

Queen Elizabeth II – her reign in numbers

A video by *The Economist*, September 8, 2022 (7'50'')

1) Choose from each suggested pair in order to complete the written description of the video:

Queen Elizabeth II *had died / has died*. Her *70-year / 70-year's* reign was the *longer / longest* of any British monarch — and *banned / spanned* a period in which the world has radically *changed / changing*. *This / These* is the story of her remarkable *reigned / reign* in numbers.

2) Watch the introductory part of the video (up to the title on screen) Link the dates you see to the correct events among the list below:

1953	79% average satisfaction of Britons with the Queen
1959	Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II at 27
1972	First same-sex marriage
2014	Anti-immigration protest
2020	First London Pride parade
1992-2016	Black Lives Matter

3) Find out the exact coronation date for Queen Elizabeth II (year, month & day):

A) Calculate her date of birth (year):

B) Check out her complete DOB:

C) Check out when exactly she became queen (before official coronation):

D) Calculate the exact duration (in years months & days) of her reign:

4) Fill in the blanks in the introductory quote of the video:

“The Queen’s was in absolutely every sense. It was with She was the -..... British monarch. Her head on more than any other living She was herself like a monument,”

> Then check the meaning of the words you didn’t know before (if there are any) & note them below:

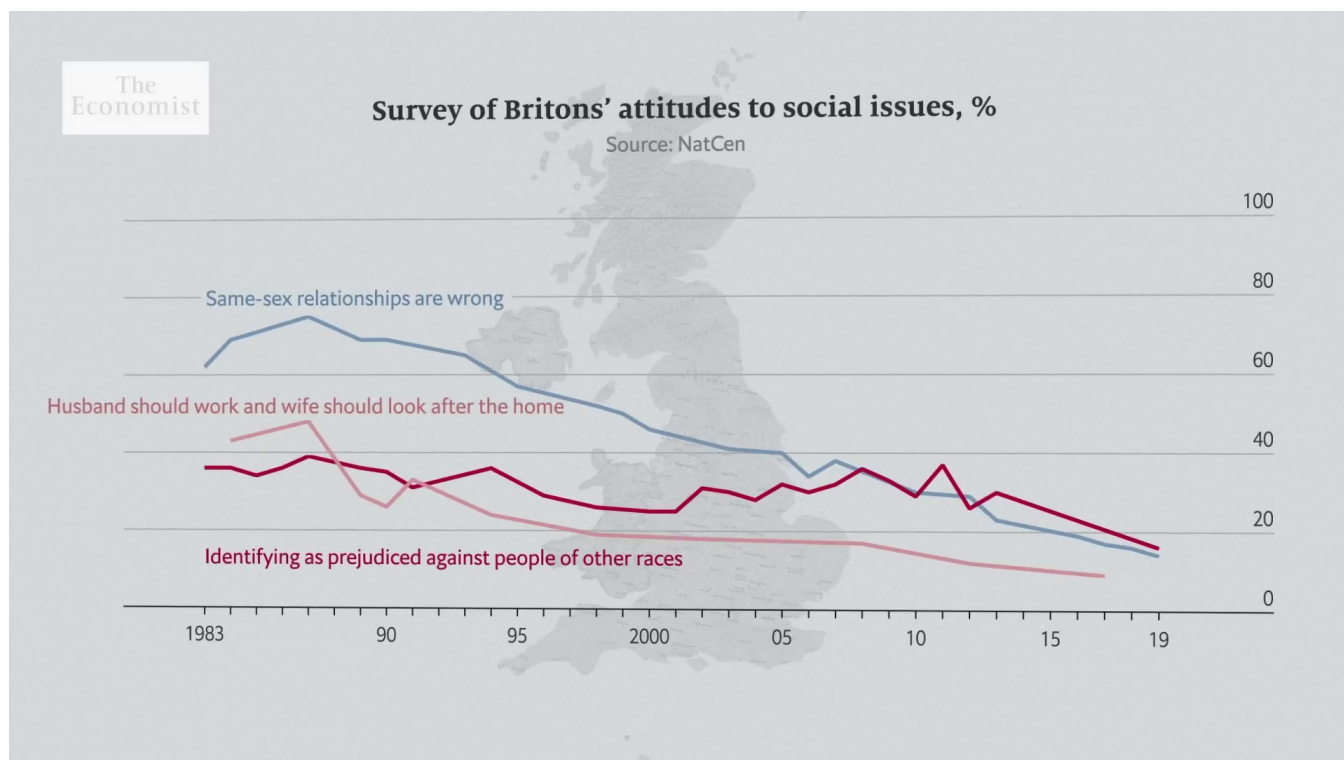
5) Part 2: How Britain transformed – Note down the percentages in the table below:

	1950’s	2020’s
Share of population over 65		
Women in the labour force		

6) Complete the following quote by The Economist’s Britain correspondent with comparatives:

“When Elizabeth came to the throne, she ruled over an England that was (+ white), (+ conservative), and (+ traditional) than the one we see around us now.”

7) Examine the line chart below. Decide if the following assertions about it are Right or Wrong:



	R	W
1984 was the year with the maximum disapproval of same-sex relationships by Britons.		
From 1987 to 2019, the share of Britons against same-sex relationships was roughly divided by 4.		
In 1987, around half of Britons believed married women's place was at home and not at work.		
In 2017, less than 5% of Britons still believed the same thing.		
In 2011, almost as many Britons were prejudiced against people of other races as in 1987.		

8) Find the only correct translation for the following assertion adapted from the video:

Throughout Elizabeth II's reign, support for the monarchy never dipped below 60%.

- A) A travers le règne d'Elisabeth II, le support pour la monarque n'a jamais trempé au milieu des 60%.
- B) Sur toute la période du règne d'Elisabeth II, le soutien à la monarchie n'est jamais tombé sous les 60%.
- C) Pendant le règne d'Elisabeth II, le support pour la monarchie n'a jamais augmenté au delà de 60%.
- D) Sur la durée du règne d'Elisabeth II, la monarchie n'a jamais subi de revers de plus de 60%.

9) Part 3: How many hours has the Queen worked – Answer the following questions about numbers:

- A) How old was the Queen in 2017?
- B) How many public engagement did she attend in 2017?
- C) How long had the Queen been married with the Duke of Edinburgh when he died?
- D) How many days off did the Queen take when her husband died?
- E) How often did the Queen work on her "red box" papers?
- F) How many decades did the Queen's reign last?

10) Part 4: The British Empire & the Commonwealth during the Queen's reign – Complete the table:

	1952-1953	Number of territories	2021	Number of States
Overseas territories and crown dependencies				
Commonwealth member countries				

> Then complete the following sentence about the Commonwealth :

As the Empire, the Commonwealth – a
 of countries with the queen at its By,
 its 54 member were home to people
 across continents.

11) Part 5: Number of countries the Queen has visited – Put the following country names into the right chronological order for Queen Elizabeth II's inaugural tour (1953-1954):

Africa - Australia - Ceylon - New Zealand

> Then complete the following sentence about her inaugural tour:

Between 1953 and 1954 she visited
 [countries] in an tour the

> Then translate in your own words the following sentence:

“She was probably the most well-travelled monarch in history, visiting over 100 countries.”

12) Part 6: The Queen, Popes and US presidents – Complete the following sentences:

She met US presidents and popes.

> Then freeze the screen on the images of the Queen & a US President + the Queen & a Pope. Search for information of the US President & the Pope portrayed.

US President: Name:

Date & place of birth:

Date & place of death:

Presidency dates:

Duration of presidency:

Pope: Name:

Date & place of birth:

Date & place of death:

Pontificate dates:

Duration of pontificate:

> Why do you think this US President was chosen as emblematic of US presidents in the Queen's era?

13) About the Queen's global image: Put the words of the next sentence into the correct order:

knew – queen – the – the – was – who – whole – world

> Then complete the following sentences with superlatives or comparatives:

One of the photos that was taken of her that was on the British stamp for decades is thought to have been (+ reproduced) photograph in history. Her image had appeared on (+) coins than any other living monarch. For that alone, she was one of (+ famous) women in the world.

14) Films the Queen was portrayed in – Answer the following questions about the Queen's image:

A) How many films & TV shows has the Queen been portrayed in?

B) Was she only portrayed in a sublime way?

C) How many times has she been listed as one of the world's most admired women?

D) Which other most admired women has she topped in the list?

E) Which monarch reigned longer than Queen Elizabeth?

F) How long did this monarch's reign last?

15) Conclusion – Fill in the blanks in the last sentences of the video about Queen Elizabeth II's ruling attitude throughout her reign.

The queen's stoic to her rule was It's said that before her, to get to the immense of her resting upon her head, she used to by it at And in a, she never again.

16) What words would you associate most instantly to Queen Elizabeth II? Make your own 5-word list, then check with all the other members of your group and present this in a dataviz way.