

SOCI 2305 | Deviance | Spring 2026
Data Workshop Three
Part Two: The Unmaking of Deviance - Homosexuality is Not a Mental Disorder
Claimsmaking Worksheet

Name _____/75

Complete the worksheet and bring to class next Monday, March 9. We will be working with your data in class. Points for the workshop will cover both the worksheet preparation and in-class group work. The completed worksheet can be handwritten.

Step 1 - Identify claimsmakers. Who are the claimsmakers? Identify three different key persons and/or groups that stand out in the readings, audio, or video making "claims" challenging the APA's categorization of homosexuality as a mental disorder. Who are they and what is noteworthy about their background and role?

Claimsmaker #1

Claimsmaker #2

Claimsmaker #3

Step 2 - Identify the claims. What are their claims? For each claimmakers, identify their claims. What are each seeking to bring to others' attention? What are their grievances and arguments? What are they identifying as troubling and/or needs to be addressed?

Claimsmaker #1 - claims :

Claimsmaker #2 - claims:

Claimsmaker #3 - claims:

Step 3 - Claims-making. Identify and describe the claims-making activity - three activities that brought the matter to others attention. Identify who the others were. Identify and describe three activities or tactics employed.

Activity One

Activity Two

Activity Three

Step 4 - Troubling Condition(s) - what are the conditions, circumstances, and context that have become the subject of claims. Describe the background that caused claimsmakers to seek to challenge and get change made.

Step 5 - Social policy. What are the actions, practices, or policies at issue. These actions, practices, or policies are the means by which society adopts to address troubling conditions. For our purposes it's the actions and practices of psychiatrists and psychologists in classifying, diagnosing, and treating people for what is deemed sexual deviance.

Step 6 - Outcomes. Identify and describe the outcome(s) claimsmakers achieved from policymakers (mental health practitioners).

Resources - Identify describe the resources that claimsmakers used to raise others awareness, present their challenges, and/or bring about the desired changes to existing policies and practices. These include time, expertise, organizing, money, power, status, education, social contacts - things that people draw upon to advance their claims.

Rhetoric - Identify and describe how claimsmakers sought to communicate but especially persuade and convince others that something was wrong and needed to be changed. People in a claimsmaking campaign may adopt different rhetoric - emphasize different elements.

Sum-up - what was gained and achieved? In what ways were accomplishments significant? In what ways were the gains limited and incomplete?