

## Chapter 1

### What is sociology?

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#### Activity: Research

#### Changing norms about homosexuality

##### Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Analyse the changes over time in norms relating to homosexuality.

A. Using the link below, answer the questions that follow.

<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/resources/key-dates-lesbian-gay-bi-and-trans-equality>

1. When did the first known British trans woman undergo reassignment surgery?
2. When was the Homosexual Law Reform Society founded? What did they campaign for?
3. When were homosexual acts between men decriminalised, and what was then the age restriction?
4. When was homosexuality decriminalised in: a. Scotland; b. the Isle of Man; c. Northern Ireland?
5. When did lesbian parents receive legal recognition to conceive a child through fertility treatment?
6. When was the first lesbian and gay pride march held?
7. Why was Mermaids founded?
8. When was the first gay TV series?
9. When did the first gay MP 'come out' whilst in office?
10. When was data on gender identity and sexual orientation first collected?

B. From your answers to questions 1 to 10, write a brief summary of how norms relating to homosexuality have changed over time.