

A Guide to Methodology

CASE STUDY Attitudes towards homosexuality

This survey is about a law enacted in 1988 that prevented councils from in any way promoting homosexuality. It was repealed as of 17 November 2003. The survey was undertaken shortly after the passing of the infamous Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill and was used to explore attitudes of older teenagers towards homosexuality.

QUESTIONS FROM THE SURVEY OF ATTITUDES TOWARDS HOMOSEXUALITY AMONGST 16–20-YEAR-OLD FURTHER EDUCATION STUDENTS IN BIRMINGHAM.

Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill came into force on 27 May 1988 (repealed as of 17 November 2003). For 15 years this law prevents local councils from ‘intentionally promoting homosexuality’. Nor may they ‘promote the teaching... of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship’ in schools.

(Circle the answers you think are applicable)

1) Had you previously heard of Clause 28?

yes no

2) Do you understand the clause?

yes no

3) Do you agree with the clause?

yes no

4) Do you feel that Clause 28 affects only gay and lesbian people in society?

yes no

5) Do you think that the clause will make any difference to general opinion on homosexuality?

yes no

6) Do you agree with homosexuality being included in sex education at school?

yes no

7) Do you think the inclusion of homosexuality, as part of sex education in schools, intentionally promotes homosexuality?

yes no

8) Do you consider that the timing of Clause 28 is in any way a response to the AIDS media scare?

yes no

9) How did you become aware of homosexuality?

(Tick the appropriate answer(s)) :

- a) Friends
- b) Parents
- c) School
- d) Media (i.e., newspapers, television, etc.).

If you have any general comments on this issue, or the questionnaire overall please write them on the back.

Thank you very much for your time and co-operation.

Adapted from Todd, K., Johal, I., Kane, A. and Barth, S., 1990, 'Homosexuality, AIDS and Clause 28', Birmingham Polytechnic, Sociology Research Workshop Project •

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