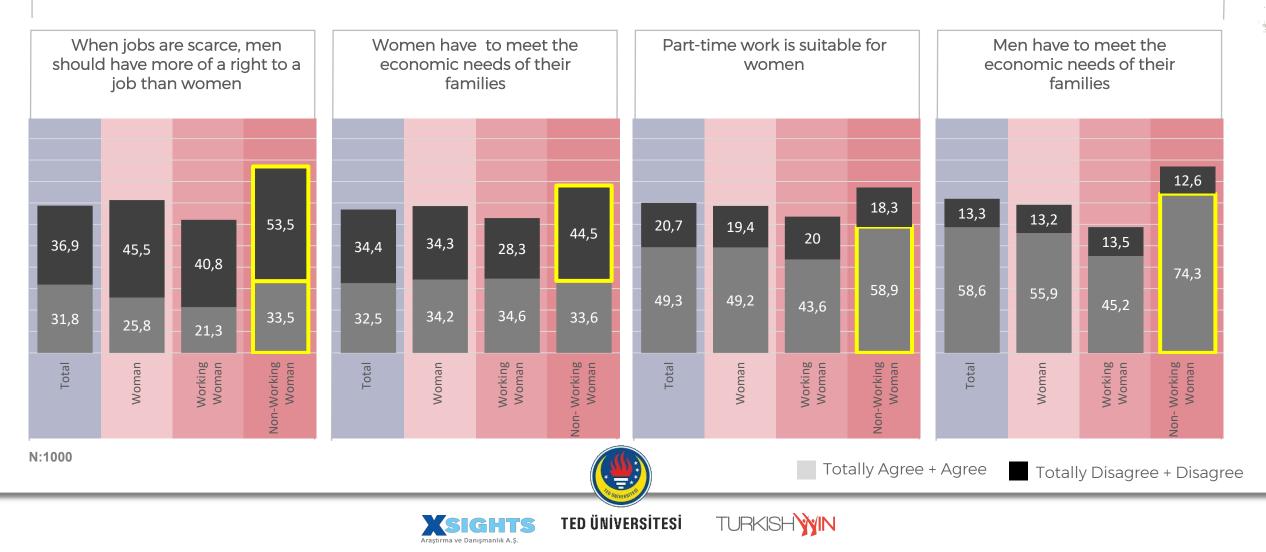
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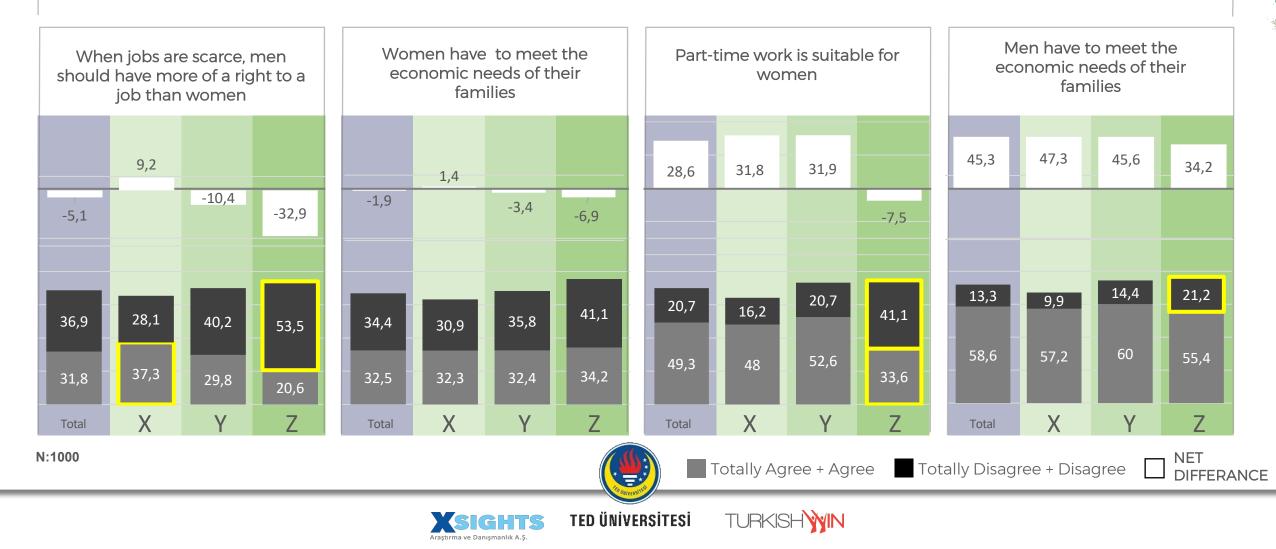
The statement of when jobs are scarce, men should have more of a right to a job than women is the only issue that differed significantly by gender. Men participated to this statement more with a statistically significant difference.



Non-working women are more likely to think that part-time work is more suitable for women and that men are responsible for meeting the economic needs of their families.

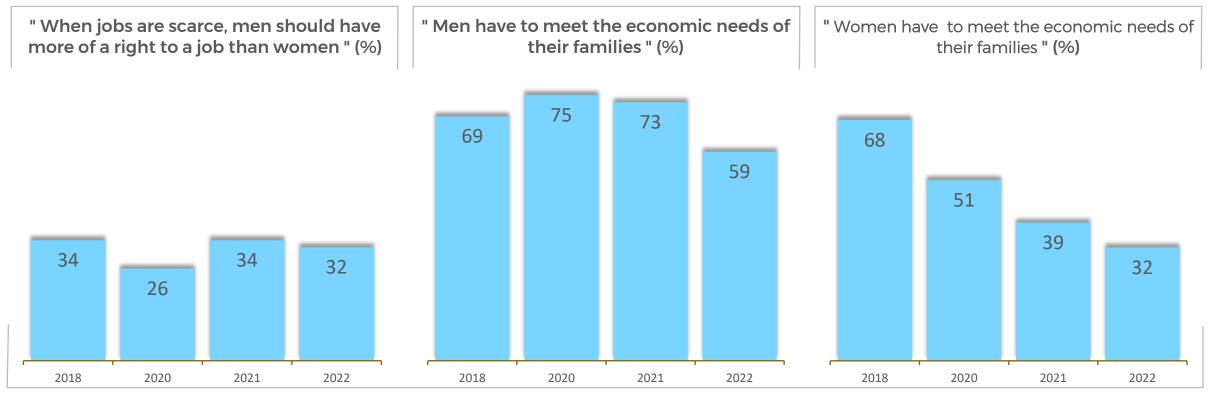


More than 50% of Z generation disagrees with the statement that when jobs are scarce, men should have more of a right to a job than women. In the statement that part-time work is suitable for women, participants from Z generation consider the opposite direction with the rest of society.



#### **Employment-Change by Year**

When the following three questions, which have been asked regularly for four years, are compared; it is seen that there is a decrease in all expressions compared to the previous year. The statement "Men have to meet the economic needs of their families" was the most changed value compared to the previous year with a decrease of 14%.



Q3. To what extent do you agree with the statements I will now read? Please give your answer on a scale where 1 means "I strongly disagree" and 5 means "I strongly agree".



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# RESULTS Paternity Leave

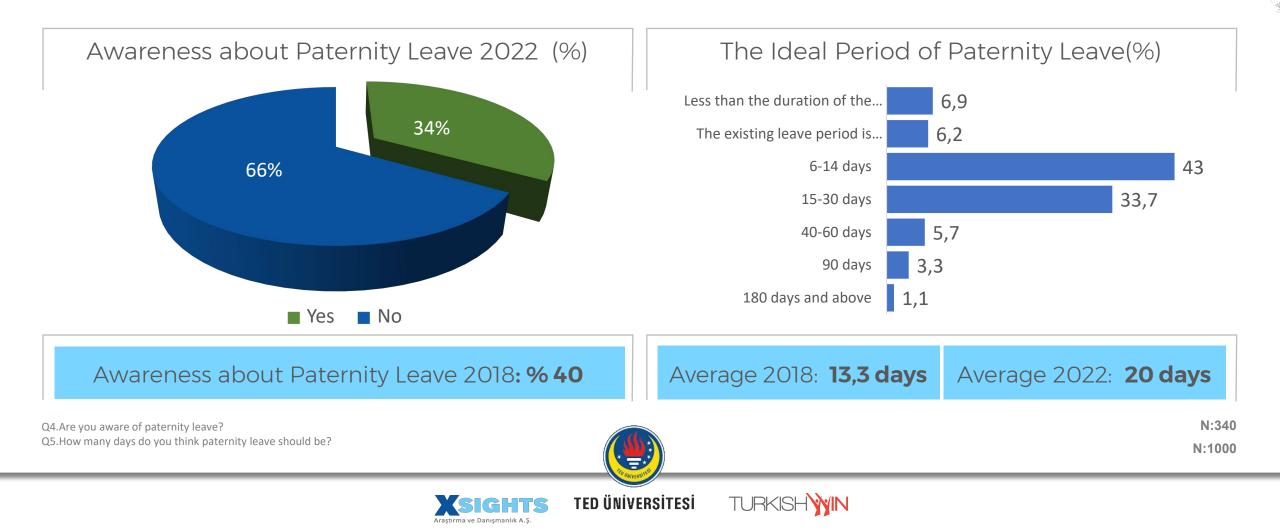






#### Awareness of Paternity Leave

34% of respondents stated that they are aware about paternity leave, while the proportion of those who do not know about paternity leave is 66%. For those with knowledge of paternity leave, the average ideal paternity leave is 20 days.



## RESULTS COVID-19 and Its Effects

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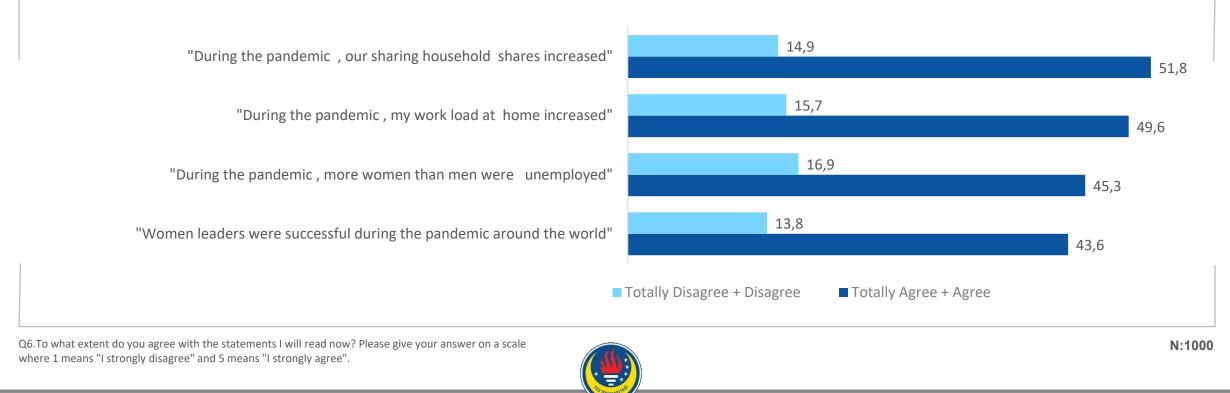




#### COVID-19 and Its Effects

The proportion of total participants in all of the statements under Covid-19 period and effects is higher than the total participants. While 51.8% of those who stated that their burden in the home increased during the pandemic period, 49.6% stated that job sharing in the home increased during this period. Domestic sharing of those with high levels of education increased significantly.

#### COVID-19 Period and Effects (%)

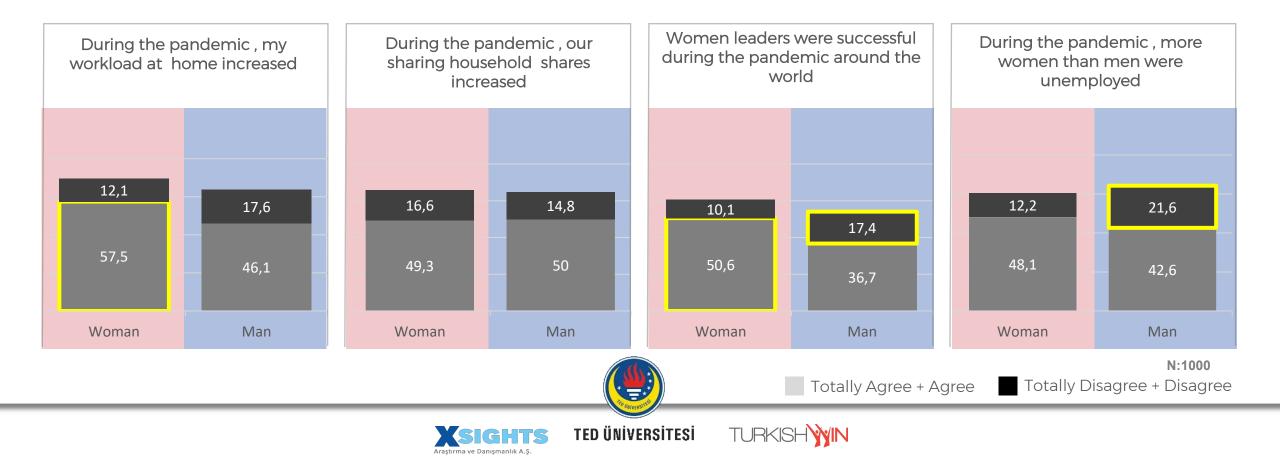


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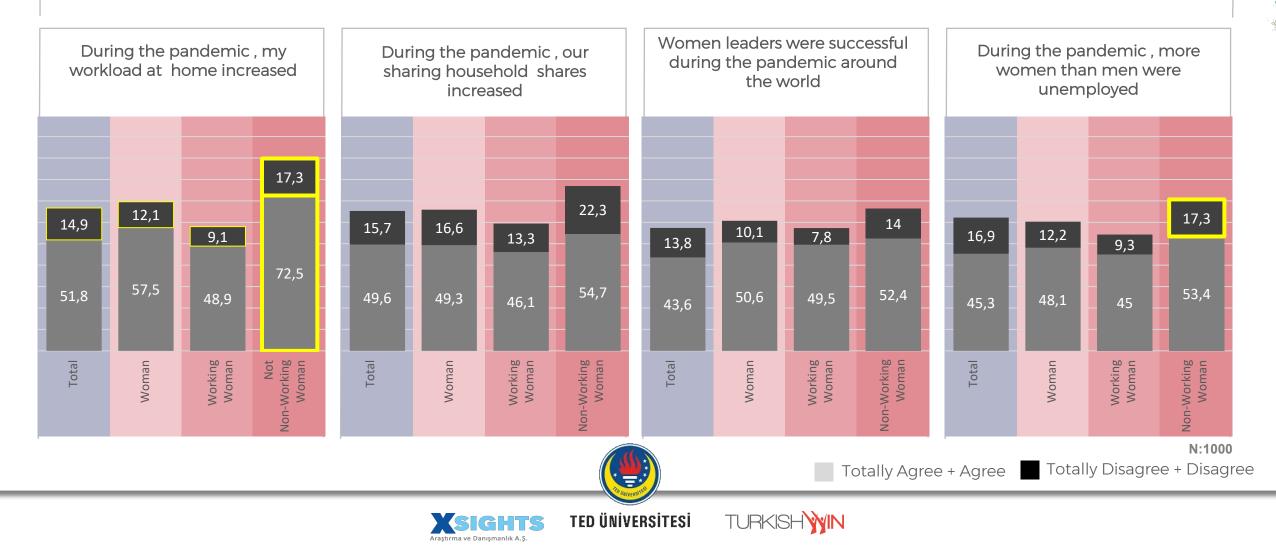
#### COVID-19 and Its Effects

The following table shows the gender breakdowns of the propositions asked under the heading COVID-19 and its effects. Yellow squares indicate that the difference between genders is statistically significant. The proportion of women who indicate that their workload at home increased during this period differs significantly compared to men. The Y and Z generations are more involved in the statement that our sharing household shares increased during the pandemic compared to the X generation.



#### COVID-19 and Its Effects

The proportion of non-working women who indicate that their workload at home increased during this period differs significantly compared to working women.



## RESULTS Policy Suggestion

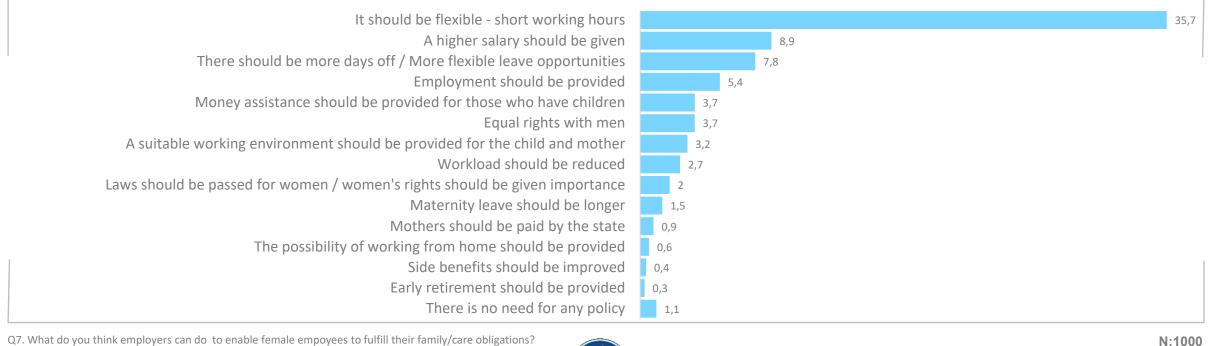




#### **Policy Suggestion**

Flexible working arrangements (35,7%), higher levels of salary (8,9%) and a more number of off days (7,8%) were the top three suggestions for enabling female employees to fulfill both family and work obligations.

#### Suggestions for Employment of Women (%)



Q7. What do you think employers can do to enable female empoyees to fulfill their family/care obligations?



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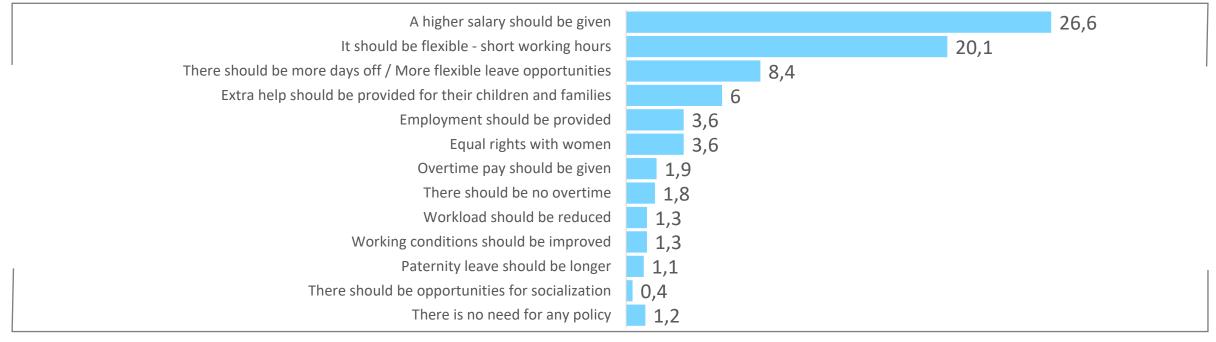
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#### **Policy Suggestion**

The top three suggestions remains flexible working arrangements, higher levels of salary and a more leave opportunities / days.

#### Suggestions for Employment of Men(%)



Q8. What do you think employers can do to enable male employees to fulfill their family/care obligations?



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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#### **Executive Summary**

University education is more important for boys than for girls, and statements that a woman should not work after marriage do not correspond to about one in every two people in society.

These half-positive perceptions of women's education and employment diverge when it comes to childcare. The research findings reveal that women are stuck in barriers related to childcare, especially when it comes to being involved in working life. More than half of the population (67.4%) thinks that the mother will take care of the child in the best way. One in every two people in society thinks that if the mother works, the child will be deprived of maternal love. The proportion of those who believe that children growing up with a baby-sitter will be unhappy is 40%, while the proportion of those who believe that a working mother will not be able to take good care of her child is 39%.

Non-working women tend to be more supportive of general myths than working women. The opinion of "the best care taker is the mother of child" is supported by 67%, while this figure increases to 81% for women who do not work.

Almost all of the questions under the general myths and common values topics, it seems that the 18-24 age group is the most responsive group compared to other age groups. The approach of generation Z to social roles and women's employment is completely different.

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