**Gender Issues—1946 Style**

**In the Family, Who Should Do What?**

**Question:** Who do you think should have the most say in deciding...?

- **When to Have Children**
  - Husband: 10%
  - Wife: 42%
  - Both (vol.): 36%

- **How to Discipline the Children**
  - Husband: 6%
  - Wife: 33%
  - Both (vol.): 56%

- **How the Family Money is to Be Spent**
  - Husband: 19%
  - Wife: 20%
  - Both (vol.): 51%

- **Where to Spend a Vacation**
  - Husband: 13%
  - Wife: 11%
  - Both (vol.): 60%

- **Where the Family is Going to Locate**
  - Husband: 46%
  - Wife: 10%
  - Both (vol.): 37%

**Who Displays These Traits the More?**

**Question:** On the average, do you think women have more...ability to make decisions...than men, less, or about the same?

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**Question:** On the whole, which sex do you think is...?

- **More Polite and Well-Mannered**
  - Men: 28%
  - Women: 43%
  - Equally (vol.): 22%

- **More Willing to Accept New Ideas**
  - Men: 29%
  - Women: 45%
  - Equally (vol.): 16%

- **More Extravagant in Spending Money**
  - Men: 26%
  - Women: 49%
  - Equally (vol.): 20%

- **More Unselfish**
  - Men: 30%
  - Women: 44%
  - Equally (vol.): 18%

- **More Even-Tempered**
  - Men: 45%
  - Women: 29%
  - Equally (vol.): 18%

**Source:** Survey by the Roper Organization for *Fortune* magazine, April 12-30, 1946.
Who’s Best at What Job?

**Question:** When men and women are given an equal chance, who do you think would generally make the best...?

- **Stenographers**
  - Men: 5%
  - Women: 6%
  - Same (vol.): 86%

- **High School Teachers of History**
  - Men: 41%
  - Women: 33%
  - Same (vol.): 18%

- **Baby Doctors**
  - Men: 46%
  - Women: 31%
  - Same (vol.): 15%

- **Department Store Executives**
  - Men: 55%
  - Women: 22%
  - Same (vol.): 15%

- **Lawyers**
  - Men: 78%
  - Women: 8%
  - Same (vol.): 8%

In Public Life, Who Should Hold What Position?

**Question:** Do you think the position of...should nearly always be held by a man or by a woman?

- **President of the PTA**
  - Man: 16%
  - Woman: 52%
  - Either (vol.): 23%

- **Head of the Local Chapter of the Red Cross**
  - Man: 24%
  - Woman: 47%
  - Either (vol.): 20%

- **Head of the School Board**
  - Man: 72%
  - Woman: 7%
  - Either (vol.): 17%

- **Member of Congress**
  - Man: 72%
  - Woman: 3%
  - Either (vol.): 22%

- **Mayor of the City**
  - Man: 89%
  - Woman: 1%
  - Either (vol.): 8%

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