

L025 Equality in domestic labour - TeacherGuide

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • Couples • 90 minutes

Purpose and sequence

Evaluate claims that domestic labour has become more equal by comparing evidence, measures, explanations and household variation.

Focus	Detailed notes
0-10 min	Connect & Check: retrieve theory and core vocabulary.
10-35 min	Explicit teaching: concepts, perspectives and studies.
35-55 min	Visual evidence/source interpretation.
55-75 min	Route tasks and paragraph writing.
75-90 min	Exam practice, feedback and recall review.

Sociological background

Young & Willmott: Optimistic change thesis: family life becomes more symmetrical over time. Evaluation: Shows a route to equality but may overstate the depth of change.

Oakley: Domestic labour remained deeply gendered despite changing public roles. Evaluation: Challenges a simple progress narrative.

Gershuny and Sullivan: Men's contribution can rise over time, especially where women's paid employment increases. Evaluation: Trend evidence needs caution: equality depends on what is counted.

BSA/attitude evidence: Attitudes to gender roles may become more egalitarian. Evaluation: Attitudes do not always match behaviour; social desirability may influence responses.

Misconceptions

Do not allow learners to treat a pattern as a causal explanation. Prompt them to state the mechanism and test it against evidence.

Sources: AQA specification:

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