

G2 (week 1, Thursday)

Gendered Societies: all masculinity and feminism?

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Gender – all different or what?!



Thinking about gender and society

questions taken from: Kimmel, M. 2016 *The Gendered Society Reader*

- ❑ Are men and women really from different planets?
- ❑ How are they different?
- ❑ And what do these differences mean?
- ❑ Why is it that every society differentiates people on the basis of gender?
- ❑ Why is it that virtually every known society is also based on male domination? (Or are they?)

Aspects of gendered societies

- ❑ Social constructions of gender relations
- ❑ Gendered family
- ❑ Gendered classroom
- ❑ Gender of religion
- ❑ Gendered workplace
- ❑ Gender of politics
- ❑ Gendered media
- ❑ Gendered intimacies
- ❑ Gendered body
- ❑ Gender of violence



British Government under Theresa May (2017)



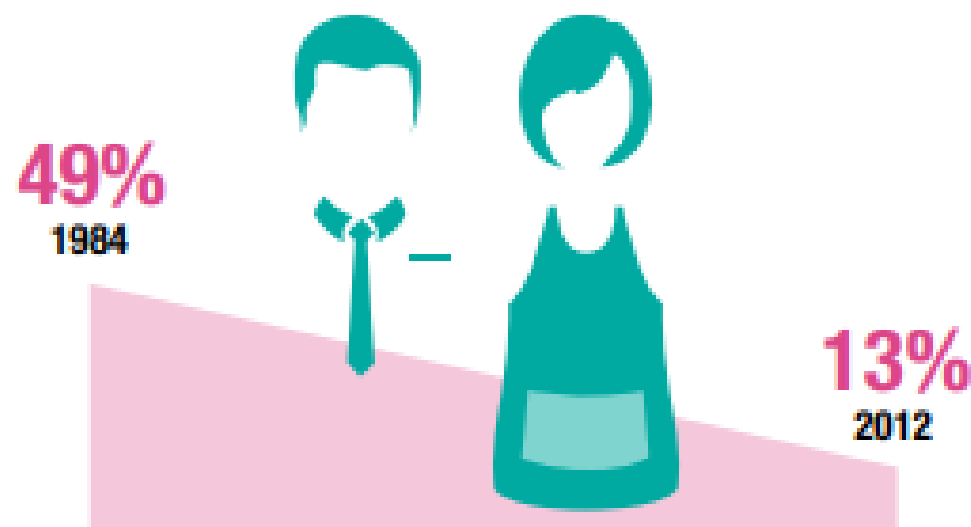
Boris Johnson's cabinet (with corporate lobbyists) July 2019



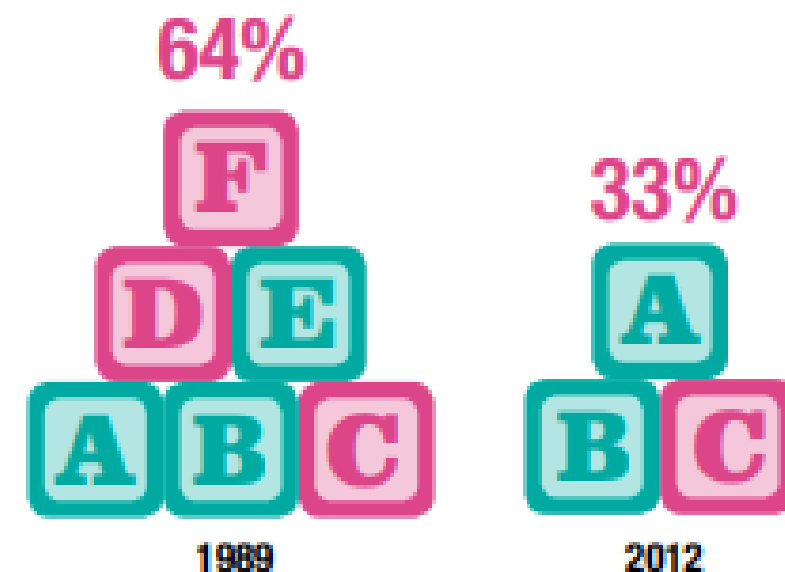
British Social Attitudes

Attitudes to gender roles

Support for a traditional division of gender roles has declined over time, though substantial support remains for women having the primary caring role when children are young.



In the mid-1980s, close to half the public agreed “a man’s job is to earn money; a woman’s job is to look after the home and family”. Just 13% subscribe to this view now. This decline is primarily a result of generational replacement, with consecutive generations being less supportive of **traditional gender roles**.



33% think a mother should stay at home when there is a child under school age, compared with 64% in 1989. The most popular choice now is for the mother to work part time (26% in 1989, 43% now).

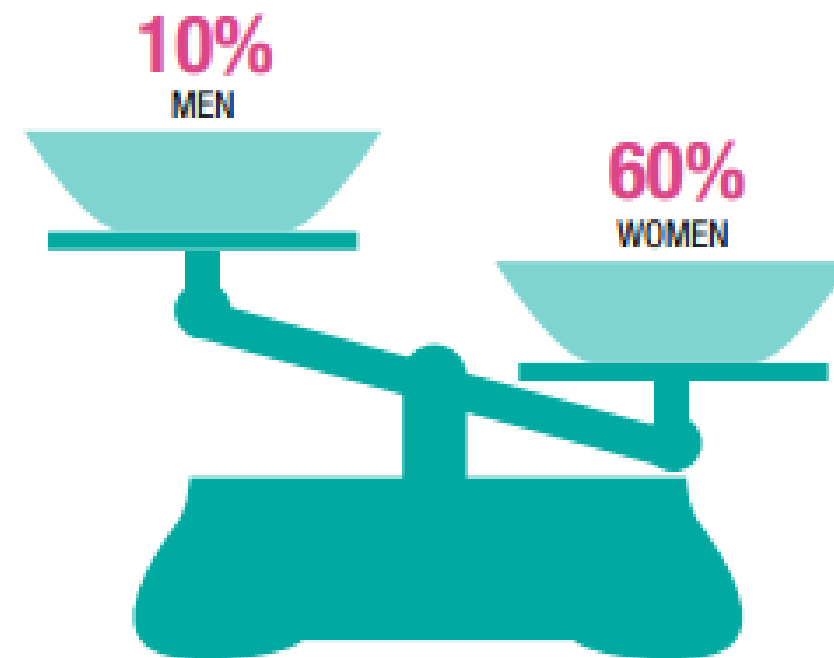
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Household work

Yet, as in the early 1990s, women still undertake a disproportionate amount of unpaid labour within the home and are much more likely to view their contribution as being unfair.



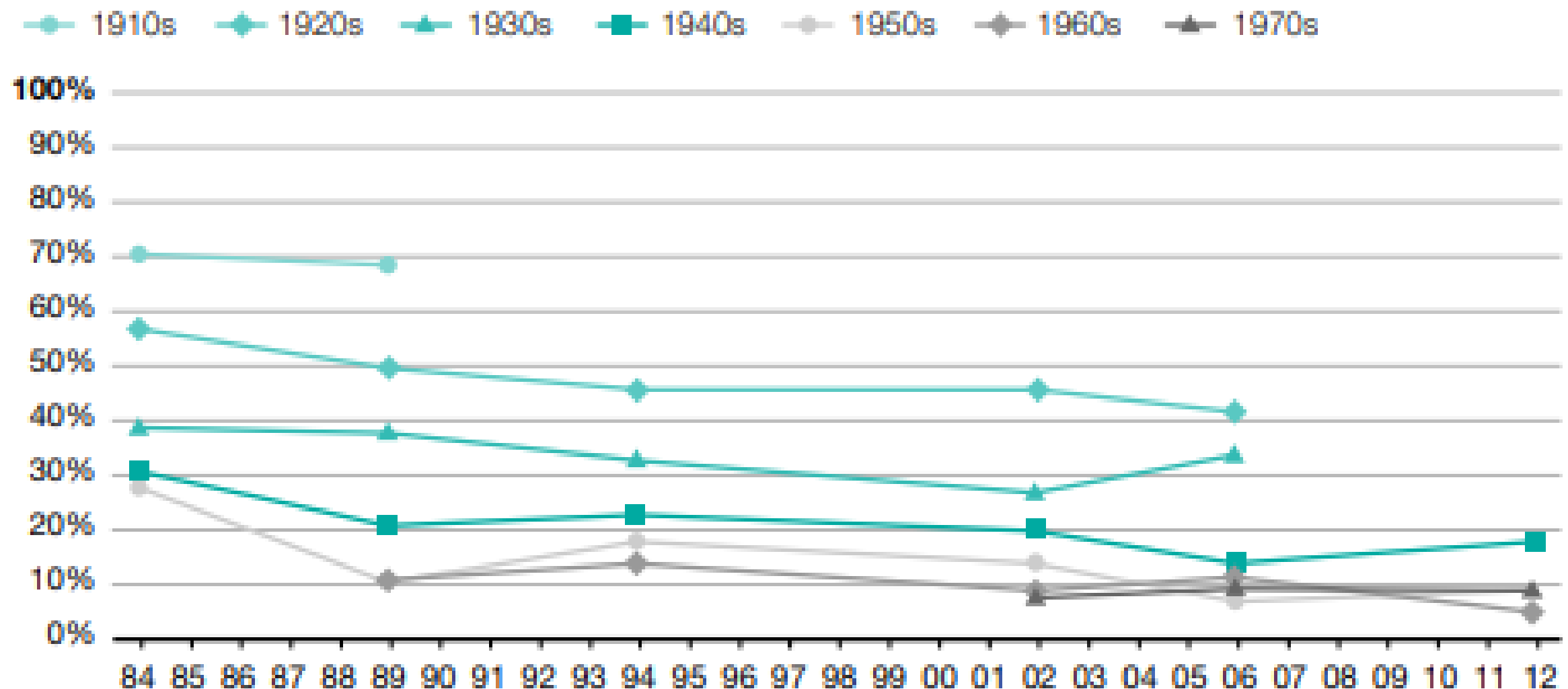
Women report spending an average of 13 hours on **housework** and 23 hours on **caring for family members** each week; the equivalent figures for men are 8 hours and 10 hours.



Both sexes view their relative contributions as unfair; 60% of women report doing more than their **fair share** (compared with just 10% of men), while 37% of men report doing less than their fair share (compared with just 6% of women).

Dependence on socialisation and age

Figure 5.5 Agreement with a traditional division of gender roles (man's job to earn money; woman's job to look after home and family), by generation, 1984–2012



To sum up?



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