How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?
In support

This Bill is the way we need to move forward. We are ensuring our future as secure and equal country.

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

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

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

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

We cannot claim equality while we still discriminate.

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?
In opposition

All people should be treated as equal. If a person is removed from a job on the basis they were gay it is called homophobia and is criminalised. If the same person is removed from a church for being gay it is called religion. Why is religion exempt from the law? Surely no-one is above the law of the country, that's why it is the law.

How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?
Neither
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 support

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

There are always people who will oppose the decisions of government whether out loud or in private. We need to look at what is best for the majority of people. When same-sex marriage is legalized the opponents will have to live with it. Why should they be exempt? If I am opposed to interracial does that mean I am allowed to discriminate against it. No, of course not. Allowing some people to be homophobic is not a way to provide equality.

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

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

I am deeply saddened today by how far the Scottish Parliament seems to have failed in its promises. We used to be a nation on the fore front of the world, making new dynamic decisions quickly and leading our allies in the rest of the world. Today the other constituent countries of our country passed an equivalent bill, showing that they are making changes to make the country better for their citizens. Up here all I here is endless campaigning about Independence. When I look at these two issues I see a major decision which will change the our country for the better and allow us to have more respect and national pride. The other is taking time and effort away from my government making important and life changing decisions across a whole host of areas. The Scottish Parliament have chosen to spend untold amounts of money on the second, Scottish Independence. I wish the vote for Independence was sooner only so that we could vote No and remove this ulcer from the political agenda. When Scotland can start making great decisions for its people instead of chasing an unnecessary future maybe then I will regain my national pride.

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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