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1. Government Satisfaction- NBC Poll 5/2013

Percent who agree with the following statements:

Statement A: *“Government should do more to solve problems and help meet the needs of people.”*

Statement B: *“Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals.”*

All respondents

	All	Men	Women
A	48%	44%	53%
B	48%	52%	45%
Some of Both	2%	2%	2%
Not Sure	2%	2%	1%

Women by age

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	67%	49%	52%	38%
B	31%	49%	44%	60%
Some of Both	1%	1%	3%	-
Not Sure	1%	1%	1%	2%

Women by party and political affiliation

	Democrats	Independents	Republicans	Liberals	Moderates	Conservatives
A	75%	28%	24%	76%	55%	31%
B	23%	57%	74%	21%	42%	68%
Some of Both	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	-
Not Sure	0%	3%	1%	-	1%	1%

Women by marital status

	Single	Married
A	62%	49%
B	36%	48%
Some of Both	2%	2%
Not Sure	-	1%

The following tables show responses to the following question:

“Think for a moment about our system of government and how well it works, do you feel generally optimistic as far as the future is concerned, do you feel generally pessimistic about it, or feel uncertain about our system of government and how well it works?”

All

	All	Men	Women
Generally Optimistic	31%	33%	29%
Generally Pessimistic	29%	32%	26%
Uncertain	39%	33%	44%
Not Sure	1%	2%	1%

Women by Age

	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Generally Optimistic	26%	32%	28%	31%
Generally Pessimistic	25%	23%	27%	27%
Uncertain	47%	44%	45%	40%
Not Sure	2%	1%	1%	1%

Women by party and political affiliation

	Democrats	Independents	Republicans	Liberals	Moderates	Conservatives
Generally Optimistic	40%	20%	17%	46%	29%	17%

Generally Pessimistic	16%	25%	40%	16%	23%	36%
Uncertain	43%	54%	41%	39%	47%	45%
Not Sure	-	-	2%	-	-	2%

Women by marital status

	Single	Married
Generally Optimistic	27%	30%
Generally Pessimistic	24%	26%
Uncertain	49%	43%
Not Sure	1%	1%

Women by location

	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Generally Optimistic	32%	30%	22%	33%
Generally Pessimistic	25%	24%	25%	28%
Uncertain	41%	44%	52%	38%
Not Sure	1%	2%	-	1%

2. Male Votes by Marital Status- Edison Research Poll, 10/2010

Married men tend to support Republicans while single men tend to vote for Democrats

	Share of Voting Population	Percentage Vote for Democrat	Percentage Vote for Republican
2012-Married Men	29%	38%	60%
2012-Unmarried Men	18%	56%	40%
2010-Married Men*	-	38%	59%
2010-Unmarried Men*	13%	54%	43%
2008-Married Men	33%	47%	53%
2008-Unmarried Men	14%	59%	38%
2006-Married Men	35%	47%	51%
2006-Unmarried Men	14%	62%	36%

3. Female Votes by Marital Status- Edison Research Poll, 10/2010

Married women tend to support Republicans while single women tend to vote for Democrats

	Share of Voting Population	Percentage Vote for Democrat	Percentage Vote for Republican
2012-Married Women	31%	46%	53%
2012-Unmarried Women	23%	67%	31%
2010-Married Women*	+	43%	54%
2010-Unmarried Women*	19%	61%	36%
2008-Married Women	32%	47%	50%
2008-Unmarried Women	21%	70%	29%
2006-Married Women	33%	48%	50%
2006-Unmarried Women	18%	66%	32%

*In 2010 the Edison Research Poll, that year's National Election Pool Poll, did not publish votes by gender and marital status. The numbers used here are from a Lake Research Poll, conducted October 31st through November 2nd 2010. In their accessible press release, the married female share of the vote was not listed.

4. Views on Women in Congress- ABC News Poll, 10/2013

	All Adults	Democrat		Republican		Other
		Overall	Liberal Dems	Overall	Conserv. Repubs	
It would be a good thing if more women were elected to Congress	43% Agree	6 in ten Agree	6 in ten Agree	26% Agree; 2/3 say it makes no difference to them	23% Agree; 2/3 say it makes no difference to them	Women: 49% Agree Men: 36% Agree GOP Men: 22% Agree GOP Women: 24% Agree Dem Men: 54% Agree Dem Women: 69% Agree Nonwhites: 54% Agree Whites: 38% Agree

ABC News/Fusion Poll: *Vast Gaps in Basic Views on Gender, Race, Religion, and Politics*. Oct. 28, 2013

5. Women and Activist Government- Pew Research Center Poll, 3/12

Women are more likely than men to favor an activist government:

	Total	Men %	Women %
October 2011	41%	36%	45%

October 2008	43%	39%	46%
June 2004	46%	40%	52%
July 2000	34%	29%	39%

6. Women in the Military

2013:

2013 Survey to active-duty, reserves and Army National Guard members to gauge soldiers' views on the Pentagon's decision that women must have the same opportunities as men in combat jobs:

- 7.5%: The proportion of Army women (2,238 out of the 30,000 who responded) who said they would want one of the newly opening combat jobs (infantry, armor, artillery and combat engineer jobs).
 - Of those, about 30% want to be on the elite 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment
- Men are worried about losing their jobs to women
- Women are worried they will be seen as getting jobs because of their gender and not their qualifications
- Both men and women are emphatic that the Army must not lower physical standards to accommodate women.

2012:

Combat Ready: Survey from 2012, **before** 2013 lift on ban on women in combat roles.

Women who would be interested in serving in combat arms PMOSs (Primary Military Occupational Specialties) or ground combat units:

	Number of Female Respondents	Percent
Interested in a lateral move to a combat arms PMOS if given the opportunity	1,558	about 31%
Would have chosen a combat		

arms PMOS when they joined the Marine Corps, had it been an option	2,083	about 43%
If allowed, they would volunteer for a GCE (Ground Combat Element) assignment	1,636	about 34%

When asked if they would continue with the Corps after their current assignment had ended if policy changed:

	Voluntary Classification of Women to PMOSs	Involuntary Classification of Women to PMOSs
Male	17%	22%
Female	4%	17%

*It should be noted that a 1992 presidential commission study found that a “voluntary” option for women but not for men in close combat simply would not work

If women are allowed in combat:

Top 5 Concerns for Male Marines:

- Intimate relationships between Marines
- Male Marines feeling obligated to protect female Marines
- Limited duty affecting unit readiness before deployment
- Fear of false sexual harassment or assault allegations
- Fraternization/some Marines getting preferential treatment

Top 5 Concerns for Female Marines

- Intimate relationships between Marines
- Male Marines feeling obligated to protect female Marines
- Enemies targeting women as POWs
- Risk of sexual harassment or assault
- Requirements for billeting and hygiene facilities

Several concerns ranked relatively low in both male and female Marines’ prioritizations, including unit combat effectiveness, unit cohesion, and a unit’s Marines being in danger.

(Struass, Hattiangadi, Sutton, Whitmore, Assessing the Implications of Possible Changes to Women in Service Restrictions, September 2012.)

7. Americans' Opinions on the Governing of Women- Gallup Poll, July 21, 2014

"Do you think this country would be governed better or worse if more women were in political office?"

	Governed better	Governed worse
National adults	63%	13%
Men	55	14
Women	69	12
18 to 29	73	11
30 to 49	65	10
50 to 64	57	16
65+	55	17

Groups that feel best about women governing:

	Governed better	Governed worse
Liberals	78%	5%
Unmarried Women	78	12
Women, 18 to 49	76	9
Blacks	75	10
Democrats	75	10
18- to 19-year-olds	73	11

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Southerners	60	17
50- to 64-year olds	57	16
Protestant/ Other Christians	57	16

Groups that feel worst about more women governing:

	Governed better	Governed worse
Republicans	46%	19%
Married men	45	18
Conservatives	51	18
Men 50+	49	17
65 years and	55	17

(Gallup Poll: Americans and Opinions on the Governing of Women, July 21, 2014, Justin McCarthy)

8. Women and Leadership: High Political Office- Pew, January 14, 2015

Public Says Women are Equally Qualified, but Barriers Persist

“What is Holding Women Back from Top Jobs?”

	<i>Percent saying each is a major reason why there aren't more women in High Political Offices</i>
Women are held to higher standards	38%
Not ready to hire/elect women leaders	37%
Family responsibilities don't leave enough time	17%
Women don't have sufficient connections/party support	27%
Women are not tough enough	8%
Women don't make as good managers	-

Characteristics in which Men or Women Excel in Politics:

	<i>Women are better</i>	<i>Men are better</i>	<i>No difference</i>
Working out compromises	34%	9%	55%
Being honest and ethical	34%	3%	62%
Working to improve U.S. quality of life	26%	5%	68%
Standing up for beliefs	25%	10%	63%

The Benefits of Female Leadership

<i>% saying more women in leadership would improve the quality of life for all women...</i>	<i>A lot</i>	<i>Some</i>	<i>Not much/Not at all</i>
Total	29%	41%	28%
Men	19%	43%	36%
Women	38%	40%	21%

Why aren't there more female leaders?

<i>% saying a major reason there aren't more women in...</i>	<i>high political offices is that women are held to higher standards than men</i>
Men	28%
Women	47%

Hoping to See a Woman in the White House

% saying they hope U.S. elects a female resident in their lifetime

	Women	Men
Democratic	69%	46%
Republican	20%	16%
Independent	45%	32%