

## Mail: Masculinity

Graduate Mail: Masculinity Module

### OVERVIEW

A person's idea about what makes someone "masculine" is one component of identity that may impact various facets of a man's adult life--including health. We measured several aspects of masculinity ideals in one-half of the WLS sample. The areas of masculinity ideals we covered included people's perceptions of how men and women differ as well as how men "should" or "should not" express their emotions.

See also memo 172 for specific item selection.

### BRIEF VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

IVM01RER-IVM09RER: Masculinity Attitudes

NOTE: See Cor813 in Appendix A for variable creation details

**ivm01rer: To what extent do you agree that it is important for a man to have a male friend he can confide in?**

Data source: Graduate Respondent    Collected in: 2004    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q1a\_a

		Frequencies		
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	15	52	67
-2	Inappropriate INAP, GROUP91<5	1584	1849	3433
1	STRONGLY AGREE	213	370	583
2	AGREE	656	915	1571
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	553	465	1018
4	DISAGREE	110	37	147
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	15	12	27

**ivm02rer: To what extent do you agree that when a husband and wife make decisions about buying major things for the home, the husband should have the final say?**

Data source: Graduate Respondent    Collected in: 2004    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q1a\_b

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	17	47	64
-2	Inappropriate INAP, GROUP91<5	1584	1849	3433
1	STRONGLY AGREE	15	29	44
2	AGREE	86	87	173
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	493	304	797
4	DISAGREE	722	877	1599
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	229	507	736

**ivm03rer: To what extent do you agree that a man should always try to project an air of confidence even if he really doesn't feel confident inside?**

Data source: Graduate Respondent    Collected in: 2004    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q1a\_c

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	16	50	66
-2	Inappropriate INAP, GROUP91<5	1584	1849	3433
1	STRONGLY AGREE	20	21	41
2	AGREE	411	188	599
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	563	564	1127
4	DISAGREE	513	857	1370
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	39	171	210

**ivm04rer: To what extent do you agree with the statement: 'It bothers me when a man does something that I consider feminine?'**

Data source: Graduate Respondent    Collected in: 2004    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q1a\_e

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	24	59	83
-2	Inappropriate INAP, GROUP91<5	1584	1849	3433
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	0	1
1	STRONGLY AGREE	100	68	168
2	AGREE	357	278	635
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	616	688	1304
4	DISAGREE	394	548	942
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	70	210	280

**ivm05rer: To what extent do you agree that a husband whose wife is working full-time should spend just as many hours doing housework as his wife?**

Data source: Graduate Respondent    Collected in: 2004    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q1a\_f

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	22	54	76
-2	Inappropriate INAP, GROUP91<5	1584	1849	3433
1	STRONGLY AGREE	140	260	400
2	AGREE	738	767	1505
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	461	530	991
4	DISAGREE	184	211	395
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	17	29	46

**ivm06rer: To what extent do you agree that men have greater sexual needs than women?**

Data source: Graduate Respondent    Collected in: 2004    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q1a\_g

		Frequencies		
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	22	56	78
-2	Inappropriate INAP, GROUP91<5	1584	1849	3433
1	STRONGLY AGREE	75	142	217
2	AGREE	469	603	1072
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	671	586	1257
4	DISAGREE	294	383	677
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	31	81	112

**ivm07rer: To what extent do you agree that when a man is feeling pain he should not let it show?**

Data source: Graduate Respondent    Collected in: 2004    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q1a\_h

		Frequencies		
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	27	59	86
-2	Inappropriate INAP, GROUP91<5	1584	1849	3433
1	STRONGLY AGREE	9	26	35
2	AGREE	179	110	289
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	446	145	591
4	DISAGREE	833	1061	1894
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	68	450	518

**ivm08rer: To what extent do you agree that in some kinds of situations a man should be ready to use his fists?**

Data source: Graduate Respondent    Collected in: 2004    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q1a\_i

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	25	70	95
-2	Inappropriate INAP, GROUP91<5	1584	1849	3433
1	STRONGLY AGREE	27	23	50
2	AGREE	364	92	456
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	414	287	701
4	DISAGREE	535	732	1267
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	197	647	844

**ivm09rer: To what extent do you agree that being larger, stronger-looking, and more muscular makes men more attractive to women?**

Data source: Graduate Respondent    Collected in: 2004    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q1a\_k

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1845	1626	3471
-3	REFUSED	16	51	67
-2	Inappropriate INAP, GROUP91<5	1584	1849	3433
1	STRONGLY AGREE	19	27	46
2	AGREE	404	305	709
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	706	690	1396
4	DISAGREE	386	624	1010
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	31	154	185





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