

Survey shows 52% oppose wives staying home alone

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The number of people opposed to the idea of a wife staying at home while her husband works has passed 50 percent for the first time, a Cabinet Office survey showed Saturday.

In a government survey taken in 1979, those opposed to the idea of a wife staying at home stood at 20 percent while those who supported it stood at 72 percent.

In the latest nationwide survey, the opposition rate came in at 52 percent.

The survey, conducted in July and August, received responses from 3,118 adults.

According to the results, 46 percent of men and 57 percent of women oppose the idea of wives staying at home.

Respondents in their 40s constituted the largest group of those opposed, at 59 percent, compared with only 38 percent of respondents 70 or older who were opposed.

The survey also showed, however, that although the majority of respondents were opposed to women staying at home, 85 percent of respondents said that the wives were cooking the meals.

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