

Societal Issues

The description for Social Issues is stated as the following “what can affect what’s referred to as the human society as a whole”.

As a result of this, these issues therefore became a pertaining factor with the connection to human behaviour, with regards to the included governmental policies, religious conflicts, gender inequalities, and the economic disparities etc. (Opinion Front, 2019)

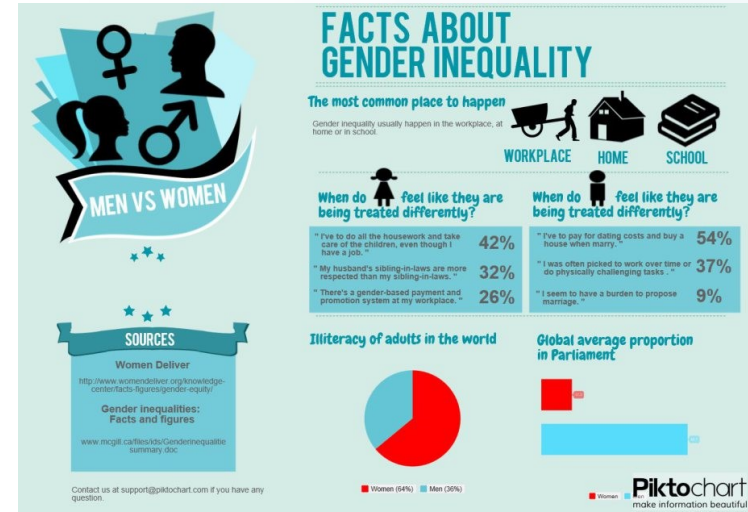


Image 4: The Londoner (2014)

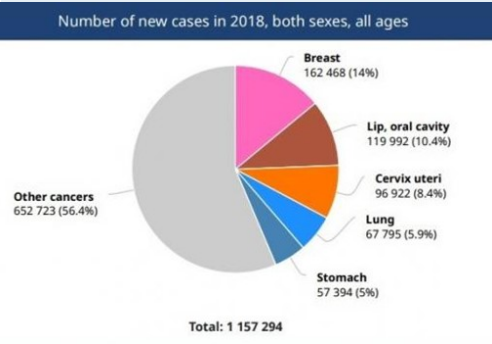


Image 1: Down To Earth (2018)

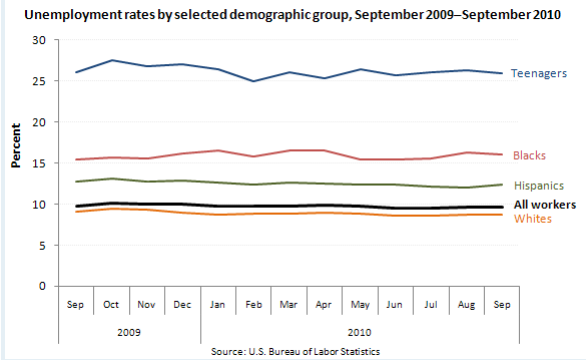
Health Issues

It was stated that health issues arose due to the increase of the number of individuals who were found to be suffering from or with diseases which are referred to as the following: life-threatening for example cancer and AIDS within every year.

Image 5: Bureau of Labour Statistics (2010)

Economic Issues

With the regard of the current economic recession, the United States Department of Labour states that the rate of unemployment has increased to 9.60%, as of the year of September 2010. The average of the statistics of unemployment in America has remained as the percentage of 5.70% from the year 1984 up to the year 2010. Although, there has been a clear and considerable increase within the unemployment in the recent months, which as a result makes this a burning social issue within today’s society.



Assignment Title: For the contemporary societal issue identified in assessment 1 OR an issue of your own choice present a leaflet which conveys how the areas of theory and policy are supportive of positive outcomes for the people affected by your chosen issue.

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With regards to the UK, the government have stated that they are committed to ensuring that the UK is a country which works successfully for all individuals within the UK as the country they are residing in. The government have stated that they would like to remove any barriers which are seen as causing the withdrawal and the prevention of individuals being able to excel with their level of hard working and ant talent they may possess.

The UK within today’s society is seen to be a diverse and tolerant society. Strides have been made within the recent decades in order to support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (or LGBT) individuals, who are seen to make a vital contribution to the culture and economy within our societies.

Civil partnerships in England and Wales			
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
2005		1,228 629	1,857
2006	9,003	5,940	14,943
2007	4,371	3,558	7,929
2008	3,536	3,022	6,558
2009	2,962	2,725	5,687
2010	2,868	2,936	5,804
2011	3,171	2,981	6,152
2012	3,138	3,224	6,362
2013	2,673	2,973	5,646
2014	954	729	1,683
2015	570	291	861
2016	604	286	890
Source: ONS			PA

Image 3: ONS (2017)

In 2011, the government were proud to announce that they had developed a proud record with the specific aim and goal of advancing equality for LGBT individuals. The government in 2011 also introduced the first action plan for transgender individuals and the government which also changed the law which allowed same-sex couples to marry each other. Now, the UK has now been consistently recognised as one of the best countries with regards to the rights of LGBT individuals in Europe.

2018, Government Equalities Office. *(LGBT Action Plan Improving the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People.* [pdf] London Open Government License Available at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/721367/GEO-LGBT-Action-Plan.pdf [Accessed at: 28/10/19]

Individuals within current societies who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (transsexual), like any other individual will go through experiences of mental health challenges and feeling of distress during specific life stages. However, from the evidence gathered within the highlighted studies of the UK and international countries present increase levels of what’s referred to as common mental issues, for example depression, anxiety and stress among individuals included within these groups. The following negative impacts of the developmental experiences of discrimination and marginalisation, whether direct or indirect with regards to the LGBT individuals and / or groups are very clearly established.

Considering the discrimination of sexual orientation, the Equality Act 2010 ensures that the discrimination against employees, individuals seeking jobs and trainees is deemed to unlawful with regards to their sexual orientation towards heterosexual and bisexual individuals. Introduced in October 2010, the first aim within this act was to provide a simpler yet more consistent and effective legal framework for the prevention of discrimination. Described clearly within the Act was the aim to reform and harmonise the discrimination law, whilst attempting to strengthen the law with the main goal to support the progress and development of equality. The promotion of the health and wellbeing of for example gay and bisexual men and other who have sexual intercourse with men (2014) now highlights the specific links between the mental and sexual health and the included issues of the substance misuse, which is included within the wider social and legislative content.

Rationale

Described within this leaflet, are the issues that individuals face within society, whether it be Societal Issues, Health Issues or Economic Issues. Whilst explaining these issues, the current application if legislations and policies which are maintained to support these individuals within societies whilst also analysing the included and involved issues within society and considering how they may impact individuals and their mental health and well-being statuses as a result of the issues within society. With regards to explaining the legislations and policies, the included description of the Equality Act 2010, describes how this Act supports individuals from avoiding being discriminated against within any social setting. Whilst describing the Equality Act 2010, involves the avoidance of individuals receiving indirect or direct discrimination which under the Equality Act 2010 is not acceptable.

The style of the leaflet should specifically be styled out in a clear and organised fashion. Information and graphs included should be demonstrated within a specific and clear order. The purpose of included graphs and statistics if effective as it proposes how issues within society can be or will affect individuals through their life. LGBT individuals within societies are now more accepted but there are still some difficulties when it comes to these individuals. Stated within the leaflet, is a graph which demonstrates the development of how civil partnerships within England and Wales has changed with the development of time. This therefore emphasises how the concept of civil partnership have now become less acceptable within society.



Image 2 : Solent Journalism (2016)

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