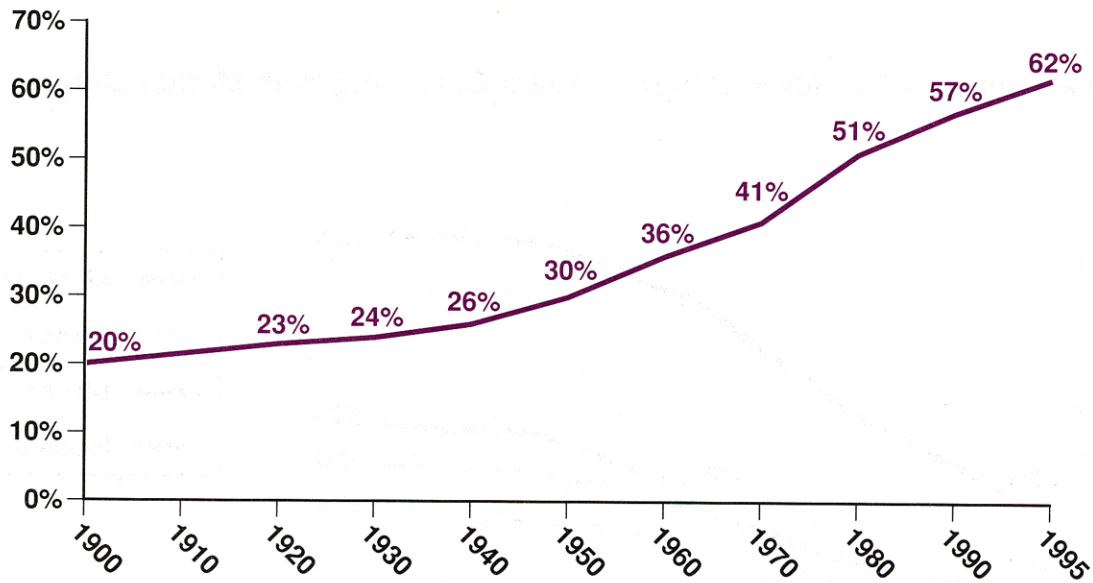


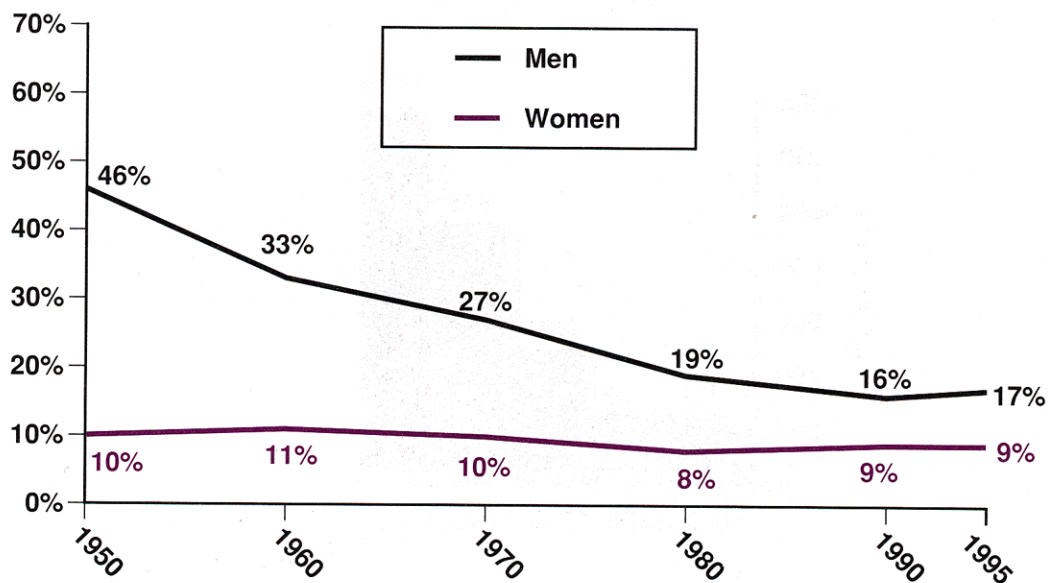
## The Proportion of Women in the Paid Labor Force Has Climbed Throughout this Century—Soaring Since the Sixties



**Note:** 16 years old and over after 1947; 14 years old and over prior to 1947.

**Source:** 1900-1970: *Historical Statistics of the United States*, pp. 131-32. 1980-1995: *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1996-1997, p. 393.

## Labor Force Participation Rate of Women, Age 65 and Over is Unchanged in This Century; That of Elderly Men Has Fallen Sharply



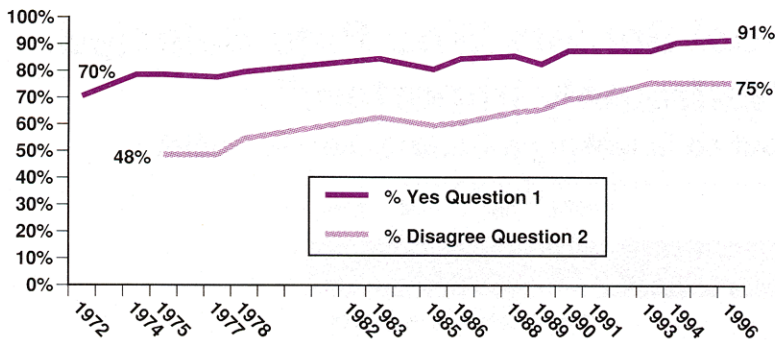
**Source:** Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# Men and Women Don't Disagree on "Women in Politics," But They Differ on Possible Affects of Mothers Working

**Question 1:** If your party nominated a woman for president, would you vote for her if she were qualified for the job?

**Question 2:** Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Most men are better suited emotionally for politics than most women.

### Responses By Gender

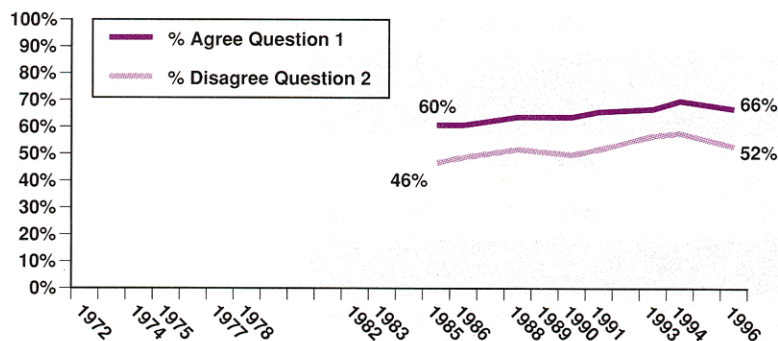


	Yes Question 1		Disagree Question 2	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
1996	88%	92%	73%	76%
1994	88%	90%	72%	76%
1993	87%	87%	73%	75%
1991	85%	87%	71%	69%
1990	87%	85%	66%	70%
1989	79%	84%	61%	68%
1988	87%	83%	59%	68%
1986	86%	82%	62%	59%
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1978	81%	78%	55%	53%
1977	80%	74%	46%	50%
1975	80%	76%	50%	47%
1974	78%	77%	47%	51%
1972	70%	70%	--	--

**Question 1:** Do you agree or disagree with this statement? A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.

**Question 2:** Do you agree or disagree with this statement? A preschool child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works.

### Responses By Gender



	Agree Question 1		Disagree Question 2	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
1996	56%	73%	44%	58%
1994	60%	75%	48%	62%
1993	58%	72%	49%	60%
1991	58%	69%	42%	57%
1990	56%	68%	43%	54%
1989	58%	67%	43%	55%
1988	55%	69%	43%	57%
1986	55%	67%	41%	53%
1985	52%	67%	36%	52%

Source: Surveys by the National Opinion Research Center-General Social Survey (GSS), latest that of 1996.