THE INFLUENCE OF FULL-SCALE WAR ON THE CHOICE OF PROFESSION

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KEY FINDINGS
53% of Ukrainians believe that the division into “female” and “male” professions is due to physiological differences between women and men – at the same time, in 2021, there were 73%.

44% of Ukrainians don’t agree that there are professions that are suitable only for men and only for women. This indicator has significantly increased since 2021, when it was 30%.

The influence of full-scale war on the choice of profession.
50% of Ukrainians believe that it’s gender stereotypes that are the cause of misconceptions about specifically “male” or “female” professions, and not gender itself.

10% of parents persuaded or persuade children to choose a profession that “suits a boy/girl”; there were 21% of them in 2021.

The influence of full-scale war on the choice of profession.
46% of Ukrainians disagree with the fact that some professions are not suitable for women. In 2021, there were only 23%.

In 2023, Ukrainians began to be more often guided by their own knowledge and interests in choosing a profession:
- 55% vs.
- 48% in 2021
31% of those planning to acquire a profession said that the full-scale war influenced their choice. Most often, they chose the profession:

- that is in demand: 37%
- that is in demand abroad: 35%
- as well as the one needed to restore Ukraine: 29%

Ukrainians most often want to change their profession due to compliance with the following:

- that it meets their interests: 51%
- want to have more income: 37%
- are looking for a profession necessary for the restoration of Ukraine: 28%
- prefer working with a flexible schedule: 26%
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