MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP (SCOTLAND) BILL
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How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?

In opposition

I am for civil partnerships, not same sex marriage

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?

In opposition

If same-sex marriage advocates want equality, then the burden is on them to prove that a same-sex union is essentially the same as a heterosexual union in all regards. Otherwise, everyone knows that there is nothing “unequal” or “unfair” about treating two different things two different ways. Marriage has always been heterosexual. As same sex couples do not want to be heterosexual I wonder why they want a heterosexual ceremony?

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?

Neither

what is the difference? Some beliefs are religious some are not. They are still beliefs

How would you characterise your views on the arrangements for authorising celebrants to solemnise opposite sex and same sex marriage (including the opt-in procedures)?

In opposition

As I am opposed to same sex marriage I am opposed to anyone performing such marriage.

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?

In opposition

marriage means a heterosexual union If they want a specific name for a union then a word should be coined to mean a same sex union That would be equality, each type of union to have its own title.

How would you characterise your views on allowing civil marriage ceremonies to take place anywhere, other than religious premises, agreed between the couple and registrar?
Neither religious ceremonies should be where the religion specifies. Civil ceremonies could be anywhere.

**How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?**

In support

If a religion approves same-sex union then it is up to them to allow such registration. If government departments wish to record all unions then it is up to them. Husband and wife should be terms still available for heterosexuals and not changed to suit any other unions.

**How would you characterise your views on allowing transgender persons to stay married when obtaining a full Gender Recognition Certificate, which provides legal recognition in the acquired gender?**

In opposition

As I am opposed to same-sex marriage I would also be opposed to this.

**Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same-sex marriage?**

You only have to look at what is happening in other countries besides our own, particularly America and Canada, to see what would happen if same-sex marriages were permitted. Protected religious groups are being attacked in the courts and religious or non-religious individuals or businesses are also under attack both in the courts and by aggressive action from vociferous same-sex advocates. If examples are wanted I have links to sites where this has been reported.

**Would you like to comment on the wider issue of freedom of speech?**

Expressions of belief have become hate crimes. This is totally against personal freedom of belief and expression.

**Would you like to comment on any other wider issues in relation to the Bill that are not mentioned above?**

All this has been pushed forward against the wishes and with no mandate from the general public simply because a very small minority have pushed hard. According to recent research, same-sex attraction is social not genetic. Also, the majority of same-sex couples do not stay together as many do not want permanent relationships. Already the ratio of 'divorces' for civil partnerships is higher than heterosexual marriages.

**Are you responding as...**

a private individual