



Secondary Analysis for Social Scientists
Exemplar workbook 3 – More...

*Analysing attitudes to same sex relations using the
British Social Attitudes Survey*

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An introduction to the 2005 British Social Attitudes Survey

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