

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER SOCIAL & DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS
19TH AMENDMENT SURVEY MARCH 2020
FINAL TOPLINE
MARCH 18 – APRIL 1, 2020
TOTAL N=3,143**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

	Sample Size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	3,143	+/- 1.9 percentage points
Men	1,582	+/- 2.7 percentage points
Women	1,561	+/- 2.7 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

EQRIGHTS1 How important, if at all, is it for women to have equal rights with men in our country?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
79	Very important	76	82
18	Somewhat important	20	16
2	Not too important	3	1
1	Not at all important	1	1
*	No answer	*	*

TREND¹:

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Aug 8-21, 2017	81	15	3	1	*

ASK ALL:

EQRIGHTS2 When it comes to giving women equal rights with men, do you think our country **[RANDOMIZE: (has gone too far), (has not gone far enough)]** or has been about right?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
10	Has gone too far	12	8
57	Has not gone far enough	49	64
32	Has been about right	37	27
1	No answer	1	1

TREND²:

	<u>Has gone too far</u>	<u>Has not gone far enough</u>	<u>Has been about right</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Aug 8-21, 2017	10	50	38	1

¹ The question was EQUAL1 in a previous wave.

² The question wording in 2017 was "When it comes to giving women equal rights with men, do you think the country [RANDOMIZE: (has gone too far), (has not gone far enough)] or has been about right?" and was WOMRIGHTS in a previous wave.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

EQRIGHTS4 Overall, when it comes to giving women equal rights with men, do you think our country...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; ALWAYS KEEP 3 LAST]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
65	Has made progress compared to 10 years ago	67	63
10	Has lost ground compared to 10 years ago	9	11
25	Is about the same as it was 10 years ago	24	25
1	No answer	*	1

ASK IF NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH (EQRIGHTS2=2) [n=1,876]:

EQRIGHTS5 How likely, if at all, is it that women in our country will eventually have equal rights with men?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
31	Very likely	37	26
53	Somewhat likely	51	54
15	Not too likely	10	18
2	Not at all likely	1	2
*	No answer	*	*

ASK IF IMPORTANT FOR MEN AND WOMEN TO HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS (EQRIGHTS1=1,2) [n=3,053]:

EQRIGHTSOE People may have different ideas of what gender equality means. What are some specific things you would expect to see in a society where women have equal rights with men?

[OPEN END RESPONSE, CODED ANSWERS SHOWN BELOW³]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
53	NET workplace issues	48	57
45	Equal pay	40	51
19	No discrimination in hiring/promotion, educational opportunities	18	19
5	Men and women valued/respected the same in the workplace	4	6
2	Better paid leave/maternity/paternity support	1	2
9	NET more/equal representation in business/political leadership	8	10
5	More/equal representation in business leadership	5	5
6	NET more/equal representation in political leadership	4	7
4	More/equal representation in political office	3	4
2	Female president	2	3

³ For EQRIGHTSOE, respondents could offer up to three responses.

EQRIGHTSOE CONTINUED ...

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
4	Reproductive rights/autonomy over bodies/freedom of choice	3	5
4	Less traditional gender norms in society	3	4
2	No sexual harassment/sexual violence/violence against women	1	2
2	Differences between men and women are embraced/valued/recognized	2	1
1	Women in war/joining the draft	1	1
1	Men and women sharing childcare/housework	*	1
11	Equality (generic)	14	9
4	Other	6	3
1	Already have equal rights	1	*
29	No answer	30	29

ASK ALL:

ADVANCEZ2 Overall, how much, if at all, have each of the following done to advance women's rights in our country **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. The Democratic Party

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
12	A great deal	12	11
47	A fair amount	47	47
29	Not much	29	30
9	Nothing at all	10	9
2	No answer	2	3

b. The Republican Party

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
8	A great deal	10	7
29	A fair amount	30	27
39	Not much	38	39
22	Nothing at all	21	24
2	No answer	1	3

c. The feminist movement

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
22	A great deal	21	23
48	A fair amount	46	50
21	Not much	23	19
7	Nothing at all	8	5
2	No answer	1	2

ADVANCE2 CONTINUED ...

d. Donald Trump

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
10	A great deal	10	9
20	A fair amount	20	19
25	Not much	26	24
44	Nothing at all	42	46
2	No answer	1	2

ASK ALL:

ADVANCE3

In your opinion, which of the following milestones has been the most important in advancing the position of women in our country? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
49	Women gaining the right to vote	52	46
29	The availability of the birth control pill	28	30
12	Passage of the Equal Pay Act	11	13
8	Passage of the Family and Medical Leave Act	7	10
2	No answer	2	2

ASK ALL:

WOMKNLG

Just your best guess, in about what year did women in the U.S. gain the right to vote? **[OPEN END RESPONSE, CODED ANSWERS SHOWN BELOW]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
*	Pre 1700	*	*
*	1700-1799	-	*
2	1800-1899	3	2
4	1900-1914	4	4
47	1915-1925 (within 5 years of correct year)	47	48
33	1920 (correct year)	31	34
14	1926-1945	14	13
12	1946-1965	13	11
4	1966-1985	5	4
1	1986-2005	1	1
*	2006-2020	*	*
14	No answer	12	16

ASK ALL:

GENDISC

When it comes to discrimination against women, which do you think is the bigger problem for our country today? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
31	People seeing discrimination against women where it really does NOT exist	39	24
67	People NOT seeing discrimination against women where it really DOES exist	60	75
1	No answer	1	1

ASK ALL:
GAINS

Which statements comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
22	The gains women have made in society have come at the expense of men	28	17
76	The gains women have made in society have NOT come at the expense of men	71	81
2	No answer	2	2

DISPLAY TO ALL (SHOW ON OWN SCREEN):

The next few questions ask about the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). As you may know, the ERA, which concerns women's rights, passed the U.S. Senate in 1972 but has not been ratified and added to the U.S. Constitution. The ERA states the following: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

ASK ALL:

ERA1 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the ERA in recent months?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
4	A lot	4	4
31	A little	31	31
65	Nothing at all	65	65
*	No answer	*	*

ASK ALL:ERA2 How do you feel about the ERA being added to the U.S. Constitution? **[REVERSE RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF SAMPLE]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
35	Strongly favor	31	39
43	Somewhat favor	42	43
12	Somewhat oppose	15	9
6	Strongly oppose	9	4
4	No answer	3	5

ASK ALL:

ERA3 Regardless of whether you favor or oppose adding the ERA to the U.S. Constitution, do you think adding the ERA to the U.S. Constitution would...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; ALWAYS KEEP 3 LAST]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
44	Advance women's rights in our country	42	46
5	Be a setback for women's rights in our country	6	4
49	Not make much difference	51	47
2	No answer	2	3

ASK IF NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH (EQRIGHTS2=2) [n=1,876]:

EQRIGHTS6 Do you think each of the following is a major obstacle, a minor obstacle, or not an obstacle to women having equal rights with men in our country? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Different expectations society has for men and women

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
66	A major obstacle	58	72
28	A minor obstacle	34	23
6	Not an obstacle	8	5
*	No answer	*	*

b. Women not having the same legal rights as men

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
67	A major obstacle	59	73
21	A minor obstacle	26	17
12	Not an obstacle	15	9
1	No answer	1	1

c. Family responsibilities

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
43	A major obstacle	37	47
37	A minor obstacle	41	35
19	Not an obstacle	21	18
1	No answer	1	1

d. Men and women having different physical abilities

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
19	A major obstacle	19	20
50	A minor obstacle	51	50
30	Not an obstacle	30	30
*	No answer	*	1

e. Women not working as hard as men

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
13	A major obstacle	13	14
22	A minor obstacle	21	22
64	Not an obstacle	65	63
1	No answer	1	1

f. Sexual harassment

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
77	A major obstacle	72	82
18	A minor obstacle	23	14
4	Not an obstacle	4	4
1	No answer	1	1

EQRIGHTS6 CONTINUED ...

g. Not enough women in positions of power

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
64	A major obstacle	55	71
28	A minor obstacle	34	23
8	Not an obstacle	11	5
*	No answer	*	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

FEMINISM2 Overall, what impact, if any, has feminism had on the lives of each of the following groups? **[SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS WITH ITEMS a-d ON THE FIRST SCREEN AND ITEMS e-h ON THE SECOND SCREEN; ROTATE ITEMS WITHIN SCREENS WITH ITEM h ALWAYS LAST; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4 IN REVERSE ORDER FOR ½ SAMPLE WITH OPTION 5 ALWAYS LAST]**

a. White women

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
32	Helped a lot	31	33
32	Helped a little	33	30
8	Hurt a little	9	7
4	Hurt a lot	5	4
21	Neither hurt nor helped	19	23
2	No answer	2	3

b. Black women

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
21	Helped a lot	20	21
40	Helped a little	41	40
9	Hurt a little	10	8
7	Hurt a lot	8	7
21	Neither hurt nor helped	19	22
3	No answer	2	3

c. Hispanic women

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
15	Helped a lot	16	15
42	Helped a little	42	43
8	Hurt a little	9	7
6	Hurt a lot	7	6
26	Neither hurt nor helped	25	27
2	No answer	2	3

FEMINISM2 CONTINUED ...

d. Lesbian and bisexual women

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
23	Helped a lot	23	23
33	Helped a little	34	33
9	Hurt a little	10	9
8	Hurt a lot	8	7
24	Neither hurt nor helped	23	25
3	No answer	2	3

e. Poor women

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
10	Helped a lot	10	9
39	Helped a little	39	38
11	Hurt a little	12	10
10	Hurt a lot	10	9
28	Neither hurt nor helped	26	30
3	No answer	2	3

f. Wealthy women

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
24	Helped a lot	23	24
26	Helped a little	27	24
6	Hurt a little	8	5
3	Hurt a lot	4	3
39	Neither hurt nor helped	37	41
3	No answer	2	3

g. Transgender women

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
11	Helped a lot	11	11
30	Helped a little	28	31
11	Hurt a little	12	10
10	Hurt a lot	11	10
35	Neither hurt nor helped	35	34
3	No answer	3	4

ASK IF WOMAN (F_SEX=2) [n=1,561]:h. You personally [**ALWAYS SHOW LAST**]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
-	Helped a lot	-	10
-	Helped a little	-	31
-	Hurt a little	-	4
-	Hurt a lot	-	2
-	Neither hurt nor helped	-	50
-	No answer	-	2

DISPLAY TO ALL:

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only.

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEPENDENT, SOMETHING ELSE OR NO ANSWER TO PARTY (PARTY=3,4,99)**[n=1,149]:**

PARTYLN As of today, do you lean more to...

*Soft prompt if refused: We would like to have your answer to this question.***COMBO TABLE BASED ON PARTY/PARTYLN, BASED ON TOTAL:**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
28	Republican	29	26
35	Democrat	31	38
27	Independent	31	24
9	Something else	9	10
2	No answer to PARTYLN	1	2
43	Rep/Lean Rep	47	40
55	Dem/Lean Dem	51	58