



What can we learn
from 2023?

News stories from 2023

1. The COVID-19 enquiry
2. Middle East Conflict
3. Survey of social attitudes in the UK
2023



COVID 19 enquiry - "being righteous after the event"



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Matthew 7:1-2: "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."



What the middle-east conflict reveals about how people judge one another



The Middle East Conflict

Mark 12: “Love your neighbour as yourself.”
*God calls us to place ourselves in each others’ shoes
– much harder than it sounds!*

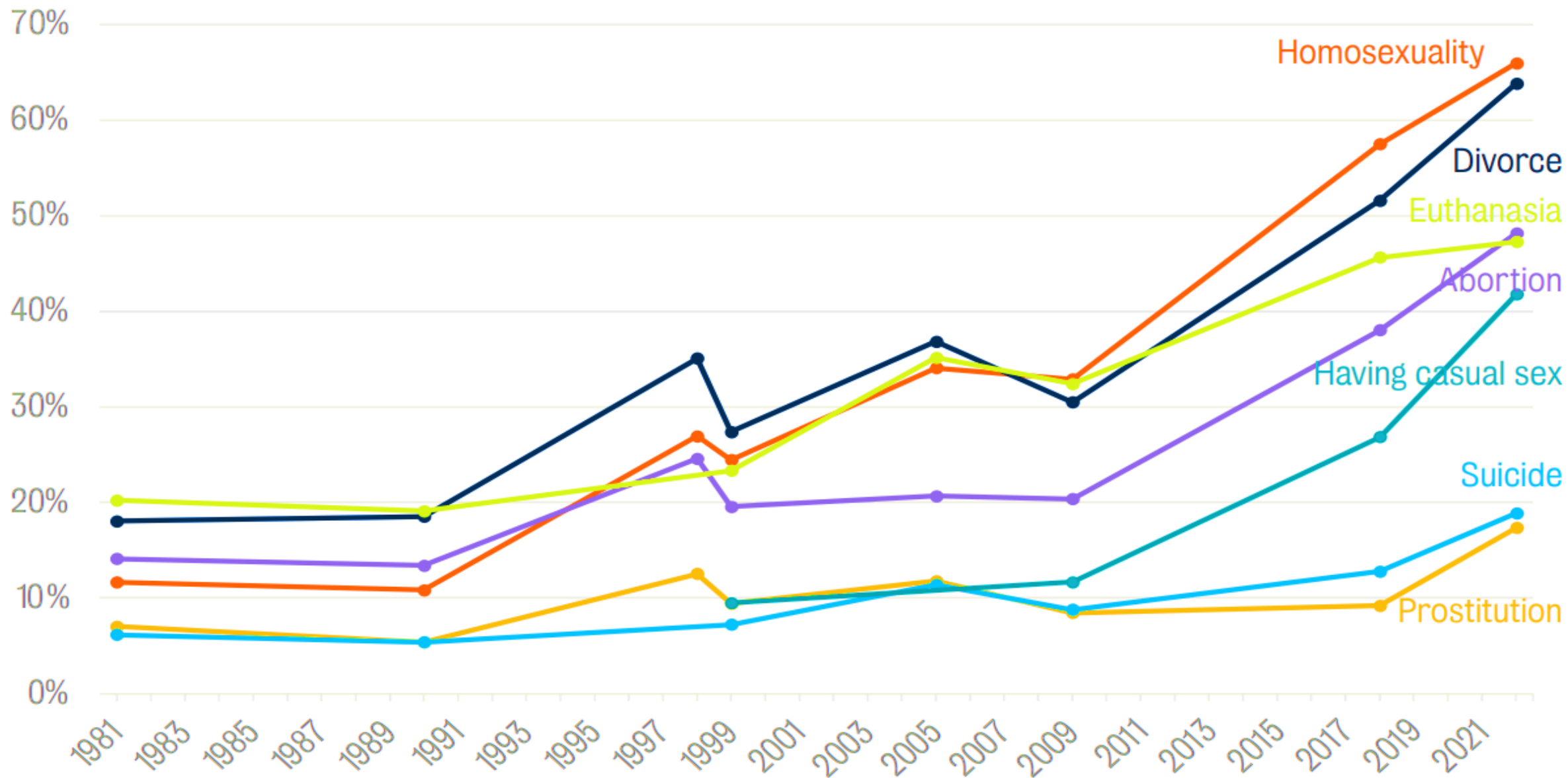
“Across a range of countries, the UK now ranks among the most socially liberal on a number of measures”

Survey by The Policy Institute and Kings College London, March 2023



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Please tell me for each of the following actions whether you think it can always be justified, never be justified, or something in between (% of British public who say justifiable)*



Romans 13:

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.

The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 12:

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Not a contradiction – we are to maintain both ideas, in tension



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What do we learn from these 3 news stories about judging wisely?

3. Understand that society is changing – that impacts us. We must *genuinely* love our neighbor, yet maintain a Biblical worldview
2. *Continually* learn how to place ourselves in each others shoes
1. Recognise when we fall into being righteous after the event





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