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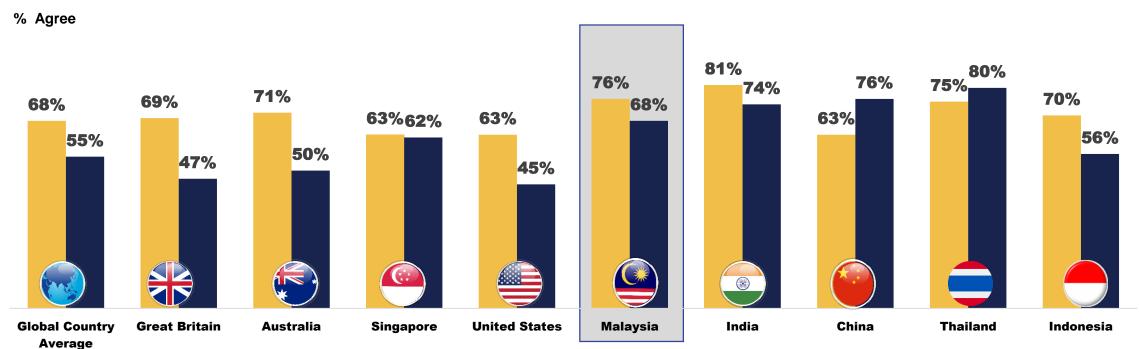
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Malaysians believe gender equality still has a long way to go. However, majority is confident that it can be achieved in their lifetime.

TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT?

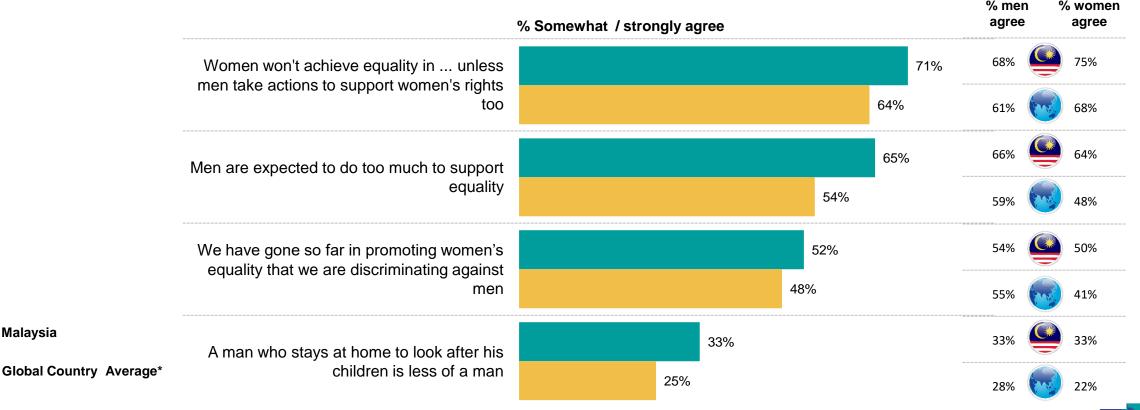
- I believe there is currently an inequality between women and men in terms of social, political and/or economic rights in my country
- Equality between men and women will be achieved in my lifetime





Men have a critical role in supporting women's rights. However, a sizeable proportion of the global and Malaysian respondents believe that it is asking too much, to the extent of discrimination against men.

Irrespective of the gender one third of Malaysians thinks less of a man who stays at home to look after children

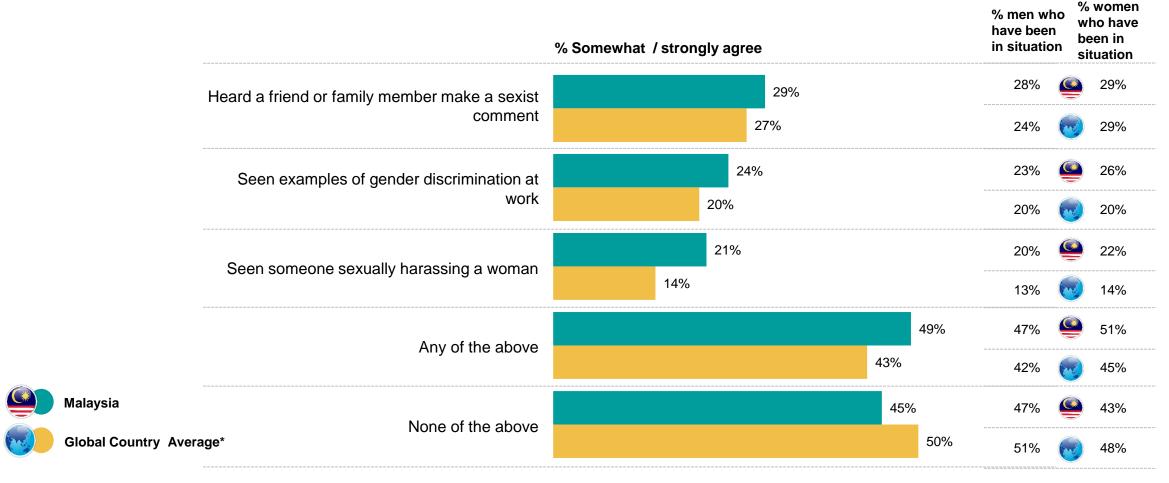




Malaysia



One out of two Malaysians claims to have witnessed gender discrimination. Worryingly,1 in 5 have seen acts of sexual harassment against women around them.





Many Malaysians are scared to speak out and advocate equal rights due to its consequence for them.

6 in 10 of GenZ (67%) and Women (63%) in Malaysia are scared to speak out or advocate towards gender equality.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

I am scared to speak out and advocate the equal rights of women because of what might happen to me

% Somewhat / strongly agree 65% 58% **52%** 44% 37% 36% 35% 31% 29% 27% **Global Country Great Britain United States** India **Thailand** Australia Singapore Malaysia China Indonesia



Average

International Women's day

As we celebrate International Women's Day through #EmbraceEquity, inequality in social, political and economic rights still exists. However, most are optimistic and confident that equality will be achieved in their lifetime.

While we recognize the critical role that men play in women's rights, a substantial proportion believes that we might be asking too much to the extent of discriminating against men.

Almost half of Global and Malaysian respondents claim that Gender discrimination is all around them. 1 in 5 Malaysians has seen it in its worse form of sexual harassment against women.

Unfortunately, many Malaysians are scared to speak out for women's rights for fear of the repercussions against them. Therefore, it's essential to protect and provide a safe-free zone to empower advocates of women's rights.



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