

**PEW SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS  
FINAL TOPLINE**

June 16 - July 16, 2008 GENDER SURVEY  
N=2,250 (Men=1,060; Women=1,190)

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN .5 % ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). COLUMNS/ROWS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. ALL TRENDS REFERENCE SURVEYS FROM THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS AND SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

**ONLY QUESTIONS RELATED TO THIS REPORT ARE LISTED.**

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (MARITAL=1 OR MARITAL=2)**

Q.8 When you and your spouse/partner make decisions about the following, who has the **FINAL** say?... First/next, [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] is it mostly you, or mostly your spouse/partner?

a. Choosing shared weekend activities

<u>All</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
24	Mostly me	17	30
20	Mostly my spouse/partner	26	15
6	Sometimes me/Sometimes my spouse/partner (VOL.)	8	5
46	We decide together (VOL.)	44	47
1	Someone else (VOL.)	1	*
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	3

b. Buying major things for the home

<u>All</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
27	Mostly me	21	33
22	Mostly my spouse/partner	27	17
4	Sometimes me/Sometimes my spouse/partner (VOL.)	5	3
46	We decide together (VOL.)	46	46
*	Someone else (VOL.)	*	*
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

c. Deciding what to watch on television

<u>All</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
25	Mostly me	24	26
29	Mostly my spouse/partner	30	28
11	Sometimes me/Sometimes my spouse/partner (VOL.)	12	11
26	We decide together (VOL.)	25	27
1	Someone else (VOL.)	1	2
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	7

## d. Managing the household finances

<u>All</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
41	Mostly me	37	45
26	Mostly my spouse/partner	30	23
3	Sometimes me/Sometimes my spouse/partner (VOL.)	4	3
28	We decide together (VOL.)	28	29
*	Someone else (VOL.)	*	*
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

Q.19 For each of the following, would you personally prefer to deal with a man or a woman [INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? How about a man or woman (INSERT NEXT ITEMS)?

**IF SAY 'DEPENDS ON PERSON', PROBE ONCE:** Just generally speaking, would you prefer to deal with a man or woman?

## a. Elementary school teacher

<u>All</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
7	Prefer a man	7	7
59	Prefer a woman	63	56
33	Doesn't matter/same (VOL.)	30	36
*	Depends (VOL.)	*	1
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

## b. Police officer

<u>All</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
46	Prefer a man	44	48
15	Prefer a woman	16	15
36	Doesn't matter/same (VOL.)	37	35
1	Depends (VOL.)	1	1
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2

## c. Banker

<u>All</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
16	Prefer a man	15	16
36	Prefer a woman	37	35
48	Doesn't matter/same (VOL.)	47	48
*	Depends (VOL.)	*	1
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	*

TREND FOR Q19a, b, c	Prefer a <u>man</u>	Prefer a <u>woman</u>	Doesn't matter/ <u>same (VOL.)</u>	Depends <u>(VOL.)</u> <sup>1</sup>	DK/Ref
a. Elementary school teacher					
<i>June 2008</i>	7	59	33	*	1
<i>1997 Post/Kaiser/Harvard</i>	8	61	30	n/a	*
b. Police officer					
<i>June 2008</i>	46	15	36	1	2
<i>2000 NBC News/Wall Street Journal (Women only)</i> <sup>2</sup>	38	5	55	n/a	2
<i>1997 Post/Kaiser/Harvard</i>	56	16	28	n/a	*
c. Banker					
<i>June 2008</i>	16	36	48	*	1
<i>2000 NBC News/Wall Street Journal (Women only)</i>	7	11	82	n/a	*

Q.20 Would you prefer if your **(READ AND RANDOMIZE)** were a man or a woman? How about your **(INSERT NEXT ITEMS)**?

**IF SAY 'DEPENDS ON PERSON', PROBE ONCE:** Just generally speaking, would you prefer if your **(INSERT ITEM)** were a man or woman?

a. Surgeon

<u>All</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
33	Prefer a man	32	34
11	Prefer a woman	10	12
54	Doesn't matter/same <b>(VOL.)</b>	57	52
1	Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	*	1
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1

b. Lawyer

<u>All</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
29	Prefer a man	28	30
21	Prefer a woman	18	23
48	Doesn't matter/same <b>(VOL.)</b>	51	46
1	Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	*

c. Airline pilot

<u>All</u>		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
41	Prefer a man	38	44
6	Prefer a woman	6	7
50	Doesn't matter/same <b>(VOL.)</b>	53	47
*	Depends <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	*
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	2

<sup>1</sup> The volunteered response "depends" was not provided as an option in the 2000 *NBC News/Wall Street Journal* or 1997 *Post/Kaiser/Harvard* survey.

<sup>2</sup> In the 2000 *NBC News/Wall Street Journal* survey, the item was asked of women only and was worded: "I'm going to read you a number of occupations of people you might deal with in your daily life, and I'd like you to tell me whether you prefer to have a man or a woman in those occupations."

## d. Family doctor

<i>All</i>		<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
28	Prefer a man	35	22
29	Prefer a woman	18	39
42	Doesn't matter/same (VOL.)	46	38
*	Depends (VOL.)	*	1
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

**TREND FOR Q20b & d**

	Prefer <u>a man</u>	Prefer a <u>woman</u>	Doesn't matter/ <u>same (VOL.)</u>	Depends <u>(VOL.)</u> <sup>3</sup>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
b. Lawyer					
<i>June 2008</i>	29	21	48	1	1
<i>2000 NBC News/Wall Street Journal (Women only)</i>	17	11	71	n/a	1
d. Family doctor <sup>4</sup>					
<i>June 2008</i>	28	29	42	*	1
<i>2000 NBC News/Wall Street Journal (Women only)</i>	13	30	56	n/a	1
<i>1997 Post/Kaiser/Harvard</i>	36	35	29	n/a	*

<sup>3</sup> The volunteered response "depends" was not provided as an option in the 2000 *NBC News/Wall Street Journal* or 1997 *Post/Kaiser/Harvard* survey.

<sup>4</sup> In the 2000 *NBC News/Wall Street Journal* survey, the item was worded "doctor, internist".