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Table 4. Descriptive statistics of the variables in the Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of female voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 3 (2006).

				Std.
Variable	Groups	Ν	Mean	Deviation
	Disapprove	516	2.23	1.16
Important that people are treated equally and have equal opportunities	Neither, nor	78	2.28	1.22
	Approve	26	1.69	0.97
	Total	620	2.21	1.16
	Disapprove	510	2.13	1.10
Important to live in secure and safe surroundings	Neither, nor	80	2.34	1.32
	Approve	26	1.50	0.58
	Total	616	2.13	1.13
	Disapprove	513	2.28	1.03
Important to help people and care for others' well-being	Neither, nor	83	2.46	1.25
	Approve	25	1.92	0.91
	Total	621	2.29	1.06

Table 5. Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of female voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 3 (2006).

Variable		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Important that people are treated equally and have equal opportunities	Between Groups	7.55	2	3.77	2.8	*
	Within Groups	830.35	617	1.35		
	Total	837.90	619			
	Between Groups	13.76	2	6.88	5.51	**
Important to live in secure and safe surroundings	Within Groups	765.32	613	1.25		
	Total	779.08	615			
	Between Groups	5.80	2	2.90	2.58	*
Important to help people and care for others' well- being	Within Groups	694.02	618	1.12		
	Total	699.83	620			

Notes: Sig.: (1) *** p≤0.01; ** 0.01<p≤0.05; * 0.05<p≤0.10

Table 6. Mean differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of female voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 3 (2006).

Variable	Groups		Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.05	0.14	
Important that people are treated		Approve	0.54	0.23	*
equally and have equal opportunities	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.05	0.14	
		Approve	0.59	0.26	*

	Approve	Disapprove	-0.54	0.23	*
		Neither, nor	-0.59	0.26	*
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.20	0.13	
		Approve	0.63	0.22	**
Important to live in secure and safe	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.20	0.13	
surroundings		Approve	0.84	0.25	**
	Approve	Disapprove	-0.63	0.22	**
		Neither, nor	-0.84	0.25	**
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.18	0.13	
		Approve	0.36	0.22	
Important to help people and care for	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.18	0.13	
others' well-being		Approve	0.54	0.24	*
	Approve	Disapprove	-0.36	0.22	
		Neither, nor	-0.54	0.24	*

Notes: Sig.: (1) *** p≤0.01; ** 0.01<p≤0.05; * 0.05<p≤0.10

Figure 2. Means plots of Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of female voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 3 (2006).

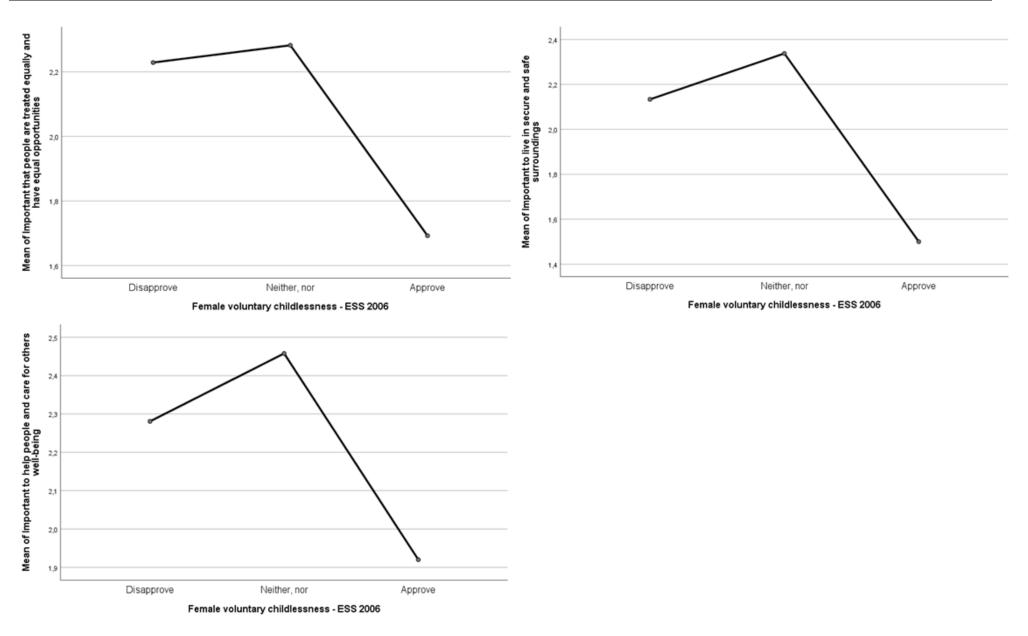


Table 7. Descriptive statistics of the variables in the Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of female voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 9 (2018).

				Std.
Variable	Groups	N	Mean	Deviation
	Disapprove	616	3.60	1.50
Important to think new ideas and being creative	Neither, nor	221	3.43	1.42
important to timic new facus and being creative	Approve	47	3.04	1.44
	Total	884	3.53	1.48
	Disapprove	634	4.29	1.37
Important to be rich, have money and expensive things	Neither, nor	233	4.17	1.23
	Approve	47	3.85	1.30
	Total	914	4.24	1.34
Important to live in secure and safe surroundings	Disapprove	645	2.26	1.11
	Neither, nor	236	2.57	1.17
	Approve	47	2.53	0.95
	Total	928	2.35	1.13
	Disapprove	624	3.52	1.44
	Neither, nor	227	3.52	1.29
Important to do what is told and follow rules	Approve	47	3.34	1.32
	Total	898	3.51	1.39
	Disapprove	627	2.91	1.22
	Neither, nor	224	3.25	1.17
Important to understand different people	Approve	48	3.08	1.11
	Total	899	3.00	1.21
	Disapprove	655	2.84	1.27
Important to be humble and modest, not draw attention	Neither, nor	235	3.41	1.16
important to be numble and modest, not draw attention	Approve	48	3.46	1.29
	Total	938	3.01	1.27
Important to have a good time	Disapprove	636	3.74	1.50

	Neither, nor	230	3.50	1.34
	Approve	48	3.33	1.51
	Total	914	3.66	1.46
	Disapprove	636	2.48	1.09
Important to help people and care for others well-being	Neither, nor	227	2.67	1.01
important to help people and care for others were being	Approve	47	2.57	1.14
	Total	910	2.53	1.08
	Disapprove	639	2.07	1.10
Important that government is strong and ensures safety	Neither, nor	225	2.37	1.14
important that government is strong and ensures safety	Approve	48	2.67	1.23
	Total	912	2.18	1.13
Important to behave properly	Disapprove	637	2.56	1.16
	Neither, nor	231	2.89	1.11
	Approve	46	2.89	1.16
	Total	914	2.66	1.15
	Disapprove	640	2.21	1.06
Important to care for nature and environment	Neither, nor	232	2.41	1.08
	Approve	45	2.29	1.24
	Total	917	2.27	1.08
	Disapprove	656	2.18	1.11
Important to follow traditions and customs	Neither, nor	232	2.44	1.07
	Approve	46	2.35	0.92
	Total	934	2.25	1.10
	Disapprove	635	3.73	1.51
Important to seek fun and things that give pleasure	Neither, nor	229	3.69	1.39
	Approve	48	3.08	1.41
	Total	912	3.69	1.48

Table 8. Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of female voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 9 (2018).

Variable		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
	Between Groups	16.75	2	8.37	3.827	*
Important to think new ideas and being creative	Within Groups	1927.43	881	2.19		
	Total	1944.18	883			
	Between Groups	10.03	2	5.02	2.826	*
Important to be rich, have money and expensive things	Within Groups	1617.45	911	1.78		
	Total	1627.48	913			
	Between Groups	18.72	2	9.36	7.435	***
Important to live in secure and safe surroundings	Within Groups	1164.76	925	1.26		
	Total	1183.48	927			
	Between Groups	28.35	2	14.18	8.092	***
Important to do what is told and follow rules	Within Groups	1562.64	892	1.75		
	Total	1590.99	894			
Important to understand	Between Groups	19.32	2	9.66	6.695	***
different people	Within Groups	1292.67	896	1.44		

	Total	1311.98	898			
	Between Groups	67.00	2	33.5	21.649	* * *
Important to be humble and modest, not draw attention	Within Groups	1446.89	935	1.55		
	Total	1513.89	937			
	Between Groups	15.29	2	7.65	3.589	**
Important to have a good time	Within Groups	1940.84	911	2.13		
	Total	1956.13	913			
	Between Groups	5.56	2	2.78	2.407	*
Important to help people and care for others well-being	Within Groups	1046.89	907	1.15		
	Total	1052.44	909			
	Between Groups	27.44	2	13.72	11.006	***
Important that government is strong and ensures safety	Within Groups	1133.14	909	1.25		
	Total	1160.58	911			
	Between Groups	20.98	2	10.49	8.008	***
Important to behave properly	Within Groups	1193.55	911	1.31		
	Total	1214.54	913			
Important to care for nature and environment	Between Groups	6.52	2	3.26	2.826	*

	Within Groups	1055.02	914	1.15		
	Total	1061.54	916			
	Between Groups	12.23	2	6.12	5.116	**
Important to follow traditions and customs	Within Groups	1113.12	931	1.2		
	Total	1125.35	933			
	Between Groups	18.62	2	9.31	4.269	**
Important to seek fun and things that give pleasure	Within Groups	1982.06	909	2.18		
	Total	2000.68	911			

Notes: Sig.: (1) *** p≤0.01; ** 0.01<p≤0.05; * 0.05<p≤0.10

Table 9. Mean differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of female voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 9 (2018).

Variable	Group	DS	Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	0.17	0.12	
		Approve	0.56	0.22	*
Important to think new ideas and being creative	Neither, nor	Disapprove	-0.17	0.12	
		Approve	0.39	0.24	
	Approve	Disapprove	-0.56	0.22	*

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		Neither, nor	-0.39	0.24	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	0.12	0.10	
		Approve	0.44	0.20	*
Important to be rich, have money and	Neither, nor	Disapprove	-0.12	0.10	
expensive things		Approve	0.32	0.21	
	Approve	Disapprove	-0.44	0.20	*
		Neither, nor	-0.32	0.21	
Important to live in secure and safe surroundings	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.32	0.09	***
		Approve	-0.28	0.17	
	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.32	0.09	***
		Approve	0.04	0.18	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.28	0.17	
		Neither, nor	-0.04	0.18	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.41	0.10	***
		Approve	-0.27	0.20	
Important to do what is told and follow	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.41	0.10	***
rules		Approve	0.14	0.21	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.27	0.20	
		Neither, nor	-0.14	0.21	
Important to understand different people	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.34	0.09	***
		Approve	-0.17	0.18	

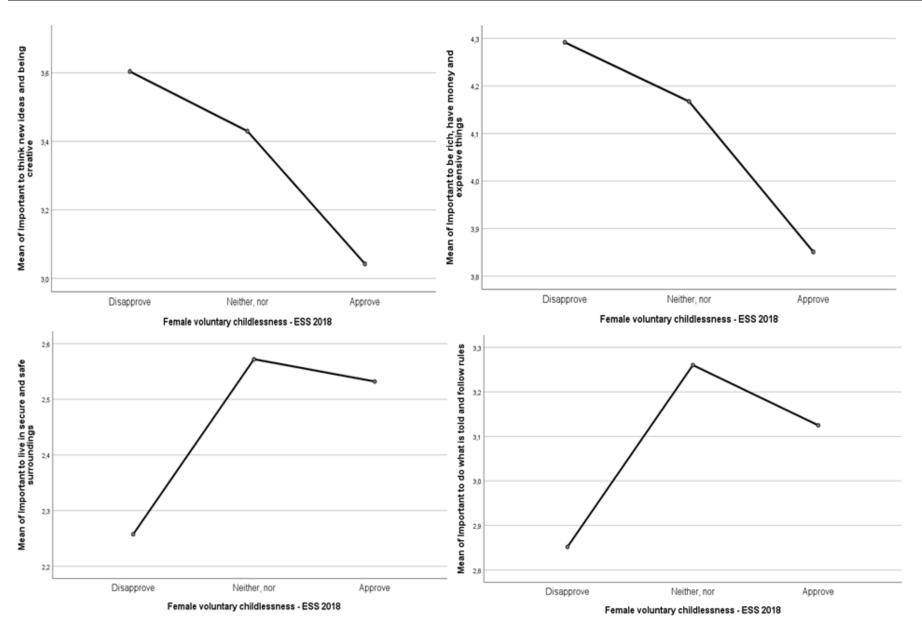
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	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.34	0.09	***
		Approve	0.17	0.19	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.17	0.18	
		Neither, nor	-0.17	0.19	
Important to be humble and modest, not draw attention	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.57	0.10	***
		Approve	-0.62	0.19	**
	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.57	0.10	***
		Approve	-0.05	0.20	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.62	0.19	**
		Neither, nor	0.05	0.20	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	0.24	0.11	*
		Approve	0.41	0.22	
Important to have a good time	Neither, nor	Disapprove	-0.24	0.11	*
		Approve	0.16	0.23	
	Approve	Disapprove	-0.41	0.22	
		Neither, nor	-0.16	0.23	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.18	0.08	*
Important to help people and care for		Approve	-0.09	0.16	
Important to help people and care for others well-being	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.18	0.08	*
		Approve	0.09	0.17	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.09	0.16	

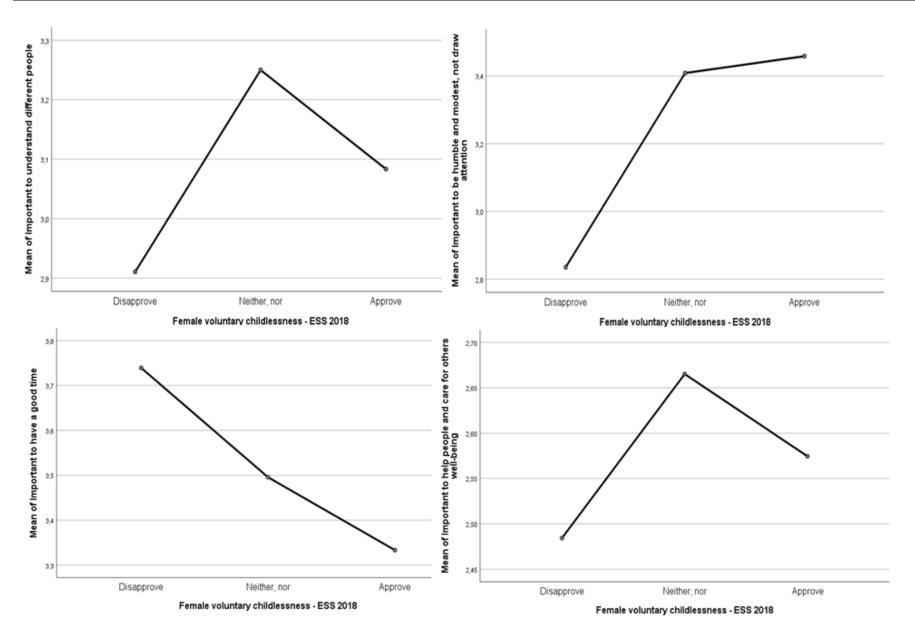
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		Neither, nor	-0.09	0.17	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.30	0.09	***
		Approve	-0.60	0.17	***
Important that government is strong and	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.30	0.09	***
ensures safety		Approve	-0.29	0.18	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.60	0.17	***
		Neither, nor	0.29	0.18	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.33	0.09	***
		Approve	-0.33	0.18	
Important to behave properly	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.33	0.09	***
		Approve	0.00	0.19	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.33	0.18	
		Neither, nor	0.00	0.19	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.20	0.08	*
		Approve	-0.08	0.17	
Important to care for nature and	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.20	0.08	*
environment		Approve	0.12	0.18	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.08	0.17	
		Neither, nor	-0.12	0.18	
Important to follow traditions and customs	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.26	0.08	**

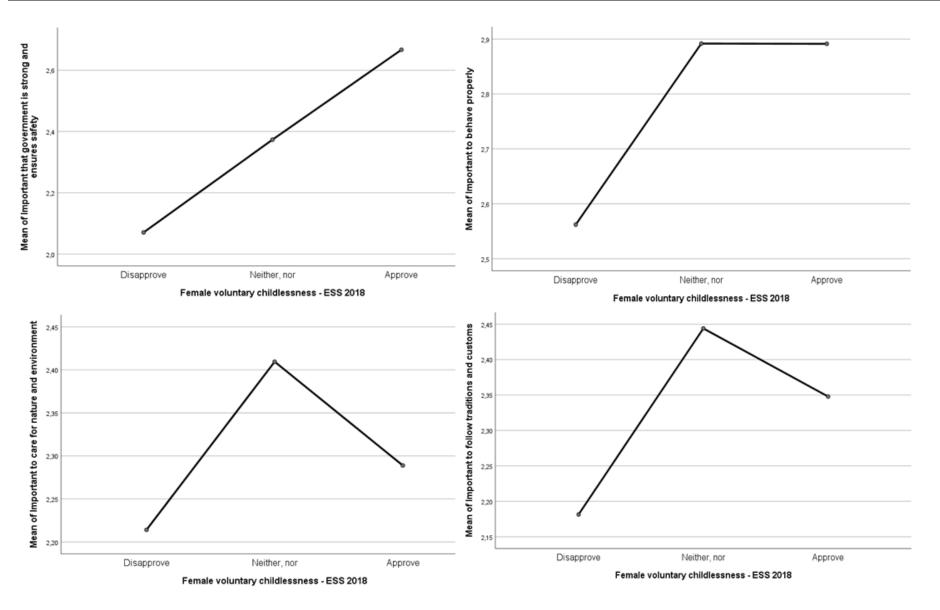
		Approve	-0.17	0.17	
	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.26	0.08	**
		Approve	0.10	0.18	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.17	0.17	
		Neither, nor	-0.10	0.18	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	0.04	0.11	
		Approve	0.65	0.22	**
Important to seek fun and things that give	Neither, nor	Disapprove	-0.04	0.11	
pleasure		Approve	0.61	0.23	**
	Approve	Disapprove	-0.65	0.22	**
		Neither, nor	-0.61	0.23	**

Notes: Sig.: (1) *** p≤0.01; ** 0.01<p≤0.05; * 0.05<p≤0.10

Figure 3. Means plots of Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of female voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 9 (2018).







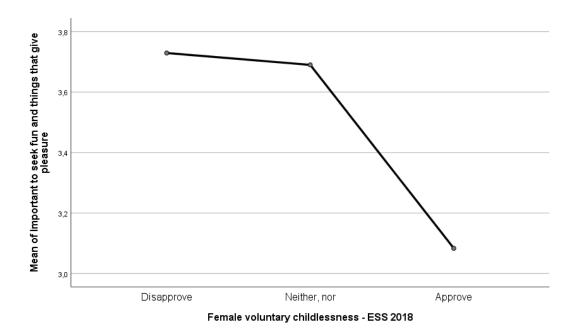


Table 10. Descriptive statistics of the variables in the Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of male voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 3 (2006).

				Std.
Variable	Groups	Ν	Mean	Deviation
	Disapprove	526	2.97	1.45
Important to try new and different things in life	Neither, nor	96	3.16	1.47
important to try new and unterent things in me	Approve	21	1.95	1.36
	Total	643	2.97	1.46
	Disapprove	537	3.22	1.53
Important to have a good time	Neither, nor	97	3.32	1.45
Important to have a good time	Approve	23	2.52	1.47
	Total	657	3.21	1.52

	Disapprove	539	1.71	0.88
	Neither, nor	97	1.97	0.98
Important that government is strong and ensures safety	Approve	23	1.74	0.96
	Total	659	1.75	0.90
	Disapprove	530	1.84	0.86
Important to be loyal to friends and devote to people close	Neither, nor	96	2.07	1.04
	Approve	22	2.05	1.25
	Total	648	1.88	0.91
	Disapprove	519	1.99	0.93
Important to care for nature and environment	Neither, nor	92	2.26	1.09
	Approve	21	2.10	0.77
	Total	632	2.03	0.95
	Disapprove	529	3.36	1.65
Important to seek fun and things that give pleasure	Neither, nor	95	3.55	1.57
	Approve	22	2.64	1.47
	Total	646	3.37	1.64

Table 11. Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of male voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 3 (2006).

Variable		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
	Between Groups	25.08	2	12.54	5.957	**
Important to try new and different things in life	Within Groups	1347.24	640	2.11		
	Total	1372.31	642			
Important to have a good time	Between Groups	12.09	2	6.05	2.635	*

	Within Groups	1500.34	654	2.29		
	Total	1512.43	656			
	Between Groups	5.34	2	2.67	3.297	**
Important that government is strong and ensures safety	Within Groups	531.34	656	0.81		
	Total	536.68	658			
	Between Groups	4.87	2	2.44	2.991	**
Important to be loyal to friends and devote to people close	Within Groups	525.45	645	0.82		
	Total	530.32	647			
	Between Groups	5.89	2	2.94	3.263	**
Important to care for nature and environment	Within Groups	567.48	629	0.9		
	Total	573.37	631			
	Between Groups	14.84	2	7.42	2.778	*
Important to seek fun and things that give pleasure	Within Groups	1717.21	643	2.67		
	Total	1732.05	645			

Notes: Sig.: (1) *** p≤0.01; ** 0.01<p≤0.05; * 0.05<p≤0.10

Table 12. Mean test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of male voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 3 (2006).

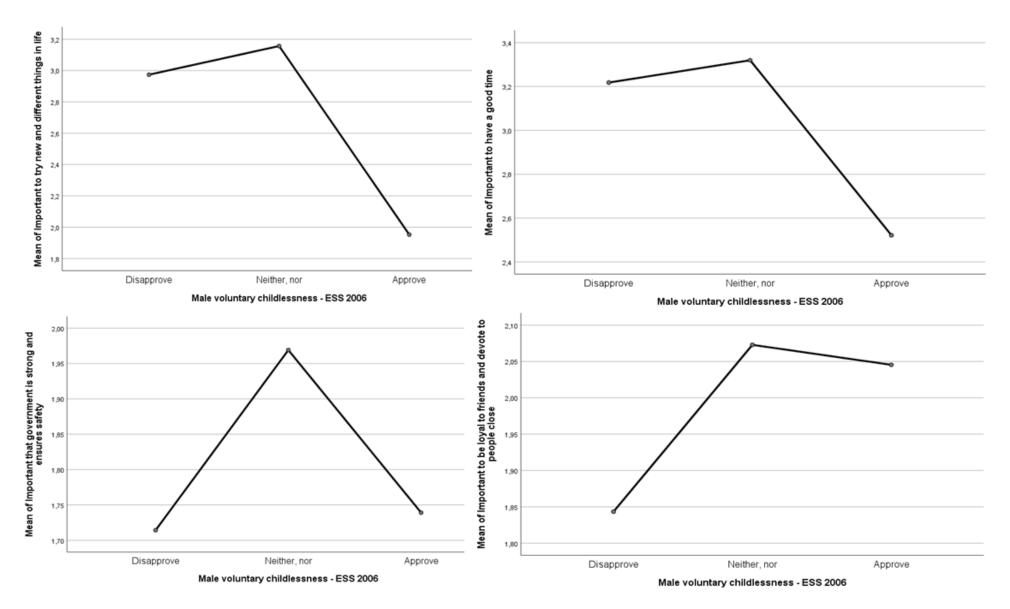
Variable	0	Groups	Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.18	0.16	
		Approve	1.02	0.32	**
Important to try new and different things in	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.18	0.16	
life		Approve	1.20	0.35	**
	Approve	Disapprove	-1.02	0.32	**
		Neither, nor	-1.20	0.35	**
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.10	0.17	
		Approve	0.70	0.32	*
Important to have a good time	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.10	0.17	
		Approve	0.80	0.35	*
	Approve	Disapprove	-0.70	0.32	*
		Neither, nor	-0.80	0.35	*
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.26	0.10	**
Important that government is strong and ensures safety		Approve	-0.03	0.19	
	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.26	0.10	**

		Approve	0.23	0.21	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.03	0.19	
		Neither, nor	-0.23	0.21	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.23	0.10	*
		Approve	-0.20	0.20	
Important to be loyal to friends and devote	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.23	0.10	*
to people close		Approve	0.03	0.21	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.20	0.20	
		Neither, nor	-0.03	0.21	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.27	0.11	*
		Approve	-0.11	0.21	
Important to care for nature and	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.27	0.11	*
environment		Approve	0.17	0.23	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.11	0.21	
		Neither, nor	-0.17	0.23	
Important to seek fun and things that give	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.18	0.18	
pleasure		Approve	0.73	0.36	

Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.18	0.18	
	Approve	0.91	0.39	*
Approve	Disapprove	-0.73	0.36	
	Neither, nor	-0.91	0.39	*

Notes: Sig.: (1) *** p≤0.01; ** 0.01<p≤0.05; * 0.05<p≤0.10

Figure 4. Means plots of Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of male voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 3 (2006).



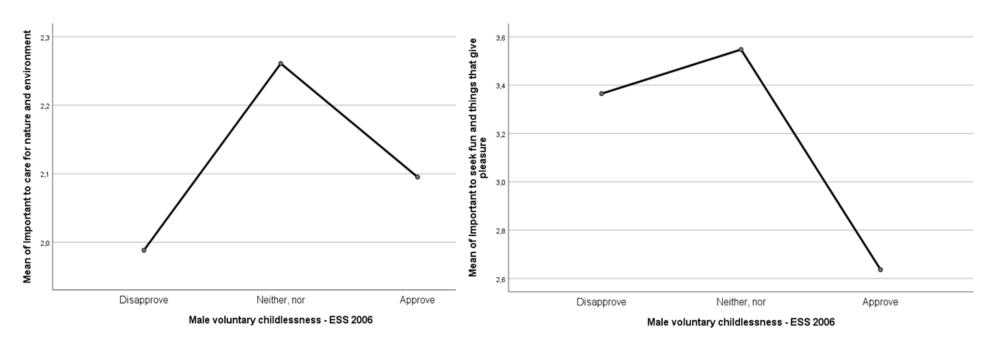


Table 13. Descriptive statistics of the variables in the Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of male voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 9 (2018).

				Std.
Variable	Group	N	Mean	Deviation
	Disapprove	641	4.41	1.27
Important to be rich, have money and expensive things	Neither, nor	260	4.04	1.25
important to be nell, have money and expensive things	Approve	50	4.02	1.32
	Total	951	4.29	1.28
	Disapprove	657	2.24	1.08
Important to live in secure and safe surroundings	Neither, nor	268	2.63	1.09
important to ne in secure and sale surroundings	Approve	48	2.63	1.16
	Total	973	2.37	1.10

	Disapprove	635	3.57	1.39
Important to try new and different things in life	Neither, nor	259	3.33	1.26
	Approve	49	3.49	1.34
	Total	943	3.50	1.36
	Disapprove	643	2.89	1.29
Important to do what is told and follow rules	Neither, nor	262	3.13	1.16
	Approve	49	3.22	1.37
	Total	954	2.97	1.27
	Disapprove	631	2.92	1.22
Important to understand different people	Neither, nor	260	3.18	1.07
	Approve	49	3.08	1.46
	Total	940	3.00	1.20
	Disapprove	661	2.88	1.30
Important to be humble and modest, not draw attention	Neither, nor	265	3.39	1.13
important to be numble and modest, not draw attention	Approve	49	3.45	1.49
	Total	975	3.05	1.29
	Disapprove	638	3.85	1.45
Important to have a good time	Neither, nor	260	3.55	1.30
	Approve	48	3.31	1.29
	Total	946	3.74	1.41
	Disapprove	642	2.54	1.12
Important to help people and care for others well-being	Neither, nor	258	2.81	0.95
important to help people and care for others wen being	Approve	45	2.71	1.14
	Total	945	2.62	1.08
	Disapprove	654	2.12	1.10
Important that government is strong and ensures safety	Neither, nor	254	2.42	1.07
	Approve	48	2.77	1.45
	Total	956	2.23	1.13

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Important to seek adventures and have an exciting life	Disapprove	635	4.22	1.41
	Neither, nor	261	3.86	1.33
	Approve	46	4.00	1.52
	Total	942	4.11	1.40
	Disapprove	636	2.53	1.15
Important to behave properly	Neither, nor	257	3.05	1.05
	Approve	47	3.26	1.33
	Total	940	2.71	1.16
	Disapprove	652	2.04	0.94
Important to be loyal to friends and devote to people close	Neither, nor	264	2.45	0.98
	Approve	46	2.33	1.12
	Total	962	2.16	0.98
	Disapprove	638	2.18	1.03
Important to care for nature and environment	Neither, nor	261	2.47	1.07
important to care for nature and environment	Approve	48	2.54	1.05
	Total	947	2.28	1.05
	Disapprove	658	2.15	1.08
Important to follow traditions and customs	Neither, nor	258	2.50	1.12
	Approve	48	2.60	1.28
	Total	964	2.26	1.12
	Disapprove	644	3.74	1.54
Important to seek fun and things that give pleasure	Neither, nor	260	3.55	1.34
important to seek fun and things that give pleasure	Approve	47	3.26	1.37
	Total	951	3.66	1.48

Table 14. Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of male voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 9 (2018).

Variable		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
	Between Groups	29.86	2	14.93	9.274	***
Important to be rich, have money and expensive things	Within Groups	1526.04	948	1.61		
	Total	1555.90	950			
	Between Groups	31.83	2	15.91	13.415	***
Important to live in secure and safe surroundings	Within Groups	1150.71	970	1.19		
	Total	1182.54	972			
	Between Groups	11.20	2	5.60	3.059	**
Important to try new and different things in life	Within Groups	1720.55	940	1.83		
	Total	1731.75	942			
	Between Groups	13.54	2	6.77	4.252	**
Important to do what is told and follow rules	Within Groups	1513.75	951	1.59		
	Total	1527.29	953			
	Between Groups	12.95	2	6.47	4.529	**
Important to understand different people	Within Groups	1339.06	937	1.43		
	Total	1352.01	939			

	Between Groups	57.85	2	28.93	18.021	***
Important to be humble and modest, not draw attention	Within Groups	1560.16	972	1.61		
	Total	1618.01	974			
	Between Groups	25.97	2	12.99	6.581	***
Important to have a good time	Within Groups	1861.01	943	1.97		
	Total	1886.99	945			
	Between Groups	14.24	2	7.12	6.162	**
Important to help people and care for others well-being	Within Groups	1088.61	942	1.16		
	Total	1102.86	944			
	Between Groups	31.80	2	15.90	12.868	***
Important that government is strong and ensures safety	Within Groups	1177.57	953	1.24		
	Total	1209.37	955			
	Between Groups	24.35	2	12.18	6.302	**
Important to seek adventures and have an exciting life	Within Groups	1814.17	939	1.93		
	Total	1838.52	941			
Important to behave properly	Between Groups	65.11	2	32.55	25.449	***

	Between Groups	32.90	2	16.45	17.753	***
Important to be loyal to friends and devote to people close	Within Groups	888.48	959	0.93		
	Total	921.38	961			
	Between Groups	18.22	2	9.11	8.373	***
Important to care for nature and environment	Within Groups	1027.07	944	1.09		
	Total	1045.28	946			
	Between Groups	28.63	2	14.32	11.739	***
Important to follow traditions and customs	Within Groups	1171.97	961	1.22		
	Total	1200.60	963			
	Between Groups	14.64	2	7.32	3.35	**
Important to seek fun and things that give pleasure	Within Groups	2071.36	948	2.19		
	Total	2086.00	950			

Notes: Sig.: (1) *** p≤0.01; ** 0.01<p≤0.05; * 0.05<p≤0.10

Table 15. Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove male voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 9 (2018).

Variable	Gro	oups	Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	0.38	0.09	***
		Approve	0.39	0.19	
Important to be rich, to have money and	Neither, nor	Disapprove	-0.38	0.09	***
expensive things		Approve	0.02	0.20	
	Approve	Disapprove	-0.39	0.19	
		Neither, nor	-0.02	0.20	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.39	0.08	***
		Approve	-0.38	0.16	*
Important to live in secure and safe	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.39	0.08	***
surroundings		Approve	0.01	0.17	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.38	0.16	*
		Neither, nor	-0.01	0.17	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	0.25	0.10	**
		Approve	0.09	0.20	
Important to try new and different things in	Neither, nor	Disapprove	-0.25	0.10	**
life		Approve	-0.16	0.21	
	Approve	Disapprove	-0.09	0.20	
		Neither, nor	0.16	0.21	
Important to do what is told and follow rules	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.24	0.09	**

		Approve	-0.33	0.19	
	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.24	0.09	**
		Approve	-0.10	0.20	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.33	0.19	
		Neither, nor	0.10	0.20	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.26	0.09	**
		Approve	-0.16	0.18	
Important to understand different people	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.26	0.09	**
		Approve	0.10	0.19	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.16	0.18	
		Neither, nor	-0.10	0.19	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.51	0.09	***
		Approve	-0.57	0.19	**
Important to be humble and modest, not	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.51	0.09	***
draw attention		Approve	-0.06	0.20	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.57	0.19	**
		Neither, nor	0.06	0.20	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	0.30	0.10	**
		Approve	0.54	0.21	**
Important to have a good time	Neither, nor	Disapprove	-0.30	0.10	**
		Approve	0.23	0.22	

	Approve	Disapprove	-0.54	0.21	**
		Neither, nor	-0.23	0.22	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.27	0.08	**
		Approve	-0.18	0.17	
Important to help people and care for	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.27	0.08	**
others' well-being		Approve	0.10	0.17	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.18	0.17	
		Neither, nor	-0.10	0.17	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.31	0.08	***
		Approve	-0.66	0.17	***
Important that government is strong and	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.31	0.08	***
ensures safety		Approve	-0.35	0.18	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.66	0.17	***
		Neither, nor	0.35	0.18	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	0.36	0.10	***
		Approve	0.22	0.21	
Important to seek adventures and have an	Neither, nor	Disapprove	-0.36	0.10	***
exciting life		Approve	-0.14	0.22	
	Approve	Disapprove	-0.22	0.21	
		Neither, nor	0.14	0.22	

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	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.53	0.08	***
		Approve	-0.73	0.17	***
Important to behave properly	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.53	0.08	***
		Approve	-0.20	0.18	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.73	0.17	***
		Neither, nor	0.20	0.18	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.41	0.07	***
Important to be loyal to friends and devote		Approve	-0.29	0.15	
	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.41	0.07	***
to people close		Approve	0.12	0.15	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.29	0.15	
		Neither, nor	-0.12	0.15	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.28	0.08	***
		Approve	-0.36	0.16	*
Important to care for nature and	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.28	0.08	***
environment		Approve	-0.07	0.16	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.36	0.16	*
		Neither, nor	0.07	0.16	
Important to follow traditions and customs	Disapprove	Neither, nor	-0.35	0.08	***
		Approve	-0.46	0.17	**

	Neither, nor	Disapprove	0.35	0.08	***
		Approve	-0.11	0.17	
	Approve	Disapprove	0.46	0.17	**
		Neither, nor	0.11	0.17	
	Disapprove	Neither, nor	0.19	0.11	
		Approve	0.48	0.22	*
Important to seek fun and things that give	Neither, nor	Disapprove	-0.19	0.11	
pleasure		Approve	0.30	0.23	
	Approve	Disapprove	-0.48	0.22	*
		Neither, nor	-0.30	0.23	

Notes: Sig.: (1) *** p≤0.01; ** 0.01<p≤0.05; * 0.05<p≤0.10

Table 16. Description of the variables used in the analysis of the attitudes to female and male voluntary childlessness in Bulgaria - European social survey, round 3 (2006) and round 9 (2018).

	ESS 2006		ES	S 2006	ESS 2018		ESS 2018		
Variables	Women's cł	nildlessness	Men's c	hildlessness	Women's childlessness		Men's childlessness		
	Ν	Percentage	Ν	Percentage	Ν	Percentage	Ν	Percentage	

Approve if a pers	son							
chooses never to ha	ave							
children?								
(Strongly) disapprove	537	83.0	562	82.0	705	69.9	707	67.7
Neither, nor	84	13.0	99	14.5	251	24.9	287	27.5
(Strongly) approve	26	4.0	24	3.5	53	5.3	51	4.9
Total	647	100	685	100	1009	100	1045	100
Gender								
Man	263	38.8	283	39.2	483	44.6	490	44.2
Woman	415	61.2	439	60.8	601	55.4	619	55.8
Total	678	100	722	100	1084	100	1109	100
Education								
Tertiary	139	20.6	158	21.9	244	22.5	247	22.3
Secondary	470	69.5	508	70.5	554	51.2	578	52.1
Primary or lower	67	9.9	55	7.6	285	26.3	284	25.6

Total	676	100	721	100	1083	100	1109	100
Economic status								
Employed	274	40.5	317	44.0	468	43.2	479	43.4
Unemployed	84	12.4	64	8.9	85	7.8	75	6.8
Economically inactive	319	47.1	340	47.2	530	48.9	550	49.8
Total	677	100	721	100	1083	100.0	1104	100
Marital status								
Married	414	61.6	427	59.6	548	51.0	597	54.4
Divorced/ separated/ widowed	151	22.5	152	21.2	267	24.9	254	23.1
Never married	107	15.9	138	19.2	259	24.1	247	22.5
Total	672	100	717	100	1074	100	1098	100
Number of children								
No children	112	16.8	137	19.1	239	22.0	197	17.8
One child	146	21.9	178	24.9	286	26.4	310	28.0

		50.84 (17.86)		54.35 (18.48)		49.14 (17.74)		54.74 (17.76)	
Age	Mean (SD)			Mean (SD)		Mean (SD)		Mean (SD)	
otal	666	100	708	100	1043	100	1073	100	
lighly religious	84	12.6	101	14.3	119	11.4	133	12.4	
Moderately religious	276	41.4	267	37.7	394	37.8	401	37.4	
Non or slightly religious	306	45.9	340	48.0	530	50.8	539	50.2	
Religiosity of R.									
Total	662	100.0	698	100.0	1068	100.0	1098	100.0	
Non-Bulgarian	94	14.2	115	16.5	149	14.0	133	12.1	
Bulgarian	568	85.8	583	83.5	919	86.0	965	87.9	
Ethnicity									
Total	678	100	722	100	1084	100	1109	100	
Total	668	100	716	100	1084	100	1109	100	
Րwo or more children	410	61.4	401	56.0	559	51.6	602	54.3	

Source: European social survey, round 3 (2006) and round 9 (2018)

Figure 5. Means plots of Anova test of differences in the values of the respondents who approve, are neutral or disapprove of male voluntary childlessness - European Social Survey (Bulgarian dataset), round 9 (2018).

