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Activity: Research

Decriminalisation of homosexuality

Learning objective

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

- understand the impact of decriminalisation on gay men

Working in small groups.

A. Use the link below to answer the questions that follow.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/40459213>

1. Before decriminalisation, how did the law and wider society treat gay men?
 2. Why would their crimes have been reported and recorded? You could watch the short clip on the webpage (in the link above) to help with this.
 3. What change was made to the law relating to homosexuality?
 4. What led to the change in the law?
 5. How has the way in which society views gay men changed over the last 50 years?
- B. There were of course gay people *before* 1967, despite homosexuality being a crime at that time. In what ways is the case of homosexuality and its decriminalisation similar to that of cannabis use discussed on pages 23-24 of your textbook?