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**Ideals and norms related to fatherhood in Europe: A comparative perspective from the
European Social Survey**

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Table A.1. Contextual indicators for Germany, Poland, Spain, Sweden and the UK (circa 2019).

	GERMANY	POLAND	SPAIN	SWEDEN	UK
Education					
% men among students enrolled at tertiary education	51.5	40.5	46.3	39.9	43.1
Labour market					
Male labour force participation rate (20-64 years)	86.3	82.2	84.2	89.5	87.0
Female labour force participation rate (20-64 years)	77.5	67.3	73.7	84.1	77.1
Part-time employment – as % of total employment	27.2	5.9	14.2	20.9	23.0
Men in part-time employment – as % of total employment	9.9	3.5	6.8	13.4	10.8
Temporary contracts – as % of total employment	9.3	17.1	21.9	12.5	3.8
Men in temporary contracts – as % of total employment	12.3	20.6	25.4	14.0	4.6
Family demography					
Men's total first marriage rate	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5
Men's mean age at first marriage	34.4	30.1	36.1	36.7	34.0
Total Fertility Rate	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.7	1.7
Men's mean age at first birth	33.1	30.2	34.4	31.5	32.0
Women's mean age at first birth	29.8	27.6	31.1	29.5	29.1
Childlessness among women born in 1970	23.1	8.0	18.6	14.1	18.0
Proportion (%) of cohabiting couples households with children (a)	32.0	49.9	43.0	50.4	43.3
Share of births outside of marriage – as % of all births	33.3	25.4	48.4	54.5	45.7

Sources: Eurostat Database <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/database>; OECD Employment Database <https://www.oecd.org/employment/emp/onlineoecdemploymentdatabase.htm>; OECD Family Database <http://www.oecd.org/els/family/database.htm>.

Notes: Respondents are aged 15-54 in the sub-samples for the analysis. However, labor market related indicators displayed in this table refer to the standard active labor force population (20-64 years).

Table A.2. Details of the variables used in the analysis and the items on which they are based.

Dependent variables	
Variable	Item or original variable
Ideal age for fatherhood	<i>In your opinion, what is the ideal age for a boy or man to become a father?</i> (numerical variable)
Approval of the decision not to have children	<i>[...] how do you feel about a man deciding not to have children?</i> (numerical variable, scale from 1 - "very bad" - to 5 - "very good")
Approval of fertility outside marriage	<i>[...] how do you feel about a man having a child with the partner he lives with without being married?</i> (numerical variable, scale from 1 - "very bad" - to 5 - "very good")
Approval of full-time work with small children	<i>[...] how do you feel about a man having a full-time job while he has children aged under 3?</i> (numerical variable, scale from 1 - "very bad" - to 5 - "very good")
Independent and control variables	
Educational attainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Tertiary education: ISCED levels 6 and 7; lower and higher tertiary education</i> ○ <i>Upper secondary education: ISCED levels 3, 4, 5; upper secondary education and non-tertiary vocational training</i> ○ <i>Lower secondary education or less: ISCED levels 1 and 2; lower secondary education and education below lower secondary education</i> <p>(categorical variable; the reference category is "Lower secondary education or less")</p>
Age under 30 years	Dichotomous variable (value 1 = age below 30 years; value 0 = age 30 years or more), based on the age of individuals as reported in the survey
First job before the age of 25	Dichotomous variable (value 1 = yes; value 0 = no) constructed from the item "year of start of first paid employment or a paid apprenticeship" and the variable for age
Experience of long-term unemployment	Dichotomous variable (value 1 = yes; value 0 = no) constructed from the items: <i>"Have you ever been unemployed and seeking work for a period of more than</i>

	<i>three months" and "Have any of these periods lasted for 12 months or more?"</i>
Achievement of job stability at some point in time	Dichotomous variable (value 1 = yes; value 0 = no) constructed from the question: <i>"Do/did you have a work contract of... (unlimited duration, limited duration, do not have/had no contract)?"</i>
Level of religiousness	<i>Regardless of whether you belong to a particular religion, how religious would you say you are?</i> (numerical variable, scale 0-10)
Residence in urban area	Dichotomous variable (value 1 = urban [a big city, the suburbs or outskirts of a big city; a town or a small city]; value 0 = rural [a country village; a farm or home in the countryside]) constructed from the question: <i>"Which phrase on this card best describes the area where you live?"</i>
Children	Dichotomous variable (value 1 = yes; value 0 = no) constructed from the question: <i>"How many children have you ever given birth to/fathered?"</i>
Marital status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Married/Cohabiting: Legally married; in a legally registered civil union</i> ○ <i>Separated/divorced/union dissolved/widowed: Legally separated; legally divorced/Civil union dissolved; widowed/civil partner died</i> ○ <i>Single: None of these (never married or in legally registered civil union)</i> (categorical variable; the reference category is "Married/Cohabiting")
Gender	Dichotomous variable (value 1 = male; value 2 = female), based on the sex of the individuals as reported in the survey