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SOURCE 1

Men and women still have different roles in most societies. Traditionally, men usually work to earn an income for the family. Women are usually responsible for things like cooking and housework.



These roles are part of the culture of societies. Children learn these roles from their parents and other adults. Adults act as role models and the media show images of what is expected of men and women. Children play with toys that reflect these roles – pretty dolls for girls and model cars for boys. Men control many of the important roles in society as leaders, managers and politicians. Men may use this power to maintain traditional roles. Others believe that religious beliefs or biological differences are the main cause of traditional gender roles.

However in many societies the roles of men and women are changing. Globalisation, education for all, modern technologies and new employment opportunities mean that relationships between men and women are no longer the same as in the past. However, this brings many challenges.

SOURCE 2

Women and men do not have the same roles in society. Things may be changing for women but we are not there yet. Men still control the world of politics. In the UK government there are 5 women and 27 men. In China only about 20% of political leaders are women. At work in Europe the majority of directors of companies are men. In most countries women get more paid time off work when a couple has a baby. Research worldwide by a sociologist called Kan shows that women still spend more time on housework than men in over 40 developed nations. Women are paid less than men in many jobs. In my view this is not fair.

Adapted from a magazine promoting women's rights published in 2013

SOURCE 3**Changing World – A TV Documentary**

Two different perspectives about change in the roles of men and women

Elene

Change isn't always good. Men and women used to know what was expected of them. Family life was stronger and children grew up in stable homes.

In the past there were fewer divorces and less trouble between parents and children. Families spent more time together and less time in front of the TV and the computer. Men and women are different physically – we should respect that. We cannot change our biology. I am a mother. I stayed home to look after my own children – women who work cannot always be there for their children. Is this right?

Mulu

As a doctor I have worked with families for many years. I support changes in the roles of men and women. Is it not better if husbands help with child care? Surely a father should be present at the birth of his child? Women who work are just as good at being mothers as those who stay at home. Women's contribution to family income brings many families out of poverty. Children experience a better standard of living. In my country 56% of university graduates are women and 46% of people working are women.

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