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EMPOWERING LGBT+ YOUNG PEOPLE

How have attitudes towards LGBT+ people
changed in the UK?

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Aims for this activity:



understand how attitudes in the UK have changed towards LGBT+ people over time, and how they might change in the future

What do I need for this activity?

- A computer for the presentation
- Paper to write your answers down on



Quiz: LGBT+ in the UK today



Social attitudes towards LGBT+ people in the UK today

1. Firstly - what % of people do you think could be LGBT+?

- a) 2%
- b) 7%
- c) 10%
- d) 14%



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2. Statistically, how many people would that be in the average UK secondary school?

(Take 1000, **/100** and **x** by **your answer**!)



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3. What % of people do you think identify specifically as trans?

- a) 1%
- b) 3%
- c) 6%
- d) 9%



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5. What % of people in the UK in 1987 said same-sex relationships are 'not wrong at all'?

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- b) 21%
- c) 31%
- d) 41%



Social attitudes towards LGBT+ people in the UK today

6. What % of people in the UK in 2017 said same-sex relationships are 'not wrong at all'?

- a) 34%
- b) 44%
- c) 54%
- d) 64%



Social attitudes towards LGBT+ people in the UK today

7. What % of straight, non-trans people in the UK in 2018 said they would do something if they saw someone being abused in the street because of their sexuality or gender identity?

- a) 19%
- b) 39%
- c) 59%
- d) 79%



Social attitudes towards LGBT+ people in the UK today

8. What % of straight, non-trans people in the UK in 2018 said they would have a negative reaction if they had a child who came out to them as LGBT+?

- a) 9%
- b) 14%
- c) 19%
- d) 24%



Social attitudes towards LGBT+ people in the UK today

9. What % of straight, non-trans people in the UK in 2018 support same-sex marriage?

- a) 48%
- b) 54%
- c) 61%
- d) 70%



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There are lots of reasons why it's very hard to find accurate statistics on this

b) 7%

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As of 2017, the [Office for National Statistics](#) has found that at least 2% would describe themselves as LGBT

d) 14%

But the President of the Royal Statistical Society has written about how it's [likely to be closer](#) to 10%



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in 2018, the Government Equalities Office cautiously estimated that there are up to 500,000 trans people in the UK, and they have asked the Office for National Statistics for a better way to find the true number



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This figure comes from the respected [British Social Attitudes survey](#), and shows a huge increase in the last twenty years

It demonstrates just how far we can come in a short time!
(historically speaking)



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This figure comes from a 2018 survey by the polling organisation [Ipsos Mori](#), and for the 16-24 age bracket was even higher (82%)

‘Do something’ included a range of options, including things like offering support, intervening, calling the police, or seeking help

It’s encouraging to see such a high figure - do you think it’s accurate?



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18% said they would be 'happy' and another 18% said they would be 'proud'



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The figure for the 16-24 age bracket was 70%, showing that the younger generation is generally more accepting



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Of course, these surveys only provide a snapshot into British society and there are plenty more questions to ask.

The Ipsos Mori survey [breaks down all their responses](#) in terms of age, region, employment status and level of education, so you can how these attitudes change across these demographics.

There are lots of other pieces of research out there and if you're interested to find out more, ask your teacher or get in contact with Just Like Us.



how will
attitudes evolve?



“I am all too aware that these [homophobic] laws were often put in place by my own country. They were wrong then and they are wrong now.” **Theresa May to Commonwealth country leaders, 2018**

“I used to go into Middlesbrough quite a lot and it was just quite a deprived town ... there's =not a lot of LGBT stuff going on there. When I was growing up, quite a lot of what I thought LGBT was, it was based down south in London and there was no LGBT community allowed elsewhere.” **Josh, Just Like Us ambassador**

how is our understanding of issues facing the LGBT+ community growing and evolving?

“So, growing up gay was even more difficult because I am literally a minority within a minority within a minority. I’m an ethnic minority obviously being brown, I’m Indian, and then, within that, I was raised in a Muslim family, and there’s not many Indian Muslims out there. And then, within that as well, I’m also gay.” **Sam, Just Like Us ambassador**

“And when I was a bit older, and I was ready to come out to my friends as transgender, I was really scared. Even though I was in a friend group that was mostly lesbians and bisexual women Because there was that separation between the LG B and the T, and people don't talk about transgender people as much as it was okay to talk about lesbians and bisexual women.” **Bec, Just Like Us ambassador**



Where do you
think we'll be in in
ten, fifty, a
hundred years...?

