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Mothers are recognised in Hungary

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According to eight out of ten Hungarians, mothers hold the families together and play the biggest role in raising children – turned out from the survey of the Mária Kopp Institute for Demography and Families (KINCS). The majority of responding adults are grateful to their mothers for raising them. According to nearly three quarters of them, mothers are valued in Hungary today. Most of them believe that family policy should be based on mothers.

“The birth and breastfeeding of children and the establishment of a safe early mother-child relationship are inalienable tasks for women, it is even more important to prepare girls and women for the significance of this today than in the recent centuries, when they have naturally seen maternity preparation patterns around them.”

Prof. Dr. Mária Kopp

Mother's Day has been a decisive celebration in the lives of Hungarian families for almost a century, and mothers were greeted for the first time in 1925 on the initiative of the Hungarian Youth Red Cross. This time, the aim of the KINCS was to get to know how people thought about the role of mothers in families and in the society.

Nearly four-fifths (78%) of the respondents agreed with the statement that mothers keep families together, and 77% thought that mothers had the largest and most important role in raising children. There was even more agreement among those with children, older people, women and people living in rural areas.

According to the majority of the respondents, family policy should be based primarily on mothers, six out of ten fully agreed, a quarter agreed from one point and disagreed from the other point, and only six were rejecting. In particular, children, women and older people could better identify themselves with this claim.

Regarding the personal lives of the respondents, it turned out that most of the people (83 percent) are grateful to their mothers for raising them, and as a result, seven out of ten are completely satisfied with the way their mothers raised them, and only 3 percent stated that they were dissatisfied.

It can also be concluded from the survey that the majority of Hungarians (71%) believe that mothers are valued at the social level as well and their work for families is appreciated.

The research of the Mária Kopp Institute showed that mothers in Hungary are respected, and they are recognized both within families and in the society. People feel that mothers hold families together, that they have the most important role in raising children, and that they do the most for families.



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God bless every mother, grandmother and great-grandmother on May 1st, Mother's Day.

Methodology: The national representative survey was conducted by telephone interviewing 1000 people among the adult population between 13-22 April 2022.

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